

Periodical Review: Summary of Information from Jihadi Forums

The Second Half of September 2012

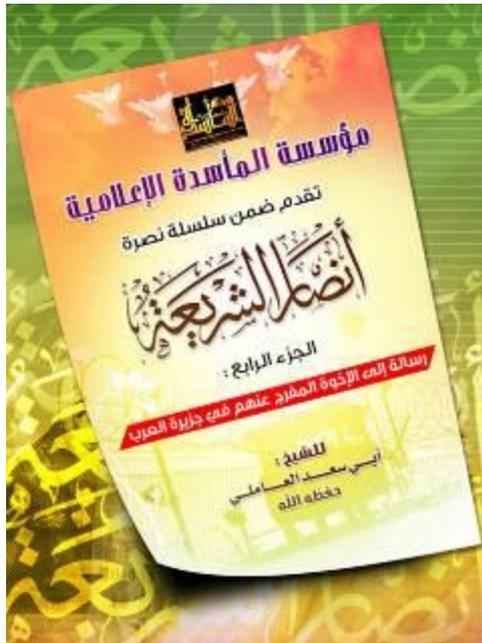
This report summarizes notable events discussed on jihadist Web forums during the second half of September 2012. Following are the main points covered in the report:

- In a new video clip, Al-Qaeda leader **Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri** remembers his predecessor Sheikh Osama bin Laden, and also announces the death of Sheikh Muhammad Yasser, a senior member of the Taliban.
- **Sheikh Harith bin Ghazi Al-Nadhari**, a member of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), stresses that impugning the honor of the Prophet Muhammad incurs a death sentence. He urges imitating the attack on the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, as a response to such desecration.
- **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)** announces the death of **Sheikh Nabil Abu Alqama Al-Awrasi**, deputy emir for the Sahara.
- Kenyan Army and AMISOM forces take control of the port of Kismayo, a stronghold of **Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen**. In response, **Muslim Youth Center**, a Kenyan Islamist group with strong ties to Al-Shabab, threatens to join the fight in Kismayo if Muslim blood is shed.
- **Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes**, a Salafi-jihadist group active in the Sinai Peninsula, takes responsibility for a September 20th terrorist attack on the Egypt-Israel border in which an Israeli soldier was killed.
- A new Islamic group, **Jihadist Islamic Da'wa**, is established in Egypt. It is headed by prominent Salafi-jihadist Sheikh Muhammad Al-Zawahiri, brother of Al-Qaeda leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri.
- Egyptian Salafi-jihadist Sheikh **Muhammad Al-Zawahiri** outlines the terms of a "contract" between the Islamist movement and the West, which will lead to a ceasefire.
- Members of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam urge attacks on British embassies and consulates in the Islamic world and elsewhere, in response to Britian's intention to extradite **Sheikh Hamza Al-Masri** to the US.
- Shabaka Islaamiga Gurmad [Islamic Gurmad Network], a new jihadist Web forum in Swahili, is launched.

New Publications

Ideology

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Masada published an article titled, "A Message to the Liberated Brothers in the Arabian Peninsula", by Sheikh Saad Al-Amili. It is the fourth article in a series titled, "Aid to Supporters of Shari'a [Islamic Law]". In it, Al-Amili stresses that the task of jihadist Muslims who have been liberated from enemy prisons is not completed. On the contrary, they must offer an example to others, and continue in da'wa [missionary work] and jihad. To this end, he presents them with a selection of helpful advice. For example, he suggests that freed prisoners improve their da'wa through mutual consultation, and that they swiftly return to the arenas of jihad.¹



Advice to the newly-released prisoner, from Sheikh Saad Al-Amili

- London's Al-Maqrizi Center published a study of the conditions and circumstances under which a Muslim may kill an infidel, according to the sacred Islamic sources. The study was conducted by Sheikh Hani Al-Sibai, who heads the Center.²
- Naser Al-Qaeda, a prominent contributor to jihadist Web forums, published an article citing the reasons various countries may display enmity, or sympathy, for Al-Qaeda. For example, he claims Al-Qaeda is hated in part because it has

¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

² <http://al-fidaa.com/vb> (Arabic).

succeeded in exposing the true face of certain Muslims, such as Iranian President Ahmadinejad and Hezbollah Emir Hassan Nasrallah, who spout anti-American and anti-Israel rhetoric, but in effect are the most outstanding of their collaborators.³

Strategy

- On the 11th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, a prominent contributor to jihadist Web forums named Abdullah bin Muhammad discussed the struggle between Al-Qaeda and the West. After examining the speeches of the late Osama bin Laden, he claimed that Al-Qaeda had devised a unique approach, one of "a gradual strategic pull" – that is, of drawing the enemy into a protracted fight, which Al-Qaeda would ultimately win, despite the enemy's initial achievements. He added that Al-Qaeda considered itself the rescue force of the Muslim Nation. However, in recent years, the nature of the struggle with Islam's enemies had changed – from a struggle between jihadist organizations and the West, to a struggle between the West and all strata of the Muslim population, a result of America's having gone from fighting Al-Qaeda to fighting Islam and the Muslims. This is evidenced by American desecration of things holy to Islam – burning the Qur'an, the anti-Muslim film "Innocence of Muslims", and the like.⁴

Guidebooks and Instruction Pamphlets

- A visitor the global jihad Web forum asked the "military expert" in the forum's military chat room to explain how to make lethal weapons and explosives. The visitor identified himself as a Tunisian who, with his compatriots, had tried in vain to attack the Tunisian soldiers guarding the US Embassy. Another Web surfer asked for video clips about Russia's security forces.⁵
- The military expert of the global jihad Web forum's military chat room explained how to make a manual explosive device that would explode on contact with its target. This type of device is effective against vehicles and people, and is easy and inexpensive to make.⁶

³ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁵ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁶ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

- A visitor to the global jihad Web forum claiming to be the spokesman for a group of mujahideen from Syria asked how to manufacture making heavy weapons such as shoulder-launched rockets, ground-to-ground missiles, and explosive devices. He asked whether it was possible to alter rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), and how to manufacture a thermal (heat-seeking) rocket. Given the difficulties of communicating with Syria at present, he asked that relevant links be sent to his personal Skype account, which is registered under the Umm Al-Qura Brigade of the Al-Habib Al-Mustafa Brigade in Al-Ghouta Al-Sharqieh, Damascus.⁷
- A Syrian visitor to the global jihad Web forum asked for help manufacturing ammunition for a 7.62cm-caliber Kalashnikov rifle. He also asked for instructions on how to manufacture direct-aim anti-tank rockets, like those made by the mujahideen in Falouja, Iraq, prior to the invasion of foreign forces. The military expert of the forum's military chat room provided links to relevant topics raised by other forum visitors.⁸
- A member of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam published a manual in Arabic titled, "Field Philosophy: Concepts of Military Planning" (168 pp.). The manual is an abridged version of "The Art of Warfare", an influential book on military strategy by Sun Tzu, a renowned Chinese general of the 6th Century CE, which is taught in the officers' courses of the Japanese and Chinese armies. The book covers ambushes, defensive tactics, guerilla warfare, intelligence gathering and other military actions. Apparently, the Arabic-language version was first published in 2010 in the Gaza Strip, and dedicated to the mujahideen.⁹

⁷ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁸ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).



