

## Periodical Review December 2010 – No. 2

This report summarizes the most prominent events discussed in the online Jihadi forums during the first half of December 2010. Following is a summary of the main issues raised in this report:

- The GIMF calls on all Muslims to donate funds for Jihadi propaganda.
- Strategic discussions took place on the importance of the waterways in the Indian Ocean and their essential role in achieving victories in the Jihad theaters of Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia and Indonesia.
- Jihadi forums publish the 55<sup>th</sup> issue of the Jihadi "Al-Somood" magazine.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) continues to operate against the Shiite population in Yemen.
- The Jihadi forums publish another call to forcefully return the lands of Ceuta and Melilla, currently under Spanish rule, to Islamic control.
- A senior surfer on Jihadi forums issues a call to Muslims in the West Bank to create Jihadi brigades and join the global Jihad.

## New publications

### *Ideology*

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video clip titled "Aafia Siddiqui... taken captive by force... but where are the heroes?" by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi.<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that in November 2010, Ayman Al-Zawahiri also published a video tape on the subject of Aafia Siddiqui. Siddiqui is a 38-year-old Pakistani scientist who has been sentenced to 80 years in prison in the United States after being convicted of attempting to assassinate Americans.<sup>2</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a new series titled "Organization and Administration in Islam". The series is made up of video clips. The first clip is an introduction by Sheikh Abu Talal Al-Qasimi.<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>2</sup> See:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Nov\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Nov_2010_No_2.pdf), page 2.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

**Al-Qasimi was of Egyptian origin and was member of the "Al-Jama'a Al-Islamiya" Shura Council. He was one of the most prominent preachers in the organization. Al-Qasimi was incarcerated in an Egyptian prison but managed to escape to Afghanistan to take part in the war against the Soviets. He later left for Europe and settled down in Denmark. At the onset of the war in Bosnia, Al-Qasimi tried to participate in the Jihad there, but was apprehended by the Croatian authorities and was extradited to Egypt, where he was executed.**

- The "Al-Nur" Jihadi media institute published an article titled "To the Qaidat Al-Jihad Heroes in Yemen". The article was written by Sheikh Abu Al-Muhtasab Al-Ghazawi, a Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi sheikh.<sup>4</sup> In the article, Al-Ghazawi praises the Mujahideen in Yemen for their work against "the enemies of Islam". At the same time, he makes several suggestions that may help them in battle to protect themselves from the enemy's "plots".
- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" (Jihadi Media Elite) published a booklet titled "The Gaza Missive: Questions regarding 'Takfir' and religious Policy". The 39-page booklet was written by Sheikh Abd Al-Aziz bin Shaker Al-Rafi'i.<sup>5</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an 11-page booklet titled "A worthwhile discussion, friendly advice and guidance on how to behave with the privileged and the commoners". The booklet was written by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili, a Salafi-Jihadi sheikh whose identity is unknown but who is very active in the field of Jihadi propaganda.<sup>6</sup> In the booklet, the author discusses the attitude one should have towards various Islamic groups, such

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

<sup>6</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb>

as the Muslim Brotherhood. He also explores the subject of "Takfir" and other religious issues.

- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a booklet titled "An exclusive interview with the sister Umm Abdullah<sup>7</sup> on the Salafi prisoners in Moroccan jails".<sup>8</sup>

In the interview, Umm Abdullah expresses her desire to raise awareness about the Salafi prisoners who are suffering and undergoing severe torture and humiliation in the Moroccan prisons. According to Abdullah, since the Casablanca terrorist attack on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003, the Moroccan authorities have imprisoned over 5,000 innocent Muslims on suspicion of some degree of involvement in terrorism. Abdullah explains that many Muslims are kidnapped from their homes and are sent to prison.

Umm Abdullah concludes the interview by beseeching the religious clerics in Morocco and in other countries not to forget the Moroccan prisoners and to help them, both in terms of morale and material aid.

- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an audio segment called "Al-Tawassul",<sup>9</sup> by Sheikh Muhammad Salim Walad Muhammad Al-Amin Al-Majlisi.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> She has been operating for a number of years defending Salafi prisoners in Morocco.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>9</sup> "Tawassul" is a religious practice in which a Muslim seeks nearness to Allah.

