

## Periodical Review: Summary of Information from Jihadi Forums

### The Second Half of November 2011

This report summarizes notable events discussed on Jihadi Web forums during the second half of November 2011. Following are the main points covered in the report:

- In an Eid Al-Adha sermon, Sheikh Abu Hayyan Asim lists the achievements of the mujahideen and the success of the Arab revolutions, which he sees as the beginning of the end of an age of secular tyranny.
- Abd Allah Khalid Al-Adam Abu Ubaydah argues that the Arab revolutions have destabilized the Middle East, as well as Western economies. He adds that democracy is not possible in Arab countries, because of the tribal nature of their societies.
- Sheikh Abu Al-Zuhara Al-Zubaydi, a senior member of the Lebanese Jihadist organization Fatah Al-Islam, advises the Syrian people how to conduct their uprising against Bashar Al-Assad.
- The Jihadi Web forum Al-Tahadi publishes a guidebook to the kibbutzim and villages on the periphery of the Gaza Strip, to facilitate attacking them.
- As part of a general trend of listing the names of, and then glorifying, martyrs, a link is posted to a CD of the teachings of Anwar Al-Awlaki.
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) secures new armaments.
- The supervisor of the Ansar Al-Mujahideen Web forum held a workshop titled, "A Campaign to Support the Somali People Against Kenyan-Israeli Aggression in Muslim Somali Territory".
- Prominent contributor to Shumukh Al-Islam Ashik Al-Qaeda (lit. "Loves Al-Qaeda") details the faults of the military council in Egypt, and makes his case for sending it the way of Mubarak.

## New Publications

### *Ideology*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Andalus, which functions under the auspices of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), published a sermon by Sheikh Abu Hayyan Asim delivered on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha. A senior member of AQIM who also serves on its religious law council, Asim noted that this year had been unique, thanks to the achievements of the mujahideen in various arenas of Jihad, and to the success of revolutions in deposing Arab leaders. He added his hope that these revolutions would be the beginning of the end of an age in which the public is deceived and diverted from Shari'a [religious law]. Asim called on the Arab nations that had experienced revolution to implement Shari'a and believe in Allah. He urged the people of Algeria to follow the path of Jihad, like their brethren in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Syria and Yemen, and overthrow the Algerian regime. Lastly, he called on the mujahideen and on all Muslims to increase their acts against the enemies of Islam.<sup>1</sup>



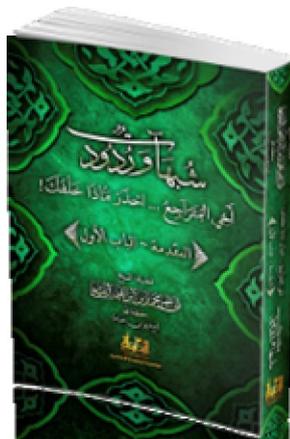
**The Eid Al-Adha Sermon of Sheikh Abu Hayyan Asim**

- Multiple Jihadi forums published an interview conducted by "a Muslim woman in the Maghreb" with Abu Hadifa Al-Maghrabi Al-Muhajir – apparently, a Jihadi activist. In the interview, Al-Maghrabi Al-Muhajir explains how he has been influenced by Jihadi Web forums such as Al-Ikhlās and Al-Firdaus, as well as

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

by Moroccan Salafi Jihadists such as Sheikh Al-Fizazi. Al-Maghrabi Al-Muhajir praises the Arab revolutions and commends Al-Qaeda for its determination in working tirelessly to reach its stated goals.<sup>2</sup>

- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published an article by Sheikh Hassan Umar, titled "The War of Islam Continues: An Islamic Perspective on Current Events: Thoughts on the Revolution in Egypt. Part Two: Is the Prophet's Prophecy Coming to Fruition, and Will the Prophesied Caliphate Be Restored After the Collapse of the Oppressive Regime?".<sup>3</sup> Subsequently, the third part of this article was published; titled "Sorry Muhammad Hasan...Your Credit Has Run Out!", it levels criticism against the Egyptian Salafi Sheikh Muhammad Hasan for his inconsistent attitude toward various issues, such as his support of the Egyptian regime when the revolution first broke out on January 25, 2011.<sup>4</sup>
- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Masada, which functions under the aegis of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam, published the introduction and first two chapters of a book by Sheikh Abu Umar Muhammad Bin Ibrahim Al-Nufayi titled, "Doubts and Responses: My Brother Who Renounces His Position – Beware of What's Behind You!".<sup>5</sup>