"Field Philosophy", an Arabic version of an ancient Chinese classic

Promoting the Myth of Martyrdom

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Sahab published a video clip titled, "Days of the Imam – Part III" by Al-Qaeda leader **Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri**.¹⁰ In it, Al-Zawahiri reminisces about Osama bin Laden and their time together. The clip begins with a blessing to the Muslim Nation on the occasion of Ramdan, which Al-Zawahiri had once celebrated with bin Laden in Tora Bora, Afghanistan. Al-Zawahir recalls Bin Laden's love of poetry, his attitude toward religious scholars, his staunch belief in Islam, and his lifelong commitment to jihad. He relates at length how Bin Laden met with religious scholars from the Arabian Peninsula, Afghanistan and Pakistan, during which he urged them to join jihad and publish religious-legal rulings exhorting to jihad. Bin Laden was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood in Saudi Arabia until he joined the mujahideen who were fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan, and was kicked out by that movement. Al-Zawahiri related the suffering and sacrifices of Bin Laden and his family. Bin Laden had been in poor health, and could only see out of one eye, yet this did not dissuade him from his perseverance in jihad. Later in the video clip, Al-Zawahiri announces the death in a Pakistani prison of Sheikh Muhammad Yasser (1953-2012), a member of the Taliban who was in charge of the Cultural Committee of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Al-

¹⁰ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

Zawahiri relates key facts of Yasser's life, but states that it is not known how he died, whether he was killed in prison or simply did not receive adequate medical care. In either case, his death was another stain on the history of Pakistan, and proof of the treachery of the Pakistani government, military and intelligence services.¹¹

- **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)** announced the death of **Sheikh Nabil Abu Alqama Al-Awrasi**, considered the deputy to AQIM's emir for the Sahara. Al-Awrasi was killed in a car accident in northern Mali in early September 2012. According to AQIM's eulogy, Al-Awrasi had served time in an Algerian prison, and was among the first to join AQIM in the Sahara in the 1990s, when he was in his early 20s.¹²



Nabil Abu Alqama Al-Awrasi

- Earlier in the month, on September 11th, Al-Qaeda leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri confirmed the death of Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi in North Waziristan in June 2012. Although Al-Zawahiri did not say how Al-Libi had died,¹³ it is likely he was killed in a drone strike. Jihadists and Islamist entities such as the **Islamic State of Iraq**¹⁴ and the **Shura Council of the Mujahideen in the Environs of Jerusalem**¹⁵ continued to eulogize him during the latter half of September. Similarly, The Best of Jihadist Propaganda [Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi] published banners quoting Jihadist sayings by Al-Libi, a revered leader and member of Al-Qaeda.¹⁶

¹¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

¹² <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

¹³ For a comprehensive biography of Al-Libi see *Jihadi Website Monitoring Group*, "Abu Yahya Al-Libi: Profile of an Al-Qaeda Leader", <http://www.ict.org.il/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=dWyufocKcig%3d&tabid=320>; for additional responses to Al-Libi's death, see http://www.ict.org.il/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=IXTH8_txArI%3d&tabid=344, pp. 18-21.

¹⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic)

¹⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic)

¹⁶ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



A banner bearing words of wisdom from the late Abu Yahya Al-Libi

- The **Salafi-jihadist movement in Jordan** published an invitation to participate in an event slated for September 21, 2012, in memory of the martyr **Muntasar Al-Zaytuni**, who was killed on September 4, 2012 in Idlib at the young age of 24. Al-Zaytuni had come from Ramallah in 2009, to study Islamic law at Al-Yarmuk University. Before coming to Jordan, he was released by the Israeli authorities after serving 18 months in prison for belonging to Hamas for several years (although he eventually broke away from the group). According to the Jordanian press agency Assawsana, with the outbreak of the Arab Spring Al-Zaytuni had gone to Syria to fight the regime. At first he joined Ahrar Al-Sham, a group of mujahideen from Syria and Lebanon but later, after having a falling out with that group and with the Free Syrian Army, he began fighting with Al-Nusra Front. Opinion is divided as to the manner of his death. Some claim that he was kidnapped and executed by the Free Syrian Army because of the deep rift between them, while others claim that he died fighting loyalists of the Syrian regime.¹⁷

¹⁷ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



The young martyr Muntasar Al-Zaytuni

- A member of the jihadist Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen announced that Libyan **Abd Al-Qader Al-Masrati**, a member of the Al-Nusrah Front, had died a martyr's death. On September 16, 2012, Al-Masrati blew up himself and a truckload of five tons of explosives in the midst of Syrian security forces, killing 150 men.¹⁸



The martyr Abd Al-Qader Al-Masrati

Jihadist Discourse Concerning the Arab Spring

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Sahab published a two-part video clip, one in a new series of publications titled, "The Ummah of Sacrifice and Martyrdom Vs. Treason and Despotism: Advice and Support to Our Brothers Rebel[ing] against Injustice", by Sheikh Adam Yahya Gadahn. The first part of the clip is titled, "Causes and Background",¹⁹ and the second part is titled, "Tidings and Challenges".²⁰ Gadahn praises the revolutions in the Arab world, discusses the factors that led to their outbreak, and urges the Muslims to persist in them.

¹⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

¹⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

²⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).



Adam Yahya Gadahn expounds on the Arab Spring

Reports from the Field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Qadisiyyah published a translation into Arabic of a speech made in August 2012 by Ahmad Farooq, who is responsible for da'wa [proselytizing] on behalf of Al-Qaeda in Pakistan. Farooq spoke of "the current political crisis and the appointment of a new prime minister of Pakistan",²¹ accusing Prime Minister Asif Ali Zardari and other senior members of the Pakistani regime of destroying the country's key national institutions, of corruption, and of treason for fighting the mujahideen and collaborating with the West. Farooq called for the overthrow of the Pakistani regime.
- Subsequent to the announcement by Ayman Al-Zawahiri of the death in a Pakistani prison of Muhammad Yasser, who was responsible for international relations for the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, a visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein wondered whether Al-Qaeda in Pakistan would be able to leave its mark "on the ground", or only to issue audio and visual eulogies by Ahmad Farooq, who is responsible for da'wa [proselytizing] on behalf of Al-Qaeda in Pakistan. The Web surfer cited the denigrated the "army of mujahideen" in Iraq for not avenging the death of the military emir of Mosul, and wondered whether the mujahideen in Iraq were forbidden to publish eulogies, while Al-Qaeda in Pakistan was allowed to do so. He challenged accusations against

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

the "army of mujahideen" in Iraq, which had avoided attacking Muslim apostates, while Al-Qaeda in Pakistan had called a truce with Muslim apostates. Forum visitors attacked this writer for writing poisonous words about Al-Qaeda in Pakistan. They wrote: "eulogies are the habit of those in hotels, not those on the battlefields of jihad, who prefer to die for the glory of Allah's name". They asked him why he had not heeded the forum administrators' injunction against writing on issues that arouse dissent. The writer who had begun the discussion did not meekly accept this barrage of criticism, but rather stated that he had been reacting to criticisms of the army of the mujahideen in Iraq for not fighting Muslim apostates. He noted that Muhammad Yasser had been a respected religious cleric responsible for the external relations of the Emirate, not some unworthy military leader. Where was Al-Qaeda in Pakistan?, he asked, adding that most acts of jihad in Pakistan were perpetrated by the Taliban and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. As the discussion grew more heated, a veteran participant – apparently Hanein's administrator – announced that the topic was closed. He warned the visitor who had first raised it to avoid promulgating contentious issues, adding that his previous warnings to this effect had fallen on deaf ears.²² This discussion in effect reflects the tension that exists within the jihadist leadership, which occasionally finds its way into the discourse on jihadist Web forums. It also seems that an effort is being made to silence this discussion, specifically.