<sup>10</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb>

**Sheikh Muhammad Al-Amin was born in Nouakchott, Mauritania in 1976. He is the Mufti of the "Ansar Allah" Mauritanian organization – a Salafi-Jihadi organization that identifies with Al-Qaeda. In 2007, he was put on trial before a Mauritanian court after publishing a fatwa sanctioning the harming of French residents. The court sentenced him to prison, but in September of 2010, he received a pardon from the government.**

### *Strategy*

- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published an announcement titled "A message to those spending funds for Allah".<sup>11</sup> According to the announcement, propaganda is a valid and important theater in the struggle against the enemy, as it is in this theater that the false narratives of the "enemy" are exposed and refuted. The GIMF's announcement was directed at all Muslims, with the objective of encouraging them to donate to Jihadi propaganda sources.

The announcement concluded by stating that any communication with the organization should be done through specific lines, so as to maintain security, for example via emails to the "Media Front – the Public Relations Office" which is listed on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum.

The published version of the announcement contains several links to pages listing the email address, as well as a link to a blog<sup>12</sup> where messages to the GIMF can be sent. Another way to get in touch with the organization is by using the "Asrar Al-Mujahideen" (Secrets of the Mujahideen) encryption program.

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>12</sup> <http://gimfmail.blogspot.com>



**The blog from which messages to the GIMF can be sent**

- A surfer on the “Shumukh Al-Islam” Jihadi forum going by the name Abuhamza, who is participating in a virtual course in Jihadi propaganda given by the forum, delineated a possible scenario that could follow the demise of the Arab regimes and outlined a potential operation plan for the Mujahideen. According to the surfer, the American retreat from Afghanistan and Iraq will not only signify the Mujahideen’s imminent victory, but will it also point to the possible demise of the Arab regimes collaborating with the United States. In his scenario, the Muslim people, particularly those of Iraq and Afghanistan, will join together under Al-Qaeda’s leadership and will adopt Sharia rule following the American defeat. In such a case, the surfer suggests that the Mujahideen use all of their power to bring down the Arab regimes. This will lead to waves of violence, popular revolutions, and bloodshed that will end in the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate and the implementation of Sharia law. The surfer suggests the Mujahideen prepare for such a scenario by taking the following steps:<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

1. Following the American retreat, expand the Jihad circle outside of Iraq and send Jihad "brigades" to countries such as Qatar and Jordan.
  2. Use the Somali front to establish training camps for the Mujahideen who can then be sent to Yemen and Saudi Arabia.
  3. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) must declare its intention to bring down the Arab governments, focusing specifically on Palestine. To that end, the organization must significantly increase Jihadi propaganda.
  4. Achieve a great and historical victory on the Afghan front within the next two years.
  5. Execute a terrorist attack against the West of the same magnitude as the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.
- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum called Abu Faris Al-Muhajir published an essay titled "The Indian Ocean and the Mujahideen's strategy".<sup>14</sup> In the essay, the author emphasizes the strategic importance of the Indian Ocean and of ruling this region. According to the surfer, with regards to the Indian Ocean, there are four Jihad theaters on which to focus: Palestine, Yemen, Somalia and Indonesia. The surfer writes: "The Mujahideen's takeover of these four fronts gives them a great historic chance to take back what was known as the Arab Sea or the Sea of Islam, now called the Indian Ocean". Al-Muhajir emphasizes that returning the Indian Ocean to Muslim control is a religious duty.

Following this prelude on the importance of the Indian Ocean to the Mujahideen, Al-Muhajir explains the reasons why the Indian Ocean is important to the "heretics":

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<sup>14</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

1. Geopolitical importance – it lies between three continents: Africa, Asia and Australia.
2. Military importance – some of the “crusading” countries, such as the United States, Britain and France, have military bases in the region. The U.S., for example, has a military base on the island of Diego Garcia. Other countries, such as China, India, Australia and South Africa, also have interests in the region.
3. Commercial importance – thousands of ships sail in this region from east to west and vice versa. The author explains that “Any shock to the existing system in the Indian Ocean will directly influence the global economy in an alarming manner”.