**"Doubts and Responses: My Brother Who Renounces His Position – Beware of What's Behind You!"**

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Fajr published an article by Abd Allah Khalid Al-Adam Abu Ubaydah titled, "The World on the Threshold of Chaos". Insufficient

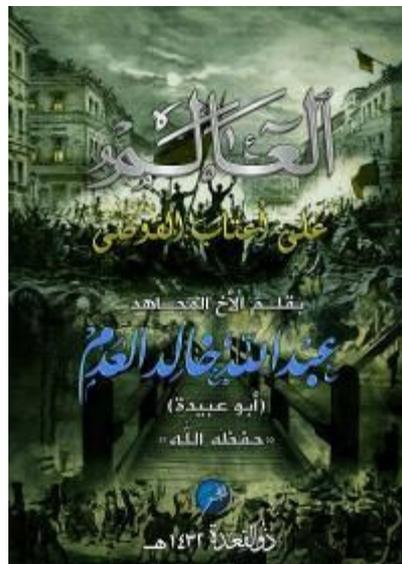
<sup>2</sup><http://www.al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).

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<sup>5</sup><http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

information is available about Abu Ubaydah; however, the Foreword indicates that he was close to senior Al-Qaeda leader Attiyah Allah. In the article, Abu Ubaydah discusses the instability caused by the Arab revolutions regionally. He claims that political stability and democracy are unattainable in Arab countries, whose societies are tribal and abound with differing religious and ethnic groups. Abu Ubaydah then discusses the instability caused by the Arab revolutions in the economies of the US and the West, which he claims are very close to chaos. Later in the article, Abu Ubaydah advises Muslims, and especially Jihadist groups, to take the following precautions: stockpile weapons, and refuse to relinquish them to anyone; prepare mentally and spiritually for conflict with the enemy within and without; remember that the war is far from over; adhere to a cadre of righteous learned men [ulamaa] and honest leaders; and prefer gold to paper currency, which is fated to lose its value when Western capital markets collapse, as Abu Ubaydah anticipates.<sup>6</sup>



The cover of the book, "The World on the Threshold of Chaos"

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Fajr stated its intention to make available an audio file titled, "A Longing Message to...My Dear Mother" by Majid Abu Muhammad Al-Majid.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- The Ansar Al-Mujahideen English Forum published translations into English and Bosnian of an announcement by Taliban-Pakistan leader Moulana Fazlullah, which was originally released by the Jihadi media outlet Fateh Studio.<sup>8</sup>

#### *Strategy*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Masada, which functions under the aegis of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam, published an article by mujaheed Sheikh Abu Al-Zuhara Al-Zubaydi titled, "Advice for the Syrian Uprising".<sup>9</sup> Al-Zubaydi, a senior member of the Lebanese Jihadist organization Fatah Al-Islam, uses the article to advise the Syrian people how to organize their revolution against Bashar Al-Assad, as follows:
  - a. Fight the revolution for Allah, and promise to implement Shari'a [religious law].
  - b. Be wary of the secular people, who "[speak] slogans that defy the laws of Allah. They are enemies, and you must be wary of them, do not trust them and do not listen to what they say...".
  - c. Arm yourselves with live ammunition, and embark on Jihad against the Syrian regime. Peaceful revolution is useless. The regime's brutal oppression of the Syrian people proves that it is time to change direction and use real weapons against the regime. "The revolution is a Jihad, it is a war, prepare for Jihad for Allah, scrutinize your intentions and take up your arms, for they are your obligation."
  - d. Follow, and assist, honest religious leaders [ulamaa] and mujahideen.
  - e. Know that the Muslims of the world are behind you and desire the fall of the Syrian Baath regime.
  - f. Be wary of, and avoid, the US and the West, including NATO. It is they who installed tyrannical rulers over the Arab peoples [and kept them in power] for long years, they who have helped them destroy Islam.
  - g. Avoid using symbols and slogans contrary to Shari'a.
  - h. Choose an alternative ruler to Bashar Al-Assad from among those who fought the Baath regime; do not appoint someone who has collaborated with the enemy and worked against the Syrian people.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/> (English and Arabic).