Iraq

- During the latter half of September 2012, the Islamic State of Iraq published the following:
 - A report detailing all (276) of its military actions in Nineveh Province during Ramadan.²³
 - A report documenting all (96) of its military actions in Anbar Province during Ramadan.²⁴
 - An announcement taking responsibility for a synchronized attack in early August 2012 on a concentration of military installations, control towers and joint military and police checkpoints in northern Bawabat

²² <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

²³ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

²⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

Baghdad. Weapons and booby-trapped cars were used in the attack, which caused the deaths of all those at the security compound and the destruction of all vehicles and towers.²⁵

- A report detailing its 57 military activities in Salah Al-Din and Northern Baghdad Provinces during Ramadan, and its 30 military activities during the subsequent month.²⁶
- A visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein disseminated a message from an Iraqi resident of Karbala, who urged all Iraqis living abroad – primarily former Iraqi Army officers – not to return to Iraq, even if they were being sent tempting invitations. He also asked former Army officers living in Iraq not to believe the promises made by the Shiite Iraqi government. To illustrate, he related the recent assassination of a former Iraqi officer, who had returned to Iraq from Syria.²⁷

The Arabian Peninsula

- The jihadist media institution Madad, which functions under the auspices of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published its eponymous Newsletter No. 25. This issue, labeled a “special issue” in support of the prophet Muhammad, called the anti-Muslim movie “Innocence of Muslims” one more component in America’s war on Islam. It also discussed the responses in the Arab world to this movie, and the death of senior Al-Qaeda leader Abu Yahya Al-Libi.²⁸

²⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

²⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

²⁷ <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

²⁸ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/> (Arabic).



Newsletter No. 25 of the jihadist media institution, Madad

Al-Sham [Greater Syria]

- During the latter half of September 2012, the **Al-Nusrah Front** published the following:
 - A video clip titled, "The Beginning of the End", documenting the remote-control detonation of a booby-trapped car on a speedway outside Hamat. The explosion targeted a vehicle carrying Syrian security personnel, 162 of whom were killed.²⁹

²⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



A banner advertising "The Beginning of the End"

- A video clip in which five Yemeni Army officers captured in northern Syria admitted the collaboration of the Yemeni and Syrian Armies.³⁰



Five captive Yemeni Army officers admit collaboration with the Syrian Army

- Announcement No. 75, taking responsibility for attacks on five Syrian tanks in five different actions in and around Aleppo.³¹

³⁰ <http://as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

³¹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

- Announcement No. 76, taking responsibility for an attack on several of the regime's snipers, who were stationed on the roofs of buildings in and around Aleppo.³²
- Announcement No. 77, taking responsibility for seven military actions against Syrian regime forces, including the ambush and killing of 15 soldiers caught in the environs of Aleppo.³³
- Announcements No. 78 and 79, taking responsibility for 13 attacks near Damascus, including the assassination of several Syrian Army officers.³⁴
- Announcement No. 80, of the successful capture of the Beir Asheq checkpoint in Al-Raqqa in north-central Syria on July 19, 2012. Twenty-one Syrian Army soldiers were killed in the attack.³⁵
- Announcement No. 81, taking responsibility for a suicide attack in which a booby-trapped car was rammed into a building in Aleppo used by Syrian security forces and shabiha [the Assad regime's paid thugs].³⁶
- Announcement No. 82, taking responsibility for an attack by a suicide bomber against the Al-Hayyat Hospital, which is thought to be serving as an outpost for the Syrian Army (the Al-Nusrah Front claims that more than 200 officers and soldiers occupy the hospital). Twenty-seven soldiers were killed in this attack, and an additional 58 were wounded.³⁷
- Announcement No. 83, taking responsibility for storming the Hanano Military Base in Arqub, Aleppo.³⁸

³² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

³³ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

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³⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

³⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).



The Hanano Military Base in flames

- Announcement No. 84, taking responsibility for a synchronized attack against the headquarters of the Syrian Army chief of staff in Damascus, on September 26, 2012.³⁹



The Syrian Army chief of staff's headquarters is bombed in Damascus

- Announcements No. 85 and 86, taking responsibility for ten military activities in and around Aleppo, including continuous anti-aircraft fire.⁴⁰

³⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁴⁰ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



Anti-aircraft fire from the heart of a residential area

- Announcement No. 87, taking responsibility for storming a Scientific Research Center in western Aleppo-Mansura Village.⁴¹
- Announcement No. 88, taking responsibility for infiltrating a security compound in Eastern Al-Ghawta-Atiba Village near Damascus on September 24, 2012.⁴²
- Announcement No. 89, taking responsibility for an attack on the Jasn Al-Thawra checkpoint in the heart of Damascus on September 26, 2012.⁴³
- The jihadist media outlet Al-Masada published a video clip titled, "Seven Shibboleths in Support of Al-Sham [Greater Syria]",⁴⁴ which urges Muslims to support jihad against the Alawite Syrian security forces.

⁴¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁴² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁴³ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

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“Seven Shibboleths in Support of Al-Sham [Greater Syria]”