According to Al-Muhajir, the Mujahideen can harm the interests of the “enemies of Islam” in the Indian Ocean. He mentions several past examples of Mujahideen successes in the four regions:

1. Yemen – successes in Yemen include the attacks on the American destroyer *USS Cole* in 2000 and on the French tanker *Limburg* in 2002. Al-Muhajir explains that “These are examples of the ability to strike deadly blows against the enemy in the sea. The Mujahideen in Somalia, Pakistan and South-East Asia should benefit from it.”
2. Somalia – an example of the Mujahideen’s success in Somalia is piracy, which enabled the seizure of large ships. According to Al-Muhajir, piracy “would be considered a shining success in military tactics amongst the Muslims had it not lost the Islamic characteristic [...]”. The author believes that the Somali “Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen” movement should continue with piracy but should turn it into an Islamic marine force that benefits Mujahideen around the world. Furthermore, the Mujahideen in Indonesia

should learn from the experience of the Somali Mujahideen and should also carry out acts of piracy, since many countries fear an attack on their commercial industry by way of an attack of the merchandise aboard their ships.

3. South-East Asia – the many kidnappings occurring in this region, such as the “Abu Sayyaf” group's abduction of “crusaders” in Malaysia and their transfer to the Philippines, constitute proof of the Mujahideen’s success. According to Al-Muhajir, the Mujahideen operating in Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan should derive lessons and insights from these kidnappings.
4. Pakistan - the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attack is an example of ten Mujahideen successfully crossing the Indian Ocean in a ship from Karachi with all of their equipment and weapons aboard. According to the author, this terrorist attack was not analyzed extensively enough by those aiding the Mujahideen. In his eyes, the Mujahideen in Somalia should derive lessons and insights from this attack, as there is soon to be another war on Africa's east coast as a result of the intention of the “crusading alliance” to end the influence of the “Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen” movement.

The author expresses his regret that the Somali movement did not launch an attack against the World Cup games. He believes that the group should not have settled for an attack in Uganda, but should have attacked the actual games, which were being held in South Africa.

Al-Muhajir concludes his article by reaffirming his certainty that this historic opportunity to reclaim the Indian Ocean will not escape the Mujahideen on any one of these four fronts. However, he suggests that coordination be

increased between the different Mujahideen so that they may learn from each other's tactics, and that a marine force may be built.

Amongst the favorable responses to Al-Muhajir's article was a comment by another surfer, Musab Al-Jazairi. Al-Jazairi added several of his own ideas regarding the Indian Ocean. According to him, special attention should be paid to the straights connecting the oceans, as they are vulnerable points. Moreover, many lessons can be taken from past attacks, such as the Mumbai terrorist attacks. For example, one could travel safely from Algeria to Italy using gangs specializing in smuggling for only \$600, and execute a terrorist attack. "Furthermore, you can bombard Spain using Grad missiles while still in Morocco". According to Al-Jazairi, insights should be made and approaches formulated on how to attack a target indirectly.

#### *Instructional and Guidance Publications*

- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a virtual encyclopedia that can be downloaded to a personal computer. The encyclopedia contains a collection of detailed manuals on military subjects, including a manual on the preparation of explosives, a manual for learning the field, and a manual for getting to know weapons. It should be noted that this encyclopedia was first published towards the end of 2002 on behalf of the "Maktab Al-Khidamat – Qiyadat Al-Mu'askarat wal-Jabahat" (The Services Bureau – Fronts and Camps Headquarters), which in turn operates on behalf of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan.<sup>15</sup>

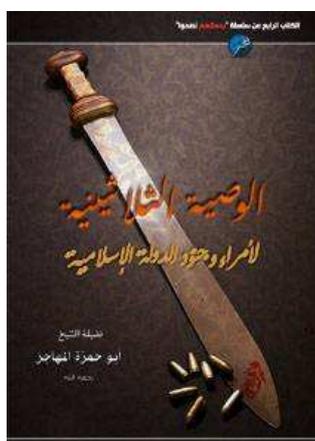
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<a href="#">الغدرات</a>	موسوعة الأسلحة الكبرى القسم الأول
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- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published the fourth booklet in a series of publications titled "With their blood they gave advice". The 34-page booklet is titled "The 30<sup>th</sup> will of the Amirs and soldiers of the Islamic state". It was written by Sheikh Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir, the former Minister of War of the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) who was killed in April 2010. The booklet is based on two missives that Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir wrote in 2007 to the Amirs and soldiers of the "Islamic State of Iraq", in which he shares his experience in Jihad as a soldier and as an Amir.<sup>16</sup>