<sup>9</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

Al-Zubaydi then counsels Jihadist groups and their supporters, as follows:

- a. Kill Bashar Al-Assad.
- b. Coordinate actions against the Baath regime with the Islamic State of Iraq.
- c. Focus on propaganda, using photography and documentation of your actions against intelligence agents, officers, and the Alawite leadership; destroy their command posts.
- d. Address people using the terminology of Shari'a.
- e. Help the Muslims in Syria, who will return the favor in the future – for example, by fighting secular people.
- f. Free prisoners using all means possible, including (ransom) money and force. This will aid the armed struggle against the Baath regime.
- g. Once Bashar Al-Assad's regime has fallen, strike at the Jews by firing missiles at the Golan Heights. Let them know "it was Bashar Al-Assad's regime, like the rest of the corrupt and corrupting Arab regimes, that has been protecting the Jews".
- h. Ensure the unity of your ranks and flock to one emir, who will lead the region to better times.



#### Advices for the Syrian Uprising

- Gharib, the supervisor of the Ansar Al-Mujahideen Web forum, held a workshop titled, "A Campaign to Support the Somali People Against Kenyan-Israeli Aggression in Muslim Somali Territory". According to Gharib, the Muslims in Somalia have recently had a hard time due to an organized assault against them by the Kenyan military forces, which benefit from Israeli support. The declaration by [Israel's] Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the enemies of Kenya are the enemies of Israel indicates that an alliance has been woven between the two nations – one that is directed against Islam. According to Gharib, Israel and Kenya are a common enemy who must be

opposed as one. He therefore stressed the necessity of waging a propaganda campaign against them, and directing money and men toward helping the Muslims in Somalia confront the danger facing them.<sup>10</sup>



A banner designed by the supervisor of the forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen. The text reads, in part: "Somalia is like Palestine...our religion is one...and our enemies are one. The invading Kenyan forces have overrun Somali Muslim territory and bombed refugee camps together with the forces of the African Union. Zionist President Shimon Peres has expressed complete willingness to assist Kenya in its fight!!! They join forces to fight the Muslims and you – will you not join forces to fight them?"

<sup>10</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic, with French and English).



**Another banner illustrating the so-called Kenyan-Israeli-American alliance against the Muslims in Somalia**

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Fajr published an audio file titled, "Intelligence Investigation and Interrogation", which constitutes part 24 in a series of publications titled, "The Terrorism Industry: A Course in Security and Intelligence", by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Adm.<sup>11</sup>



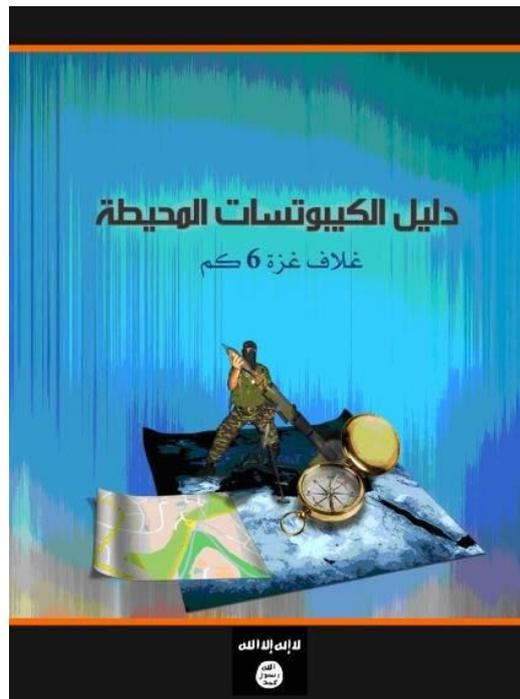
**Installment 24 in a series on security and intelligence**

*Guidebooks and Instruction Pamphlets*

- Khabab Al-Ansari, a member of the Jihadi Web forum Al-Tahadi, published a guidebook about the kibbutzim, towns and villages located within six kilometers of the border with the Gaza Strip. The guidebook's purpose is to