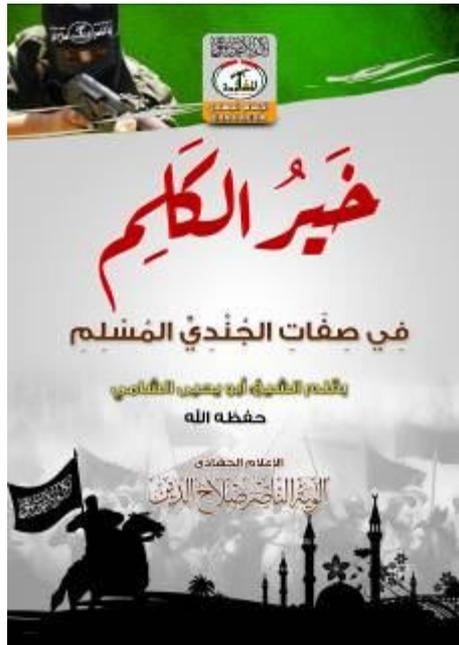
- A visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein asked whether Syria was following in the footsteps of Iraq, and whether he would soon hear of the establishment of “Al-Qaeda in the Lands of Al-Sham [Greater Syria]”. In response, some Web surfers commented on the tenacity of the Assad regime, which has so far survived 18 months of fighting. Others noted that once the regime falls, conflict is likely to erupt between factions such as the Free Syrian Army and the Al-Nusrah Front, as happened in Afghanistan.⁴⁵
- A visitor to the global jihad Web forum related the news from a trustworthy source, that a Jordanian Salafi-jihadist who had joined the Free Syrian Army was executed by it.⁴⁶ In response, **Sheikh Abu Mohammed Al-Tahawy**, a leader of the Salafi-jihadist movement in Jordan, refuted “the lies published in the Arab as in the Western media” about dissatisfaction with Arab mujahideen and conflict between Jordanian mujahideen and the Free Syrian Army. Visitors to the forum stressed the importance of the mujahideen in Syria, adding that the Free Syrian Army had welcomed the efforts of the Al-Nusrah Front. The contributor who had begun the discussion insisted he had not been referring to the Al-Nusrah Front, but rather to the mercenaries sent by several countries to fight the mujahideen.⁴⁷

⁴⁵ <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁴⁶ The reference is apparently to the martyr Muntasar Al-Zaytuni, whose death is discussed earlier in this report. See *Promoting the Myth of Martyrdom*, above.

⁴⁷ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

- **The al-Nasser Salah al-Deen Brigades**, the military wing of the Popular Resistance Committees, a set of various Palestinian militant organizations which operate in the Gaza Strip, published a manual titled, "Praise for the Muslim Soldier", by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Shami.⁴⁸



A publication by a Palestinian Salafi-jihadist group

- The jihadist media center Ibn Taymiyyah published an announcement claiming that **Sheikh Abu Hafs Al-Maqdisi**, leader of the Gazan Salafi-jihadist **Jaysh Al-Islam** [The Army of Islam], who has been in a Hamas prison since his kidnapping by Hamas in late July 2012, is being severely tortured. The Ibn Taymiyyah Media Center recommended an all-out propaganda effort to obtain his release.⁴⁹

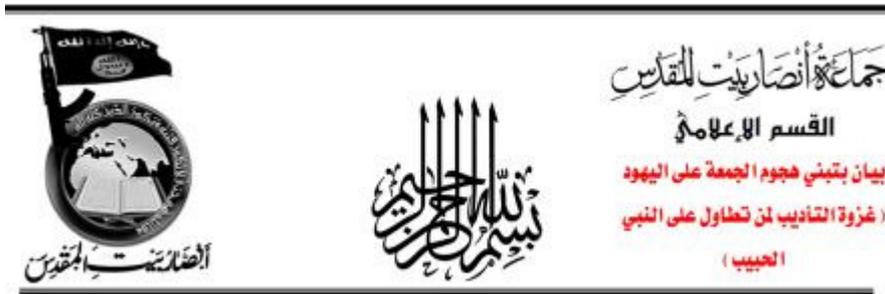
The Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip

- **Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes**, a Salafi-jihadist group in the Sinai Peninsula, took responsibility for a September 20th terrorist attack on the Israel-Egypt border. Three members of Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes had crossed the border into Israel at a point at which the new security fence had yet to be completed. The terrorists, who were wearing explosive belts and carrying rounds of ammunition, an RPG launcher, and rifles, fired on the IDF force that was

⁴⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁴⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

guarding the men building the fence. One Israeli soldier was killed and another was moderately wounded. IDF reinforcements succeeded in killing all three terrorists. According to Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes, the attack was a response to the American anti-Muslim movie, "Innocence of Muslims", which defamed the Prophet Muhammad, and which was allegedly produced by Jews: "When the facts had been revealed, and it became clear that Jews were involved in the movie's production and casting, that they were behind the hostile 'pigs of foreign lands' [i.e. Copts in the US], and that they had even encouraged this shameful crime; and since it is our duty to defend the Prophet's honor; your brethren in Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes have drawn their weapons to punish the Jews because for their heinous crimes..."⁵⁰



A banner in which Ansar Bet Al-Maqdes takes responsibility for a terrorist attack on the Egypt-Israel border

- On September 17, 2012, the **Salafi-jihadist movement in the Sinai Peninsula** published an open letter concerning the events of September 16, 2012 – that is, the Egyptian Army's operation to eliminate a nest of terrorists in the Sinai Peninsula, in response to the killing of 16 Egyptian soldiers on August 5, 2012. The Salafi-jihadist movement fiercely denied the Army's accusations that any of its adherents had been involved in that attack. Addressing President Mohammed Morsi, the prime minister and the leaders of the armed forces, it elucidated the following:⁵¹
 - Oppression and threats are ineffective and only elicit the opposite [of the intended] result. These methods, which were favored by the previous regime's security services, will NO longer be meekly tolerated.
 - The mujahideen do not target the army and police, but rather only aim their weapons against the Zionist enemy.

⁵⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁵¹ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/> (Arabic).

3. There are those who would incite a civil war, to the benefit of the enemies of the Muslim Nation.
 4. Any willingness to meet Zionist and American demands that the Sinai Peninsula be cleansed of mujahideen, so as to reinforce Israel's security, is treason against Allah, his Prophet, and the Nation, and will be defeated.
 5. The mujahideen in the Sinai Peninsula were not involved in killing the Egyptian soldiers. Facts and witnesses confirm this.
- "The Mujahideen in Egypt", a blog that the jihadist movement in Egypt, published photographs of two of the perpetrators of the September 20th attack on the checkpoint at the Egypt-Israel. Both were Egyptian citizens.⁵²



Two of the perpetrators of the September 20th attack at the Egypt-Israel border, from the blog "The Mujahideen in Egypt"

- A death sentence has been passed against 14 members of **Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad**, a Salafi-jihadist group active in the Sinai Peninsula, for attacking police headquarters in El-Arish and the Alexandria Bank in the Sinai and for murdering seven policemen in June and July of last year. In response, a visitor to the global jihad Web site attacked the new Egyptian regime for opposing the mujahideen. In particular, he condemned Salafist sheikhs whom he claimed collaborate with the new regime, just as they had with its predecessor: Sheikh Abu Ishaq Al-Heweny, Sheikh Yasser Al-Barhami, and Muhammad Hassan. He assailed them, crying that they would not break the determination of the Egyptian people to wage jihad. He asked all those who

⁵² <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/> (Arabic).

believe in the unity of God [tawhid] to be patient. Another forum contributor disagreed with this attack on the Salafist sheikhs. However, the contributor who began the conversation insisted that he did not recant his claims, adding, "We will fight them and expose their calumny until they repent. We will shun them so that they must sit [idle] at home. If they do not desist from their slander, we will cut off their heads. If they are shown to be apostates, we will kill them. We will not pray for them. We will bury them in infidel graves".⁵³

- A member of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam who is participating in its online course in jihadist propaganda posted a photograph of Yasser Al-Tarabeen, a Salafi-jihadist prisoner captured in the Sinai who is slated for execution. He called for protests against the Egyptian regime's intention to execute Al-Tarabeen.⁵⁴



The banner reads, "The mujahid prisoner who has been sentenced to death in Morsi's prison in Egypt: Yasser Jarimi Al-Tarabeen, aka "Abu Al-Khabab Al-Filastini". His sentence accords with the infidel laws of the West!!! There is no might but Allah's!!!

