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This report summarizes the most important issues raised in the Jihadi online forums in the second half of July 2010, including:

- Ayman Al-Zawahiri and Abu Yahya Al-Libi eulogize Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid.
- The Jihadi forums publish multiple instruction manuals on the production of weapons, methods of defense, and the protection of security mechanisms.
- The Jihadi forums praise the Shahids in the various theaters of Jihad.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula increases its activity against the Yemeni government forces.
- A veiled threat made against France by the Amir of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb.
- The Amir of "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" threatens that the terrorist attacks will continue.

New publications

Ideology

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published an audio recording by Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri titled "Jerusalem will never become Jewish". In the tape Al-Zawahiri criticizes the Arab leaders, whom he calls "allies of the West". He says that they, more than Israel, are hurting the Palestinians. Furthermore, he mocks U.S. President Barack Obama following the violent battles in Afghanistan. In the tape, Al-Zawahiri says: "The Arab Zionists with whom we live and exchange smiles, meetings and pleasantries, are more dangerous to us than the Zionist Jews". He addresses the Palestinians saying: "Israel and its allies, the Arab rulers, are pushing you towards two options: surrender or siege. But the only solution is in breaking the shackles besieging Jihad in Palestine." Al-Zawahiri also attacks the Arab peace initiative, the siege on the Gaza Strip, and the Egyptian leadership for its treatment of the situation in Gaza. As for the situation in Afghanistan, Al-Zawahiri states that victory is near, and mocks Obama and his promises of stability in the Afghan region.¹



- The supervisor of the "Ansar Dawlat Al-Iraq Al-Islamiyyah" Jihadi forum published a documentary titled "The Immigrants and Supporters: from Minneapolis to Mogadishu".²

¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=373308>

² <http://www.ansar-dawlat-aliraq-alislamiyah.net/vb/showthread.php?t=3913>



- A video containing an interview with one of the leaders of the Mujahideen in the Philippines.³



- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in Arabic published a 15-page booklet by Sheikh Abu Said Al-Muhajir, titled "A message to the nation's religious clerics regarding the reality of the struggle between the Salafi movement and Hamas".⁴
- "Mogadishu: The Crusaders Graveyard" – a visual publication of the "Al-Kataib" news channel, which belongs to the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement.⁵ The "Al-Kataib" news channel was launched only recently. For further details, see later on in this report.

³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=65285>

⁴ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23871>

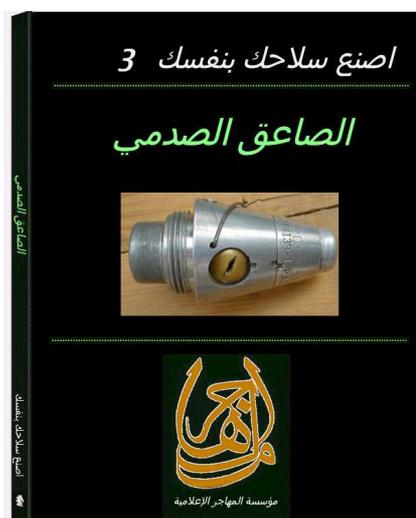
⁵ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127636>

Guidance books and manuals

- The "Al-Fajr" institute published the third episode of the "Industry of Terrorism" program by Abdullah Al-Adm, this time on the subject of "The main principles of security".⁶



- The "Al-Muhajir" Jihadi media institute published the third booklet in the series "Assemble your weapon by yourself". The booklet is dedicated to the assembly of detonators (13 pages).⁷



- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, calling himself El-Barq, posted a group of videos which included instruction courses for all types of combat, which had previously been published by the Russian Army. They

⁶ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127852>. See also: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 4-5.