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

help mujahideen in Jerusalem and Gaza, in particular, to more carefully and precisely plan and execute terrorist attacks against the Israeli population living around the perimeter of the Gaza Strip. According to Al-Ansari, the information in the guidebook is based on findings gathered by the intelligence services of the Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, who serve the Hamas government in Gaza.<sup>12</sup>



“Guide to the Surrounding Kibbutzim”

- Khabab Al-Ansari also posted on the Jihadi Web forum Al-Tahadi a detailed explanation, illustrated with photographs, of how to construct an explosive device that can be detonated by pressing a ruler.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/> (Arabic).

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**Using a ruler to create an explosive device**

- Similarly, a member of the Jihadi Web forum Al-Fidaa posted a detailed and illustrated explanation of how to booby-trap a mobile phone.<sup>14</sup>

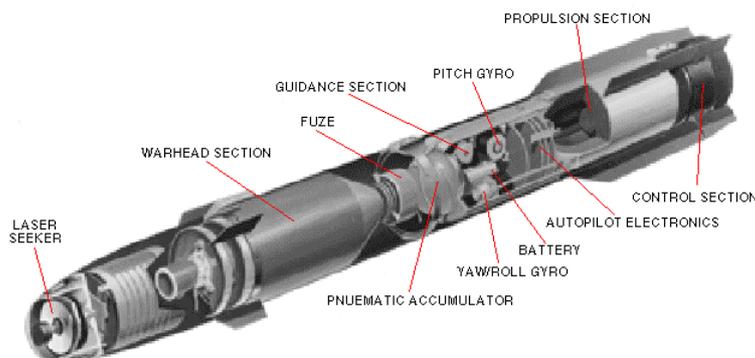


**A mobile phone as booby trap**

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted detailed technical specifications of the structure and capabilities of an American air-to-surface missile (ASM), developed primarily for anti-armor use, known as the AGM-114 Hellfire.<sup>15</sup>

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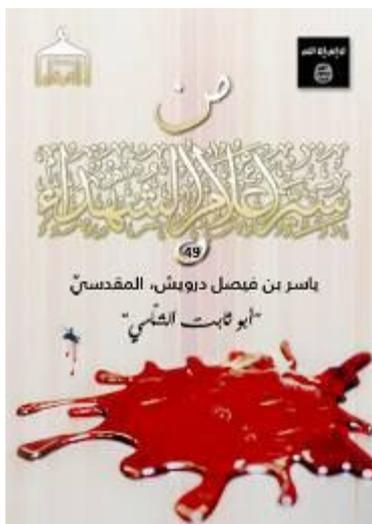
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**The AGM-114 Hellfire, an air-to-surface missile used by the US military**

*Promoting the Myth of Martyrdom*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Furqan published a biography of the martyr [Shahid] Yasir Bin Faysal Darwish Al-Maqdisi, also known as Abu Thabit Al-Sham. It is the 49<sup>th</sup> in its series of "Biographies of the Martyrs".<sup>16</sup>

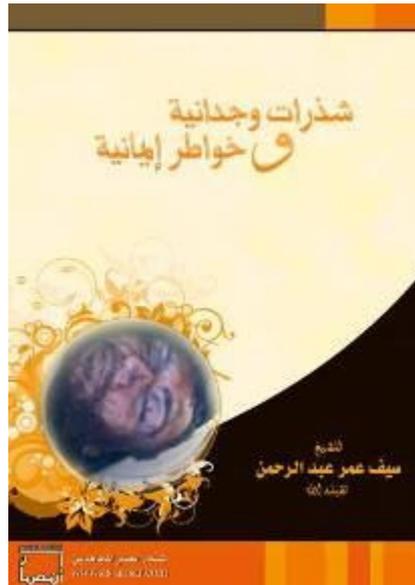


**The biography of martyr Abu Thabit Al-Sham**

- The Jihadi Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen published an article titled, "Fragments and Sentiments and Faithful Thoughts for Shaykh [sic] Sayf Umar Abd Al-Rahman", son of Sheikh Umar Abd Al-Rahman who has been serving a life sentence in a US prison since 1996 for his role in planning the first terrorist attack against the World Trade Center in 1993. Sheikh Ahmad, the