Africa

The Maghreb [North Africa]

- On September 19, 2012, Al-Andalus, the media outlet of **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM)**, published an open letter "to the families of the kidnapped Frenchmen". The letter stated that negotiations between France and AQIM regarding the release of four French captives who have been held by AQIM since their abduction from Niger two years ago were faltering because the French government was being difficult. AQIM therefore urged the families to pressure their government to move the stalled negotiations. AQIM

⁵³ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁵⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

added that the captives' health was good, but could not promise that it would continue to be so if negotiations did not progress.⁵⁵

- In a recent speech, **Abu Iyadh Al-Tunisi**, a senior Tunisian Salafi-jihadist, praised and thanked all those who had participated in the attack on the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012. The Tunisian people were committed to protesting attacks on the sacred tenets of Islam, he said. Al-Tunisi also called the Tunisian Minister of the Interior "a burden" to the Tunisian people and called on him to resign. Lastly, he complained that he was being politically persecuted by the Tunisian government.⁵⁶



Abu Iyadh Al-Tunisi

- The jihadist media outlet Ahfadh Uqba asked ulama' [religious scholars] and students in Tunisia to protest the Tunisian government's persecution of **Sheikh Abu Iyadh Al-Tunisi**, a prominent Salafi-jihadist.⁵⁷



A letter asking religious scholars and students to protest persecution of prominent Salafist Abu Iyadh Al-Tunisi

- The jihadist media outlet Ahfadh Uqba published a banner calling for the release of Sheikh Osama Al-Shabi, who claims to have been unjustly arrested

⁵⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁵⁶ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁵⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/AhfaduUkbaa> (Arabic).

on suspicion of involvement in the attack on the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya.⁵⁸



A banner from the Facebook page of Ahfadh Uqba, a Salafi-jihadist media outlet

- In an interview with the BBC, **Muhammad Ali Al-Zahawi**, leader of **Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya**, insisted that his organization has no intention of disarming, since it is at war with the liberal movement. Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya aspires to implement shari'a [Islamic law] in Libya. However, it had nothing to do with the attack against the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi.⁵⁹



Muhammad Ali Al-Zahawi speaks to the BBC

- Reuters issued a report that Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya threatened the US with annihilation if the US Army avenged the assassination of its ambassador to Libya – in which it claimed to have had no part. In response, a visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein lambasted Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya, asking how, exactly, it would fight the US, when it had welcomed NATO to Libya. Another visitor to the Web forum rushed to the defense of Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya, justifying its appeal to the West [for assistance] against the tyrannical Qaddafi regime, since help was not forthcoming from any other quarter, and

⁵⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/AhfaduUkbaa> (Arabic).

⁵⁹ http://www.bbc.co.uk/arabic/multimedia/2012/09/120918_libya_ansar_zahawi.shtml (Arabic).

since Qaddafi had paid mercenaries from central Africa, Russia and Serbia to fight the Libyan people. He admitted that some Libyan revolutionaries favored the West, but insisted that others opposed it. The overthrow of the despotic regime sufficed; besides, he wrote, surprises were yet in store. Another Web surfer noted that the emigration of Libyan supporters of jihad to Syria and the existence of a brigade of Libyan fighters there atoned for the sin of accepting the assistance of the infidel in the overthrow of Qaddafi. After the regime fell, actions against the West and its symbols could and did begin in Libya – despite the claim that the revolutionaries had been aided by the “Crusaders”. Yet another Web surfer was more circumspect, noting that there had yet to be clear proof that Ansar Al-Sharia in Libya was involved in events in Libya. He suggested that the heads of the group not make hasty declarations that do not serve the Libyan nation.⁶⁰

- A visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein cited the anguish of the mujahideen in Libya, and especially in Benghazi, which he described as their stronghold. He claimed the mujahideen were facing a conspiracy of the West and its Libyan collaborators. Other visitors to the site concurred, adding that the US and its allies had interests in Libya and would not allow Islamic law to be implemented there. One Web surfer expressed a different point of view: he wondered why Libya’s mujahideen had not formed an alliance with Islamist and other fighting factions, and exploiting media attention [to prevent] the infidel forces from establishing military bases in Libya. He called the assassination of the American ambassador a “preemptive strike”, and urged the mujahideen to enlist people in their cause, before they were “brainwashed”.⁶¹

Mali

- According to the Mauritanian Sahara Media Press Agency, many of the residents of Duanza, in northern Mali, were glad that Duanza had been captured by **Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad**, in part because Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad had stabilized security in the region. The group’s emir for Duanza, **Abu Naem Al-Sahrawi**, told Sahara Media that the Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad aimed to gain

⁶⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁶¹ <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

control of the entire area, implement Islamic law [shari'a], and protect its residents from thieves and marauders.⁶²



Abu Naeem Al-Sahrawi, emir of Duanza, and his men

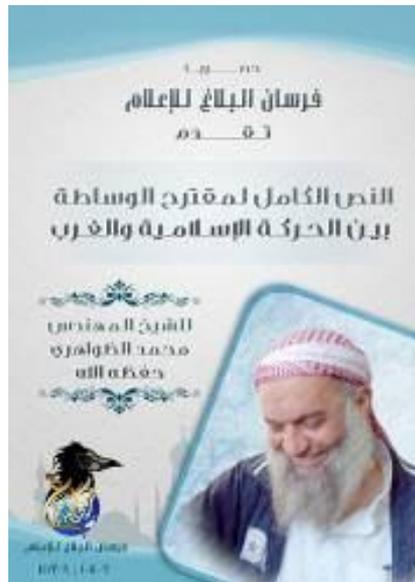
Egypt

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Balagh published "The Complete Version of an Offer to Mediate between the Islamist Movement and the West", by **Sheikh Muhammad Al-Zawahiri**, the brother of Al-Qaeda leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri. Muhammad Al-Zawahiri stipulates that the offer accords with Islamic law, and that it is being made by members of the Islamist movement who do not represent any particular faction. Their goal is to mediate between the Islamist movement and the Muslims, in general, and the West; they do not represent the Islamist movement or the mujahideen, but rather make their offer in principle to negotiate an agreement. Muhammad Al-Zawahiri insists that he has no ulterior motive, nor is he making the offer out of weakness. He merely wishes to ensure the victory of the Islamist movement – not its capitulation. The Sheikh describes Western hostility toward the Muslims, and its attempts to prevent them from establishing a "Muslim state" ruled by Islamic law [shari'a]. The Muslims are willing to sacrifice their lives for such a state and have already worked toward it; this is merely "the simplest preamble"; the matter will only continue to gain speed. It is not only Al-Qaeda or any specific group that wants this; rather, this is an idea that has spread in the Islamist movement and among Muslims. Harming the movement or any one faction thereof will not end this aspiration, but only fan it. Who knows from whence will come the next blows, or who will strike them?