⁷ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22753>. See also: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_1.pdf, page 6.

are grouped under the title of "A comprehensive military physical instruction course".⁸ The same surfer uploaded a scanned book on the forum titled "The Vietnamese Military Experience" (372 pages long), which discusses the factors which helped the Vietnamese to overcome the forces of the US army. It seems that the surfer is suggesting a book to help the Mujahideen to formulate insight into the manner in which fighting against American forces should be conducted, and how to identify their weaknesses.⁹



Promoting the myth of the shahid

- The "Al-Malahim" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece for Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published a video titled "And He shall take Shahids from you". The video is dedicated to the memory of five Shahids who were members of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, and were killed in Yemen on September 25th 2009 as a result of a work accident while preparing explosives. According to the video, four of the five shahids were Saudi: Muhammad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Rashid, Fahd Salih Al-Jutayli, Sultan Radi Al-

⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=65199>

⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=65609>

Utaybi and Yusuf Hadyan Al-Hadyan, and the fifth was from Yemen: Ahmad Yusuf Al-Waqidi. It should be noted that two of the shahids mentioned above took part in the abduction and murder of Bassam Al-Sharjabi, head of the Interrogation Department in Ma'rib District in Yemen. Al-Waqidi took part in a 2008 terrorist attack against the American embassy in Sana'a.¹⁰

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "The invasion of two Sheikhs: Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi... and Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir".¹¹ The video focuses on a terrorist attack carried out by four terrorists of four different nationalities: Luqman Al-Makki (from the Arabian Peninsula), Na'im Allah Al-Suwati (from Pakistan), Mus'ab Al-Turki (from Turkey) and Musa Al-Afghani (from Afghanistan). The attack was against the military base in Urgun County in Paktika Province near the Pakistani-Afghan border, where American and Afghan soldiers resided. The attack probably occurred on May 21st 2010. The video describes the planning and execution of the attack at length, starting with the gathering of intelligence in the field, including for example, photographs of the main buildings. This is followed by the mode of execution of the attack. The terrorist attack itself was dedicated to the memory of the Amir of "The Islamic State of Iraq", Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi and his Minister of War, Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir.

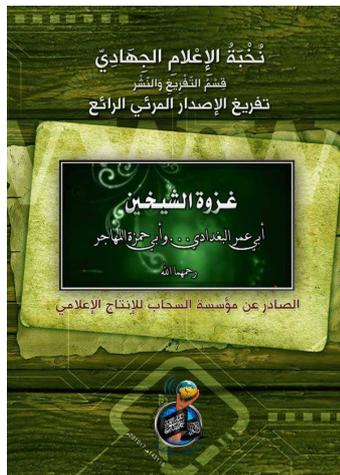
In addition, the video states that the suicide attack was also carried out in retaliation for the killing of innocent Muslims who were shot by American unmanned aerial vehicles in the Swat region on the Pakistan-Afghan border.

It should be noted that each one of the four terrorists who participated in the attack praises Jihad and the importance of fulfilling this commandment. The video also praises the recent Islamic awakening within the Turkish people,

¹⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=65457>

¹¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22952>

which has been demonstrated by the numbers of them joining the Jihad campaign in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published an "inspirational" workshop titled "The leaders are dying a martyr's death and Jihad goes on and the state of Islam shall remain". The video is a tribute to some of the Salafi-Jihadi movement leaders killed during the fighting, such as Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir, and others.¹²

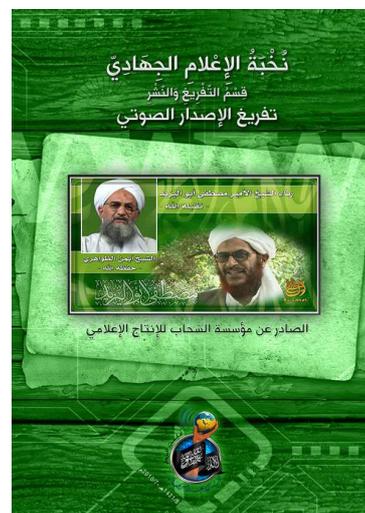


¹² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=375737>

- The "Al-Fajr" Center, in collaboration with the "Al-Himmah" library of The Islamic State of Iraq group, published a book by the former religious leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Hassan Al-Filastini. Al-Filastini died in a suicide attack he carried out in Iraq. The book, written before he immigrated to Iraq, is about the legitimacy of suicide attacks.¹³
- The "Al-Masada" Jihadi media institute published an 11-page booklet titled "And Heaven Is For You", by Sheikh Abu Sa'ad Al-Amili – a previously unknown Salafi-Jihadi sheikh. The booklet refers to several situations allowing the believer to reach heaven after he dies, such as prolonged imprisonment, as well as preparation for going on Jihad, and more.¹⁴