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

son, was killed in October 2011 in an American air strike in Afghanistan.<sup>17</sup> On October 16, 2011, the Yaqeen News Network (YNN) aired an interview with his mother, in which she said she was delighted that her son had died a martyr's death.<sup>18</sup>



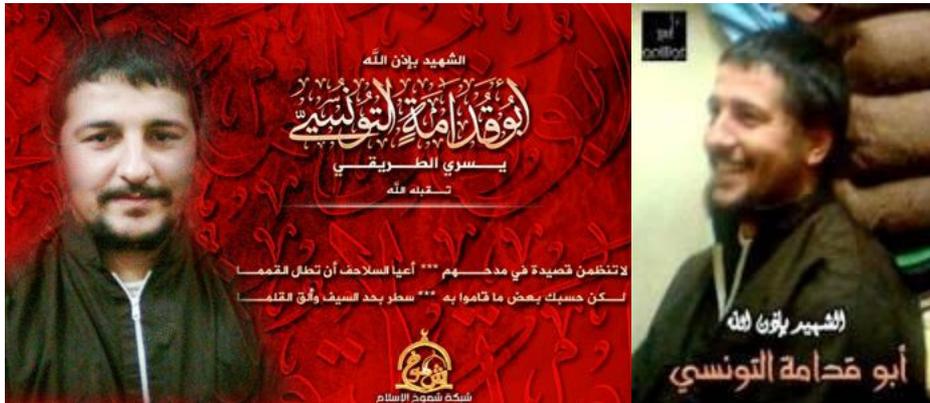
**On the death of Ahmad Sayf Abd Al-Rahman**

- Various Jihadi Web forums have published posters, death notices, and video clips in memory of a Tunisian named Yusri Al-Tariki, also known as Abu Qudama Al-Tunisi. Al-Tariki had come to Iraq to join the mujahideen in their fight against the Coalition Forces, but was captured by Iraqi security forces. When the Iraqi government declared its intention of having Al-Tariki executed, Islamists began a propaganda campaign mitigating for his release; notable among them was the Tunisian Salafi Jihadist group Ansar Al-Sharia, which used its Facebook page to actively campaign on behalf of Al-Tariki. However, the efforts of the Islamists were for naught, as Al-Tariki was executed on November 16, 2011.<sup>19</sup>

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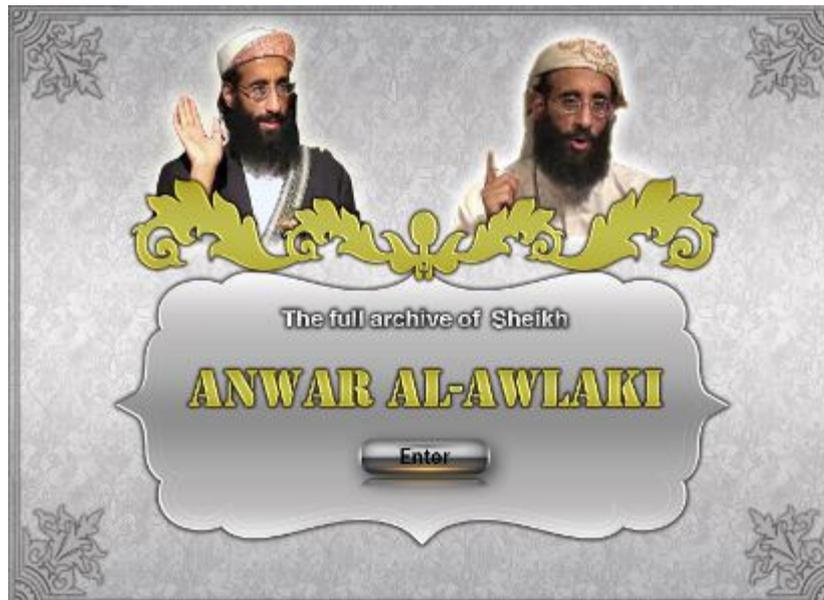
<sup>18</sup> The televised interview can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mq7aRlwd0AY> (Arabic).