⁶² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

Although, tens, hundreds, even thousands of attempts have yet to succeed, one *will* succeed – especially given the “attempts to hold weapons of mass destruction and the increase in violence and counter-violence” – and bring about the ruination of Western culture. The only way to gain control of this situation is for the Islamist movement to get involved, make a commitment to implementing Islamic law, and see it through to fruition. This commitment will be binding [on all Muslims]. Muhammad Al-Zawahiri states that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Even before September 11, 2001, he reminds his reader, he proffered the idea of a Western-Islamist “contract” which, had it been signed at that time, when conditions were more advantageous, could have quieted the tensions between Islamists and the US, Saudi Arabia and Egypt. But in the end, innovations [bid’ah], and a spurious and arrogant approach, led to the events that took place. Muhammad Al-Zawahiri suggests establishing a truce or ceasefire, or drawing up a contract, in which the West and the US will exit Muslim lands, cease their war against the Islamist movement, desist from interfering in areas where Muslims live, avoid assisting rulers and regimes in those areas, and let the Muslims practice their religion and establish their state, while redressing the injustices created by the West and the US. In exchange, the Muslims will agree to cease fighting the US and the West and will not interfere in their affairs as long as the contract is valid and binding. Al-Zawahiri suggests negotiating a ten-year ceasefire, renewable, that will lead to the immediate cessation of US and Western interference in Muslim lands and the withdrawal of all of their forces, for example from Iraq, Afghanistan and the Gulf. The West must cease its support of regimes that fight the Muslims and oppose the “Muslim state”. It must allow the implementation of Islamic law and the establishment of a Muslim state – at least in those territories where there is an Islamist movement. The West must enable the Islamist movement to express itself. The US must cease denigrating Islam. Both sides must release all prisoners, detainees and hostages, and cease hunting down people. The West must cease the war against Islam that it is fighting on the pretext of a war against terror. In exchange, the Islamist movement will stop fighting the West and the US and will cease its activities in the West, including harm to persons and property. Moreover, the Islamist movement will protect Western and US citizens and property in the territories of the Muslim state, where Islamic law

is implemented. It will not provoke the West or interfere in its affairs; the other side will respond in kind. The Islamist movement will be free to implement Islamic law in the territories it governs, and the West may not try to stop or interfere with this or impose its philosophy. Western democracy is unacceptable. In the Muslim state, Islamic law will govern foreign policy, commerce, and internal affairs; in effect, the Islamist movement will establish caliphates, each headed by a caliph. Countries not allied with the West or with the Muslim state will be treated as that state sees fit: peace, alliance, contract, boycott, jihad. The West will be prohibited from intervening or assisting said countries. Countries that wish to enter an alliance with either of the parties to the agreement may do so only on the agreement of both parties. In conclusion, Al-Zawahiri proposes establishing a small mediation committee, whose members will be approved by the Islamist movement. He also recommends consultation within the Islamist movement, and the establishment of an advisory panel.⁶³



Muhammad Al-Zawahiri solves the problems of the Islamists and the West

- On September 29, 2012, a new Salafi-jihadist group was established in Egypt. The group, which calls itself Jihadist Islamic Da'wa [Proeslytizing], is headed by **Muhammad Al-Zawahiri**, the brother of Al-Qaeda leader Ayman Al-Zawahiri, and himself a senior Salafi-jihadist. The announcement of the group's establishment – titled, "Henceforth All Injustice Will End; [We Say] No

⁶³ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

to the Recurrence of the Deeds of State Security Forces” – states that supporters of Islam see no difference between the state security forces of the previous regime, which committed serious criminal infractions, and the current national security forces; they have merely changed their name, not their behavior. Those who serve in them were taught to behave unjustly and to spill the blood of innocents. It does not matter that the new president has a Muslim background. His forces [continue to] break the law and refuse to release Salafi-jihadist prisoners. They have even sentenced 14 Islamists to death on false accusations, while acquitting the criminal members of the previous regime. Jihadist Islamic Da’wa later states that it is not responsible for the attack in Rafah in August 2012, in which 16 Egyptian soldiers were killed; in fact, no Salafi-jihadist faction is responsible. Jihadist Islamic Da’wa insists that it is not an organization, it has no ties to any organization in or outside of Egypt, and is not a member of any [larger] organization. Simply, it believes in da’wa [missionary work], and provides a framework for Sunnis. It cares about Muslims in and outside of Egypt. At present, despite claims to the contrary in the media, the Salafi-jihadist movement in Egypt has no official spokesman, but Jihadist Islamic Da’wa promises to publish name a propaganda committee and a spokesman soon.⁶⁴

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Faroq called Muslims in Egypt to a rally on September 29, 2012 protesting arrests by Egyptian security forces and government oppression, calling for the release of prisoners who have been incarcerated since Mubarak’s days.⁶⁵



Al-Faroq’s banner announcing a rally on September 29, 2012

- The jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam published an audio statement documenting an online encounter with Sheikh Ahmad Ashush, a senior Egyptian Salafi-jihadist, in the Minbar Al-Ansar Room of the Paltalk chat

⁶⁴ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁶⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

program on September 24, 2012. During the online encounter, the sheikh answered guests' questions, for example, about how to choose an imam according to Islamic law.⁶⁶ Also during the online encounter, the sheikh accused Yasser Al-Barhami, a prominent Egyptian Salafist who heads a da'wa [proselytizing] group and the recently-established Al-Nour Party, of treason and slander for accusing the Salafi-jihadist movement in the Sinai Peninsula of responsibility for killing seven Egyptian soldiers in Rafah.⁶⁷

- An announcement was made that a virtual seminar would be offered, in which Dr. Tariq Abd Al-Halim and Dr. Hani Al-Sibai would lecture on "The Unity of God and Its Implementations in the Modern Age", and "The Principle of Loyalty to Allah and the Rejection of Heresy, and Its Connection to Faith", respectively. The two-hour seminar was to take place on September 29, 2012 using Skype. It was sponsored by "Sunnis to Save Egypt", a group headed by Abd Al-Halim with the assistance of Al-Sibai, which was established in January 2011. Participants can register for the seminar by sending their personal details to blackwindows8@yahoo.co.uk or m.baraatislam@yahoo.com; they can pay for the seminar using PayPal via the group's Web site (www.tayarsunni.com), or through the group's account with the Arab-African Bank in Al-Jizah. The payment is meant as a token contribution only, as the two sheikhs will not be paid for lecturing.⁶⁸

Somalia

- During the latter half of September 2012, the jihadist media outlet Al-Kitaab, which functions under the auspices of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, published the following:
 - A video clip titled, "They Are the Enemy, So Warn Them – Part II".⁶⁹

⁶⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁶⁷ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/> (Arabic).