Ongoing events

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "A Eulogy for Sheikh Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid" by Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri. As well as eulogizing Al-Yazid, Al-Zawahiri refers to other issues. He promises an upcoming victory over the Coalition Forces in Iraq, threatens future terrorist attacks against the United States and the West, urges the Turks to renew the role of the Ottoman Empire in defending the Muslim nation (as was seen by the outcome of the Gaza Flotilla), condemns the banning of the "Niqab" in France, and more.¹⁵



¹³ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127346>

¹⁴ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22969>

¹⁵ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23085>

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "A Eulogy for Sheikh Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid" by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi. Al-Libi praises the efforts of the Mujahideen in the various Jihad arenas against the enemies of Islam (including the West and their collaborators) and at same time emphasizes the highest virtues inherent in the commandment of Jihad. According to him, the Mujahideen are obliged to continue on the path of Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid against the enemies of Islam, that is, a war of Jihad. In addition, he calls on all the Mujahideen in all of the theaters of Jihad such as Somalia, Iraq and Chechnya etc, to launch a campaign to avenge the death of Abu Al-Yazid.¹⁶
- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece for Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, published a film titled "The Invasion of Al-Mansura", as part of the series "In the Shadow of the Swords". The film shows an Algerian Army vehicle being taken over and its occupants killed in an attack carried out by fighters from Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. The late publication of the video was due to the loss of the original copies during an ambush by the Algerian government forces, in which several Mujahideen were killed and the individual transporting the film was captured. The video clip states that there are many other videos documenting the activities of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb which were also lost. The clip criticizes the "false reports" spread by the Algerian media about the success of Algeria's intelligence services in infiltrating the "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, and in capturing the organization's propaganda material. As well as documenting the terrorist attack, the video also raises awareness of the massacre carried out by the Libyan authorities against the inmates in "Abu-Salim" prison in 1996, when

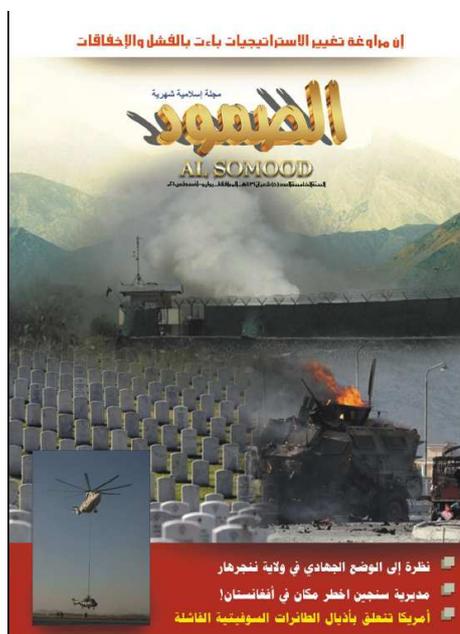
¹⁶ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23268>

around 1,200 prisoners were killed. This is done as part of a strategy to delegitimize the Libyan government.¹⁷



Magazines

- The publication of a new issue of the "Al-Somood" Jihadi magazine, the mouthpiece of the Taliban movement.¹⁸



- A new 26-page long issue (no. 21) of the "Al-Waqi'" Jihadi magazine gave the reader a collection of news reports regarding the various Jihad theaters, and

¹⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=65610>

¹⁸ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=24546>

the news at the top of the international agenda. For example, the current issue reports on the execution of a French engineer by Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, Ayman Al-Zawahiri's criticism of Arab governments, the terrorist attack in Uganda carried out by "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen", and more.¹⁹

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum posted a teaser for a new bi-monthly magazine in English, "The Warrior". The magazine will examine the art of warfare and the use of improvised weapons in Jihad on the battlefield and in the homeland of the enemy.²⁰

Reports from the field

Afghanistan – Pakistan

- The "At-Tahadi" Jihadi forum published the photographs of three American soldiers who disappeared in Kabul in July 2010. The U.S. Army published an announcement offering a US\$20,000 reward for any information on their fate.²¹