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.alfidaa.biz/vb/> (Arabic). The propaganda for his release started with Facebook; see also: <http://www.ict.org.il/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=sTjasTeJZeM%3d&tabid=344>.



**Yusri Al-Tariki, a martyr in the eyes of the mujahideen**

- The Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted a link to a CD containing “The Full Archive of Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlaki”, which can be downloaded via the site. The “archive” contains articles, audio files and video clips issued by Al-Awlaki.<sup>20</sup>



**The portal to all of the materials issued by Anwar Al-Awlaki during his lifetime**

- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Al-Fidaa published a brief biography of Samir Khan, an American Muslim of Saudi or Pakistani origin who formerly edited the English-language Jihadi magazine *Inspire*, and who was killed

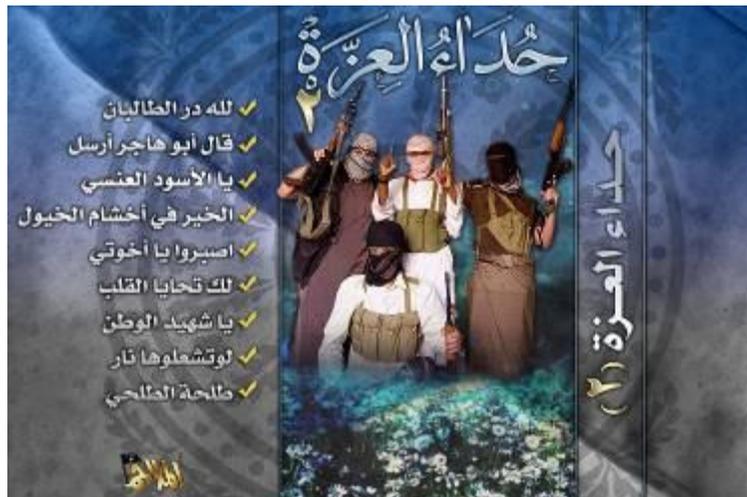
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along with Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlaki in an American air strike. The author of the biography calls Khan a "propaganda genius".<sup>21</sup>



Samir Khan

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Malahem, which is identified with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published an audio file titled, "Chanting Glory 2: Popular Poems from the Voices of the Mujāhidīn". The audio file contains songs of praise to Jihad and the mujahideen performed by members of AQAP.<sup>22</sup>



"Chanting Glory 2"

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Sahab published a video clip titled, "Daily Life of a Mujahid 4".<sup>23</sup>

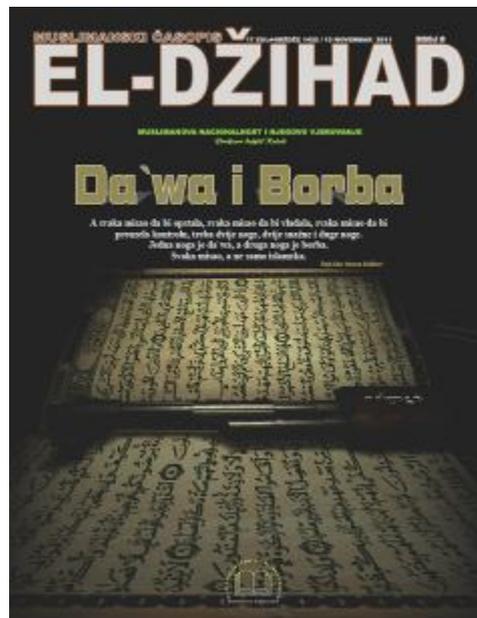


"Daily Life of a Mujahid 4"

- The Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan published the names of 87 of its members who had been killed during the past year during "active duty" and who were therefore considered martyrs. Most of the martyrs – 64 of them – were Afghani.<sup>24</sup>

### Magazines

- Volume 8 (November 2011) of the Bosnian Jihadist magazine *El-Dzihad* ["The Jihad"] has been published.<sup>25</sup>



The cover of the Bosnian Jihadist magazine, *El-Dzihad*

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>25</sup> <http://ansar1.info> (English and Arabic).