⁶⁸ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁶⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



A video clip promulgated by the media outlet of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen

- An announcement taking responsibility for a series of terrorist attacks, including a suicide attack at the Al-Jazeera Hotel near the airport in Mogadishu. Tens of senior Somali government officials were killed in the attack, and the hotel was decimated.⁷⁰
- On September 28, 2012, AMISOM and Kenyan Army forces entered the port of Kismayo south of the Somali capital Mogadishu, in an attempt to rout the mujahideen of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, which is affiliated with Al-Qaeda. According to a Kenyan Army spokesperson, Kenyan and Somali government forces entered Kismayo from the north, the south, and the sea. Kismayo had been particularly important to Al-Shabab, which lost control of most of Mogadishu last year; the group had been using Kismayo as a base for collecting taxes from smuggling and illegal commerce in coal. **Muslim Youth Center**, an Islamist movement in Kenya that has close ties with Somalia's Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, condemned the incursion of Kenyan and AMISOM forces into Kismayo, a port city that is considered a stronghold of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen. Muslim Youth Center warned the forces not to kill innocent Muslims in Kismayo in an attempt at "religious cleansing". Muslim Youth Center further declared that it was preparing for any and all eventualities in Kismayo, and planned to help Al-

⁷⁰ <http://www.alfidaa.com/vb> (Arabic).

Shabab Al-Mujahideen restore [Muslim] honor and raise the banner of the unity of God in Kenya and East Africa. Muslim Youth Center is motivated by the Muslim identity of its members, and bound by its oath of loyalty to Sheikh Abu Al-Zubayr, the emir of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen. Muslim Youth Center called on Muslims in Kenya and mujahideen in Tanzania to prepare for conflict with the infidels who had invaded Kismayo, if the latter attack the Muslims there.⁷¹



The port of Kismayo, a stronghold of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen

The Caucasus

- The Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus published a summary of its activities during the Muslim month of Shawwal (equivalent to the period from August 19-September 17, 2012). According to the summary, tens of actions were carried out, and scores of people were assassinated, abducted or wounded thanks to the mujahideen, who also sustained some losses.⁷²

The West

- The European Court of Human Rights authorized Britain to immediately extradite Abu Hamza Al-Masri, a Muslim preacher, and four additional men to the US to stand trial for terrorist offenses.⁷³ Abu Hamza Al-Masri, a former imam at a mosque in north London, stands accused of establishing a training

⁷¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁷² <http://hanin.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁷³ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il> (Arabic).

camp for jihadists in Oregon, sending money to the Taliban and to Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, and helping to abduct Western tourists in Yemen in 1998.

Members of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam expressed rage at the slated extradition, and called Muslims to attack Britain's consulates and embassies in the Muslim world and elsewhere. They also urged a boycott of British products (e.g., foodstuffs, electronic devices). One contributor claimed this was insufficient, and called for an attack on the US Embassy in Cairo.⁷⁴



Jihadists call for a boycott of British products following the extradition of Sheikh Abu Hamza Al-Masri

Women and Jihad

- A women's propaganda group named "The Descendants of Aisha", which is active on the jihadist Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen, published a downloadable anthology titled, "Your Guide to Paradise", dedicated to the mujahideen in the Islamic Emirate of Azawad.⁷⁵

⁷⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁷⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



The jihadist woman's guide to paradise, available on the Ansar Al-Mujahideen Web site

- A Muslim woman named Maryam Al-Sayari appealed to the member of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam who is in charge of planning and organizing the forum's virtual propaganda workshops to devote one such workshop to the liberation from a Saudi Arabian prison of Umm Dawud Al-Sayari. Together with her three daughters, Umm Dawud was arrested by the Saudi authorities when they re-entered the Kingdom from Yemen on September 19, 2012. The "propagandist" assented to the Maryam's request, and asked the forum's members to join this propaganda effort.⁷⁶ About one week after the publication of this thread, he wrote that Umm Dawud Al-Sayari and her daughters had been released from prison "...thanks to an extensive propaganda campaign on the Shumukh Al-Islam Network, in which your brothers published information about these sisters, and urged the Sayar and Sharurah Tribes [of Najran in southern Saudi Arabia, near the Yemen border - trans.] to intercede and mitigate for the release of their clan member and her daughters...and after Sister Maryam Al-Sayari appealed to all supporters of the mujahideen to join the propaganda campaign and help [Umm Dawud]...."⁷⁷

⁷⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁷⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).



Left: We ask Ansar Al-Sharia in Yemen to kill the Saudi consul if sister Umm Dawud Al-Sayari and her daughters are not released. Right: Who will help our sister Umm Dawud Al-Sayari?!

Salafi-jihadist Responses to the Movie "Innocence of Muslims"

- The uploading to YouTube of an American anti-Muslim film, titled "Innocence of Muslims", incited extensive anti-American and anti-Western protests throughout the Muslim world, beginning on September 11, 2012. This incident continued to cause a stir within the Salafi-jihadist movement and on jihadist Web forums, as follows:⁷⁸
 - The jihadist media outlet Al-Malahem, which functions under the auspices of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published an audio statement titled, "Who Is for (Fighting) America? For It Has Offended Allah and His Messenger". The statement, which was originally disseminated by the media outlet Al-Fajr, features AQAP member Sheikh Harith bin Ghazi Al-Nadhari. Al-Nadhari called dishonoring the Prophet an "unforgivable sin", and non-negotiable. The only suitable response to disgrace of the Prophet, he said, is bloodshed. Speeches, announcements, boycotts, requests for an apology, and legislation do not defend the Prophet's honor, but rather only increase the infidels' tyranny. The only revenge is a fight to the death. Al-Nadhari praised the Muslims in Libya who avenged the Prophet by assassinating the American ambassador. He urged others to imitate their acts, and not be ineffectual.⁷⁹

⁷⁸ For further information on key responses to the film, see <http://www.ict.org.il/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=4jDaFRuOD3g%3d&tabid=320>.

⁷⁹ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).



Sheikh Harith bin Ghazi Al-Nadhari calls for vengeance

- Sheikh Tawfiq Al-Afni, a Salafi-jihadist sheikh in Port Said, Egypt, published a fatwa [religious-legal ruling] permitting the murder of anyone who disrespects the Prophet Muhammad in the US, be he Muslim, Jew, Christian or infidel. In an interview with the daily *Al-Watan*, Al-Afni demanded that Egypt expel the American ambassador. He also demanded that President Morsi not accept an invitation to visit the US, which had defamed the Prophet, but rather sever ties with it.⁸⁰

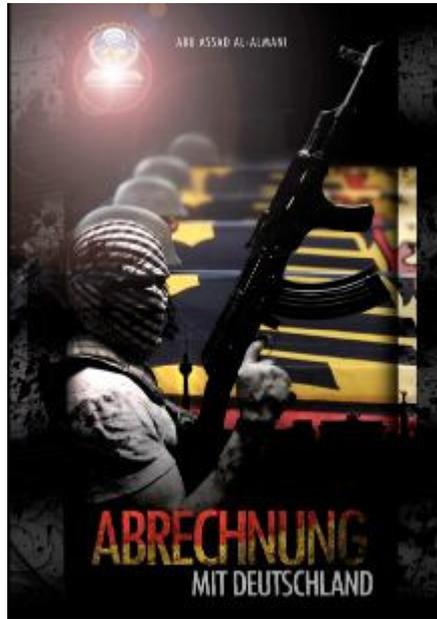


Sheikh Tawfiq Al-Afni

- On September 23, 2012, the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published an article in German titled, "A Reckoning with Germany", by the mujahid Abu Assad Al-Almani. Al-Almani asked Muslims in Germany to avenge the insults hurled at the Prophet Muhammad by the American anti-Muslim film, and other insults.⁸¹

⁸⁰ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/> (Arabic).