¹⁹ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=25518>

²⁰ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=24529>

²¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22977>,
<http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=24552>

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum published a statement by the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan which rallied against the attempt by U.S. forces to set up local militias.²²

Iraq

- An announcement by the propaganda office of the "Islamic State of Iraq", claiming responsibility for the terrorist attack against the "Al-Arabiya" network offices in Baghdad.²³
- The "Jama'at Ansar Al-Islam" organization announced the death of the Shura Council member, Mam Sayyid Abu Asmma, who had gone on "a special military mission" in Mosul, Iraq.²⁴

The Arabian Peninsula

- The "Al-Malahim" institute published Sheikh Gharib Al-Taazi Muhammad Saeed Al-Umda's response to the recent events in Aden and Ma'rib. Al-Umda, whom some have called the organization's spokesperson in the Arabian Peninsula,²⁵ claims responsibility for the terrorist attack against the Political Security headquarters in Aden on June 19th.²⁶ He called on the Muslims in Yemen to bring down the government in the country "and to join hands with the Mujahideen to instill Allah's rule, restore the rights, remove the injustices and bring about the establishment of a Caliphate and Shura country".²⁷

²² <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=24590>

²³ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127510>

²⁴ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127783>

²⁵ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8C43F90E-6396-4D97-85C9-7608FB517757.htm>

²⁶ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 8-9.

²⁷ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127562>

killed.²⁹ It should be noted that three months ago Al-Qaeda activists attempted to assassinate the British ambassador in Yemen.³⁰

The Maghreb

- An audio announcement by the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb revealed that prior to the execution of French national Michel Germaneau, negotiations had taken place with the French government for his release. This refutes the denials of French leaders of such a negotiation. According to him, the execution of the kidnapped man was in revenge for the military operation in Mali in which six Mujahideen were killed in an attempt to release him. He stated that "the failing and ignoble French military operation ordered by the French president opened the gates of hell for him and for the French people."³¹ It is possible that these words constitute a threat to carry out terrorist attacks in France, or against French targets around the world.
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb published an announcement titled "The Invasion of the Shahid: Yahya Abu Al-Haytham". In the announcement the organization claims responsibility for the suicide attack at a military base carried out by one of its members, Sa'ad Abu Al-Dahdah, involving a truck loaded with 600kgs of explosives. Thirty six "collaborators" were killed or injured as a result of the explosion. The terrorist attack was carried out in retaliation for the death of one of the leaders of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, Abu Yahya, after whom the attack was named.³²

²⁹ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=3201>

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http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_May_2010_No_2.pdf, page 12.

³¹ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127781>

³² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23126>

- A surfer identifying himself as Ubada bin Samit, calls on surfers to unite as a team and translate the statements of the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb into French, and to publish articles that will embarrass the Sarkozy government and inflame the French street.³³ It should be noted that a man named Ubada bin Samit was the one who published threats of terrorist attacks at the recent World Cup games in South Africa.

In response to the operation in Mali, surfers threaten to carry out terrorist attacks in France.³⁴ Another surfer called on the Mujahideen in the Maghreb to attack Parisian figures, including the Mayor of Paris. He also gives details of famous sites in Paris that should be attacked such as Notre Dame, the Bastille, museums, airports and more.³⁵
- A call to Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb to use the kidnapped Spanish citizens as bargaining chips with the Spanish government to obtain details about Abu Musab Al-Suri, who has Spanish citizenship. The surfer also suggests entering into covert negotiations with the Spanish government on the matter.³⁶
- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute published a report (27 pages long) summarizing the activities of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. For example, it reports attempted attacks against Mauritanian and French security forces.³⁷
- Al-Jazeera in English published an extensive article on Al-Qaeda in the Sahel (AQIM). The article focuses on the causes of the militarization of Africa and the rise of Al-Qaeda in the region. The U.S. is blamed for inciting terrorism for the purpose of excusing its military presence there.³⁸