## Reports from the Field

### *Afghanistan-Pakistan*

- The Jihadi media outlet Studio Ummat, identified with the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, published a video clip by that movement's spokesman, Mufti Ibn Dhir Al-Burmi. In it, the Mufti appeals to the Pakistanis to continue to grant asylum to mujahideen in Waziristan.<sup>26</sup>



**Mufti Ibn Dhir Al-Burmi appeals to the Pakistanis**

### *Iraq*

- The Islamic State of Iraq published a report (42 pp.) of the terrorist attacks it had carried out in Al-Anbar Province.<sup>27</sup>

### *The Arabian Peninsula*

- The Jihadi media outlet Madad, identified with Ansar Al-Sharia in Yemen – a branch of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) – issued two newsletters, Numbers 2 and 3. Newsletter Number 2 covered the assassination of Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlaki and Samir Khan, and developments in the Jihadi arena in

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

Yemen.<sup>28</sup> Newsletter Number 3 also covered developments in the Jihadi arena in Yemen, as well as the death of Al-Awlaki's son.<sup>29</sup>



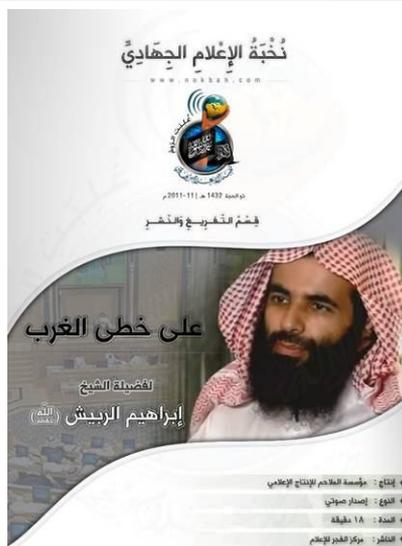
Pages from Madad's Newsletters

- On November 18, 2011, the Jihadi Web forum Hanein published an audio file of Ibrahim Al-Rubaysh, the Mufti of AQAP, titled, "In the Footsteps of the West". In it, Al-Rubaysh attacks the Saudi Arabian regime for taking a series of supposedly liberal political steps, and for purportedly trying to imitate the West.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>30</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).



### Ibrahim Al-Rubaysh's "In the Footsteps of the West"

#### *The Maghreb [North Africa]*

- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Al-Fidaa noted that Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) had succeeded in obtaining new armaments, including mortars and DShK machine guns, which are capable of shooting down airplanes and destroying armored vehicles.<sup>31</sup>
- AQIM published a report of its military activities during the past month.<sup>32</sup>
- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen reported the establishment of a new Jihadi media institution in Libya called Al-Himmam, which is slated to cover Jihad and the activities of the mujahideen in Libya. The writer also posted photographs of a rally held in Libya on November 21, 2011 in favor of implementing Shari'a and protecting the honor of the Prophet Muhammad. The logo of the new media institute is stamped on the photographs.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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**A rally in Libya calling for the implementation of Shari'a. Note the logo of the new Jihadi media institution, Al-Himmam, at the center left margin of the photograph**

*Al-Sham [Greater Syria]*

- Masada Al-Mujahideen in Palestine, a Palestinian Salafi Jihadist group, took responsibility for an explosion in a poisonous chemicals plant in one of Israel's cities.<sup>34</sup>
- In solidarity with the struggle of the Syrian people against Bashar Al-Assad, the Jihadi media outlet Al-Masada, which functions under the aegis of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam, published a song titled, "We Will Rip Out the Heart of the Dog of Al-Sham", written by poet and Al-Qaeda member Muhammad Al-Zahiri and performed by Abu Walid Al-Shari.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).



**"We Will Rip Out the Heart of the Dog of Al-Sham"**

#### *Egypt*

- The global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published a third announcement concerning Islamic political prisoners in Aqrab Prison in Egypt. The announcement cited the crimes of Muhammad Najib, head of Egypt's Prison Services, against these prisoners, including starving and torturing them.<sup>36</sup>
- The Al-Maqrizi Center for Historic Research published a sermon by its director, Sheikh Abu Hani Al-Sibai, an Egyptian Islamist living in London; the sermon discussed the second uprising in Egypt.<sup>37</sup>

#### *The Caucasus*

- The English-language Jihadi forum Ansar al-Mujahideen published statistics on combat operations carried out in the territory of the Caucasus Emirate between October 28 and November 26, 2011.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>37</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/> (English and Arabic).