⁸¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



Settling the score with Germany

- A supervisor of the jihadist Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen, who calls himself Gharib, opened a virtual workshop titled, "Where Are Those Who Will Say We Swear Loyalty to You, O Messenger of Allah?". As part of the workshop, forum visitors are asked to disseminate banners and photographs in praise of the Prophet Muhammad.⁸²



Banners calling for revenge against the US for defaming the Prophet

- A visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein launched an "initiative" for "serious members of Hanein only", whose goal is to defend the Prophet Muhammad. One Web surfer apologized for not joining the "initiative".

⁸² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).

The first contributor insisted that apologies from able-bodied Muslims were unacceptable. He upbraided forum visitors for their poor response to his "initiative". Hanein's supervisor asked him to explain what the "initiative" entailed, adding that he had written him at his personal email address to this effect. True defense of the Prophet Muhammad, he added, means learning about, loving, and emulating him. Anyone who lashes out at the Prophet will get his just desserts, come what may. As of this writing, this thread had not developed further on the forum's open channels.⁸³

Miscellaneous

- The jihadist media outlet Al-Fajr established a "technical committee", which would be responsible for answering technical questions on the forums Shumukh Al-Islam and Al-Fida. For example, the committee will explain how to use certain programs and construct encoding programs. Its activities will strike fear into the hearts of the enemy. The committee will publish its contact information at a later date.⁸⁴



A new technical committee for prominent forums Shumukh Al-Islam and Al-Fida

- The jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam renewed the activities of its "Council Center for Islamic Thought" after an absence of some 20 months, due to various difficulties.⁸⁵ The first topic tackled by the Center was how to reinforce ties between the Muslim Nation and its mujahideen.⁸⁶

⁸³ <http://hanein.infor/vb> (Arabic).

⁸⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

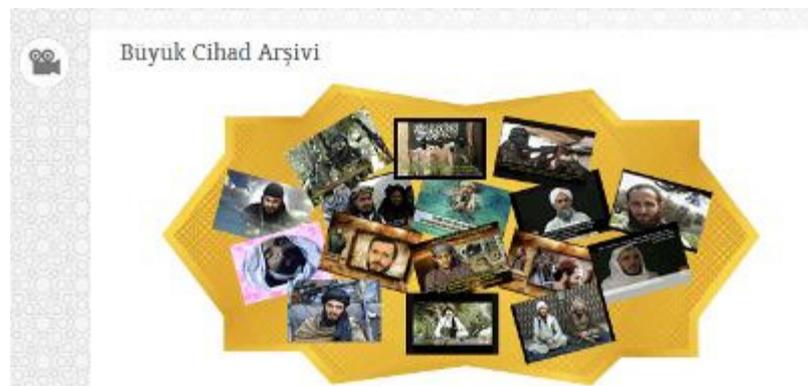
⁸⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁸⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).



The logo of the Council Center for Islamic Thought

- The cultural committee of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam launched the "First Jihadist Competition", and asked contributors to submit stories on the topic of jihad.⁸⁷
- The jihadist Web forum Jihadmin declared the launching of an online archive of jihadist video clips in Turkish, which it claimed is the largest extant.⁸⁸



The logo of a new Turkish archive of jihadist video clips

- A supervisor of the jihadist Web forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen who calls himself Abu Al-Khatib published a downloadable online anthology of lectures titled, "Help for Shari'a [Islamic Law]" by Dr. Eyad Qunaibi,⁸⁹ a Jordanian Salafi-jihadist. In October 2010, Qunaibi was arrested by Jordanian security forces on suspicion of abetting terrorism; he was sentenced to two and a half years in prison. In early 2012, Qunaibi was acquitted and released. Since then, his publications occasionally appear on jihadist Web forums.

⁸⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁸⁸ <http://jihadmin.com/tr/video/afghanistan-video/buyuk-cihad-arsivi.html> (Turkish).

⁸⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb> (Arabic).



Jordanian Salafi-jihadist Eyad Qunaibi

- A member of the jihadist Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam drew Web surfers' attention to French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy's ties to Israeli and Zionist leaders. He posted photographs of Lévy with Israeli leaders such as Minister of Defense Ehud Barak. Given this, the member wondered how Lévy could move about unmolested among Libyan rebels, Egyptian demonstrators, and Arab leaders.⁹⁰



French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy with Libyan Prime Minister Mahmoud Jibril

- A new jihadist Web forum named Shabakada Islaamiga Gurmad [Islamic Gurmad Network] has been launched. The stated goal of the forum, which is in Swahili, is to defend Islamic law and the honor of the mujahideen, and promote jihad. *Gurmad*, in Swahili, means "assistance", "reinforcement". The forum announced that it is open to anyone who wishes to defend Islam and

⁹⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb> (Arabic).

the Muslims, whether he is an Arab or not. The forum's url:
<http://www.gurmad.info/>.⁹¹



The logo of a new jihadist Web forum in Swahili

- A visitor to the jihadist Web forum Hanein wrote that he had received an offer from another Web surfer to correspond with members of other forums with accounts on LiveLeak, Facebook, Google, Metacafe, Hulu, Dailymotion, Vimeo and YouTube – especially if the latter are in Europe, the US or Australia, and know foreign languages. The aim of this correspondence is to disseminate visual and other publications about the Prophet Muhammad and Islam. The contributor further related that a sheikh had told him that, in Mecca, he had met two Americans who had converted to Islam, after being drawn to it by curiosity. The Web surfer cited the publications for dissemination, and listed the urls of the file-sharing sites and YouTube.⁹²

Facebook

- On September 18, 2012, the owners of the Facebook page Qadaya Al-Ummah [Problems of the Muslim Nation] declared that they were reviving the page after their account had been closed for the fourth time, due to the interference of Western intelligence services.⁹³ A recent examination of the group's Facebook account reveals that the page was again closed down in early October 2012.

Twitter

- On September 19, 2012, a new Twitter feed called ShahadaNews was launched by the jihadist media outlet Shahada, which reviews news from the Horn of Africa, and particularly from Somalia.⁹⁴

⁹¹ <http://aljahad.com/vb> (Arabic).

⁹² <http://hanein.info/vb> (Arabic).

⁹³ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/>; <https://www.facebook.com/kadaayalumma> (both in Arabic).

⁹⁴ <https://twitter.com/shahadanews> (Arabic).



A new Twitter feed bearing news from the Horn of Africa