³³ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127041>

³⁴ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127103>

³⁵ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127364>

³⁶ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127767>

³⁷ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23297>

³⁸ <http://english.aljazeera.net/focus/2010/07/201071994556568918.html>

Africa

- The publication of a message regarding the explosions in Kampala, Uganda³⁹ written on behalf of the Amir of the "Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, Mukhtar Abu Zubayeer: "What happened in Kampala is only the beginning". He emphasizes that the terrorist attack was in retaliation to "the bloody massacres" carried out by the Ethiopians and Americans against the "helpless" people of Mogadishu.⁴⁰
- A surfer questions how one can reach Somalia to join the Jihad fighters. He asks whether the only way is by using a weekly flight from Jeddah or Dubai in a very old airplane. Some suggest arriving via the sea from Yemen, others via land from Sudan, or through the southern borders of Somalia controlled by the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen". Another surfer complains about the publicizing of these routes used by Jihad supporters, as the forum is under the surveillance of foreign intelligence forces.⁴¹
- Reports on the renewal of the conflict in Nigeria between Muslims and Christians in the center and north of the country, including casualty figures.⁴²
- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement announced the establishment of the "Al-Kataib" news channel. Its purpose, according to the movement, is to bring the undistorted truth to the public about the activities of the Mujahideen.⁴³ The channel's broadcasts are from the ground and not via satellite, (i.e.) via broadcasting antennas.⁴⁴

³⁹ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, page 11.

⁴⁰ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=126213>

⁴¹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=126722>

⁴² <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=126072>

⁴³ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127181>

⁴⁴ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127186&page=2>

The West and the rest of the world

- A surfer raises the possibility of a "dirty bomb" on Wall Street to hurt the American economy, following the recent threats by Adam Gadahn.⁴⁵ Others believe that it is better to hurt the "infidels" rather than the offices or the street representing the American economy. They suggest improved organization in the Arabian Peninsula to eliminate princes, and to attack oil wells using simple rockets.⁴⁶
- In response to the intention of a church in the United States to burn copies of the Quran on September 11th, one of the surfers threatens to carry out retaliation attacks "for every letter harmed in the Quran" if this initiative is indeed implemented. Other surfers also join the threats and call on "Al-Awlaqi's students" to act. Another surfer expresses his confidence that "one of the Muslims in the State of Florida has already read the "Inspire" magazine [a new magazine in English published by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula] and has implemented what it said on the dastardly church..."⁴⁷
- The "Al-Faloja" forum posted a message to America and its citizens around the world, from an Islamic soldier who declares that the Islamic nations will not accept shame and humiliation.⁴⁸ The author further explains that their motivation derives from honor, dignity, revenge, and the word of the Quran and God. The statement also acts as a warning that the current feeling of safety whilst traveling by air is false, mentioning 9/11 and the Christmas Day bombing attempt. Another threat was aimed at U.S. naval forces traversing the Suez Canal and the Strait of Bab El-Mandeb, disclosing the security

⁴⁵ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 2-3.

⁴⁶ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=125882>

⁴⁷ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127520>

⁴⁸ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=125791>

precautions taken by the local governments of Egypt and Yemen [some details were not published in the mainstream media]. A threat was also made against civilians in retaliation to the killing of Muslim civilians by western forces. The author mentions the Mujahideen bases of operation in Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia, Caucasus, the Islamic Maghreb, and Jerusalem. The statement ends with a call to arms and a call to remember the women of Jihad.

- The Amir of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus, Dokka Umarov, officially declared the appointment of Aslanbek Vadalov (commander of the eastern front and member of the Sharia Council), as his deputy and heir.⁴⁹
- Following the heat wave in Russia and the fires it caused in the forests, surfers explain that it is permitted to light forest fires as a method of causing a wasting of resources, the wearing down of the security forces, and the killing of "infidels". They mention the words of Abu Musab Al-Suri in this regard, and hope that the Mujahideen in the Caucasus will exploit this.⁵⁰
- The forums discussed in detail the FBI's arrest of Abu Talhah Al-Amrikee as he was about to leave for Somalia. Abu Talhah, whose given name is Zachary Chesser, was behind the threats to the creators of the South Park television show.⁵¹ A link to the Anti-Defamation League website⁵² was posted on the "Islamic Awakening" forum, as the site has a detailed account of Abu Talhah's writings on several forums.