### General Reports

- The Jihadi Web forum Shumukh al-Islam posted a banner calling for the release of Hila al-Qasir, a Saudi Arabian woman terrorist accused of collecting money for Al-Qaeda, promoting its ideology, housing wanted criminals, and possessing illegal weapons. She was arrested in 2010 by the Saudi Arabian authorities.<sup>39</sup>



### Shumukh Al-Islam calls for the release of Hila Al-Qasir from a Saudi prison

- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Al-Fidaa published the names of 22 prominent martyrs, who had been active participants in various Jihadi forums. Among those listed was Haykal Hasan Al-Qadri, a prominent writer on the Jihadi Web forum Al-Faluja. Of Palestinian origin, Al-Qadri was shot and killed by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) while trying to fire rockets at Israeli towns. Also cited was Haytham Bin Muhammad Aal Al-Khayyat, a Jordanian, who had supervised the Jihadi web forum Al-Ikhlās and who was killed by Coalition Forces in Afghanistan.<sup>40</sup>
- The Jihadi Web forum Al-Midad Al-Islami launched a section devoted to religious legal rulings, video clips, and articles by Sheikh Abu Zubair Adil Al-Abab, a Shari'a official for Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).<sup>41</sup>
- The Jihadi Web forum Sinam Al-Islam announced an "open session" with Sheikh Abu Humam Bakr Bin Abd Al-Aziz Al-Athari, a representative of the Shura Council of the Salafi-Jihadi Web site Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad. The latter was established by Sheikh Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, a prominent Salafi-Jihadi ideologue in Jordan. Known as the spiritual teacher of Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi, Al-Maqdisi is currently in a

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>41</sup> <http://almaidad1.com/vb/> (Arabic).

Jordanian prison. The open session gave forum members an opportunity to ask the Sheikh questions on various topics, to which he would respond at a later date.<sup>42</sup>

- A prominent writer on the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam named Ashik Al-Qaeda (lit. "Loves Al-Qaeda") posted a thread in which he leveled severe criticism against the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) in Egypt, which he feels is a remnant of Mubarak's tyrannical regime. According to Ashek Al-Qaeda, although SCAF purports to present itself as preserving the values of the revolution, in effect its policies are dictated by the US government, which is seeking to ride piggy-back on the Arab revolutions so as to preserve its interests in the region, chief among which is ensuring Israel's security. He further claims that there is an urgent need to reveal the true face of SCAF, and prove that it has no wish to preserve the values of the revolution. To this end, he asks the following questions, which he feels reveal the true state of affairs:
  - a. Why does SCAF continue to keep the peace agreements with Israel, while millions of Egyptian citizens wish to revoke them?
  - b. Why does the Egyptian Army not intervene in the IDF's recent war against Hamas in Gaza? Moreover, the Egyptian Army has constructed a separation barrier to suffocate the residents of the Gaza Strip and force them to capitulate to the dictates of Israel.
  - c. Why has General Tantawi, who was the "implementer" of the Mubarak regime, [still] heading the military institutions of Egypt? Should he not have joined Mubarak [in stepping down]?
  - d. Why does SCAF continue to supply natural gas to Israel, despite the Egyptian people's demand that it stop?

Ashek Al-Qaeda concludes that SCAF, drawn from the Egyptian Army, is no more than a continuation of the Mubarak regime. He therefore urges the Egyptian people to continue to protest until they evict the leaders of SCAF, first and foremost among them General Tantawi.<sup>43</sup>

- The Jihadi Web forum Al-Fidaa published an announcement from one of the administrators of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam concerning the technical problems that had arisen on Shumukh Al-Islam during the last week of November - including problems with the data base, and problems entering the forum and sending messages. The announcement stressed that every effort had been made to redress these technical problems. The forum itself ceased operating for several days at the end of November 2011, but was up and running again by early December 2011.<sup>44</sup>
- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted a link through which to download a comprehensive anthology of articles, pamphlets, audio files and video clips

<sup>42</sup> <http://snam-s.net/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

by Abu Yahya Al-Libi, a senior leader of Al-Qaeda. The thread containing this link was highly rated by forum administrators.<sup>45</sup>

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