⁴⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22884>,

<http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=3756>

⁵⁰ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127001>. For more information on "forest Jihad" see: <http://www.ict.org.il/Articles/tabid/66/Articlsid/506/Default.aspx>

⁵¹ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/feds-arrest-man-behind-south-park-threats-37052/>

⁵² http://www.adl.org/main_Terrorism/abu_talhah.htm?Multi_page_sections=sHeading_2

- A member of the "Al-Faloja" forum posted a message to the Swedish and Norwegian governments saying "You Are Next".⁵³

General reports

- A surfer raises an issue for discussion: is there any point in attacking American naval forces and the vessels belonging to them and NATO? Can Al-Qaeda and its activists execute such an attack? Can marine militias be established similar to those of the Somali pirates? He also states that terrorist vessels are easily identified, and therefore suggests attacking marine targets using guided rockets fired from within Yemen. The surfers agree with the idea and one of them notes that there is an American ship in Djibouti serving as an intelligence center and departure point for unmanned aircrafts. He advises gathering intelligence on it and calls on Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to take this information into account.⁵⁴
- A surfer publishes a translation of instructions on the preparation of plastic explosives using potassium chlorate and petroleum jelly.⁵⁵
- A supervisor at the "Al-Faloja" forum publishes a mysterious message regarding another forum supervisor having been involved in a serious incident and being in a serious condition. He asks the surfers to pray for him.⁵⁶

Miscellaneous

- A surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forum calls on the Mujahideen in Chechnya to establish a media institute and publish a journal or magazine in Arabic every two months to discuss their issues. The surfer also call on them to closely

⁵³ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=126779>

⁵⁴ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127258>

⁵⁵ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=125950>

⁵⁶ <http://110.4.44.55/~alfaloja/vb/showthread.php?t=126470>

examine new recruits because of the many recent casualties due to betrayals from within, and to act against the Russian government and its military forces. Another surfer explains that there are no publications in Arabic as only a few know the language. He reveals that at most there are 15 Arab Mujahideen on the Chechen front. The first surfer answers and explains that the publications do not have to come from Chechnya, but could be produced by people in other places where there are no bombings and fighting, such as Algeria.⁵⁷

- Surfers complain of the scarcity of publications by the "Al-Furqan" institute following the death of Al-Muhajir and Al-Baghdadi.⁵⁸
- A surfer asked Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi about the threats made by one of the surfers, Ubada bin Samit, about an attack on the World Cup in South Africa.⁵⁹ In his question he mentions the fact that other surfers told Ubada that this was wrong because idle threats will only cause harm to the Mujahideen as they will damage their reputation and achieve the opposite result. But Ubada did not acquiesce to their demands, and some surfers even backed up his statements. Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi was asked whether there is benefit in the use of idle threats, and does the fact that the media quoted his statements constitute success and deter the infidels?

The sheikh himself answers the question: "Nobody should conduct himself in the abovementioned manner and speak for a certain Muslim organization or group on most important matters, before receiving authorization from the group." He also states that members of an organization are not allowed to

⁵⁷ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127435>

⁵⁸ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=125993>

⁵⁹ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf

behave that way and make declarations unless they have received the Amir's permission. According to him, those in charge of the Jihadi forums must prevent the publications of those speaking for the Mujahideen without permission or authority, especially as the organizations have authorized spokespeople and media centers.

Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi reiterates that the person speaking does not speak for the Al-Qaeda organization, and also stresses that there is no point in idle threats as they hurt the credibility of those behind them. The other surfers defend Ubada bin Samit and note that he did state that he is not a member of the organization. The original surfer persists; reminding them that Ubada bin Samit said that he is an Al-Qaeda supporter. Following this the other surfers criticize him and state: "Ubada did a great service to Jihad as an Al-Qaeda man. What did you do as an Al Qaeda supporter during the run up to the World Cup?". Others raise the possibility that Ubada bin Samit did indeed receive authorization, and that the threat was a method of misleading the 'enemies' to focus on South Africa, while the actual target was Uganda. These disputes led to the closing of the discussion by the supervisor of the "Al-Faloja" forum, warning the surfer who instigated it that they should not falsely accuse Ubada bin Samit.⁶⁰

⁶⁰ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?t=127481>