<sup>16</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

- A member of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a booklet titled "A combustible hydrogen peroxide mixture". This is the sixth addition to the series "For self development and knowledge for the Mujahideen". The booklet is 83 pages long and contains illustrations with detailed explanations on how to use combustible hydrogen peroxide. The booklet is also accompanied by a video demonstrating the explosion.<sup>17</sup>



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published correspondence explaining how to prepare for a military ambush.<sup>18</sup>



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published correspondence titled "Ways to place traps for the elimination of the enemies of Allah". The correspondence contains explanations and illustrations on how to plant charges and other traps.<sup>19</sup>

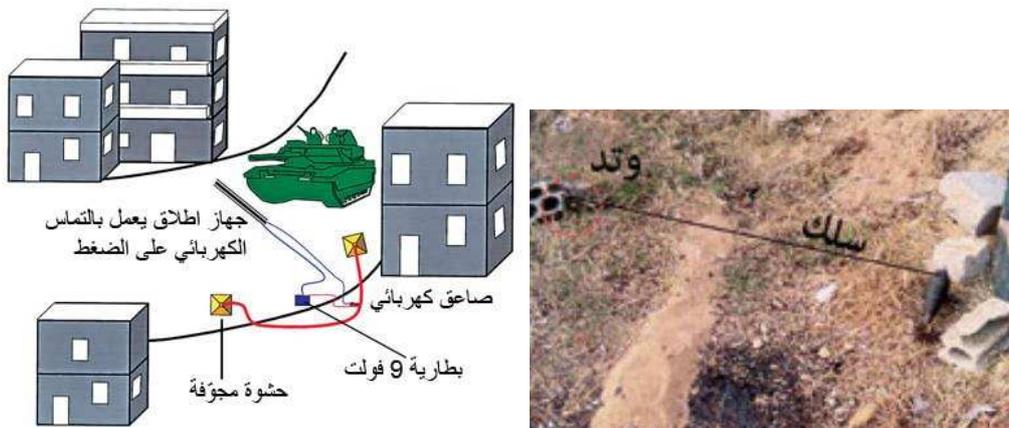
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و يخرج من مقر مشعلته من الأعلى  
صاعق كهربائي



- Two surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted correspondence containing tips on how to become a sniper.<sup>20</sup> Another surfer posted a link for downloading a CD that teaches someone to become a sniper.<sup>21</sup>



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<sup>21</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted a link for downloading a book titled "The theory of warfare of the American Navy".<sup>22</sup>



**Controlling Technique.** The following controlling technique is used when an opponent grabs the Marine's wrist. To execute the technique, Marines—

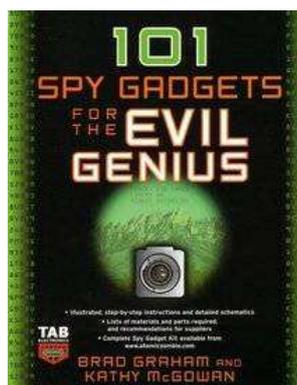


**Armbar**

An armbar is a joint manipulation in which pressure is applied on a locked elbow, just above the joint, in the direction the joint will not bend. An armbar has to be locked in quickly, but still re-



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted a link for downloading a book titled "The manufacturing of espionage equipment from the most mundane materials".<sup>23</sup>



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted a link for downloading a manual titled "A summary of rules for abducting Americans".<sup>24</sup>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=84352>

*Promoting the Myth of the Shahid*

- The "Sawt Al-Islam" (Voice of Islam) Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP), published a video in the Turkish language titled "The lovers of Heaven 4".<sup>25</sup> The video contains a eulogy in memory of the Shahid Ahmet. Ahmet was born in 1987 in Erzurum, Turkey. He and his family then moved to Istanbul. Upon completing his studies at a Madrassa, he decided to join the Jihad. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, he joined the ranks of the Turkistan Islamic Party, fighting against communist China. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, he was killed in a bombing by American espionage aircrafts.

The video also eulogizes the Shahid Usame el Kürdi. Usame el Kürdi was born in 1989. During the second half of 2008, he joined the ranks of the Turkistan Islamic Party. He was killed in the same American attack as Ahmet.



- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a Qasida<sup>26</sup> titled "Notes on the Al-Aqsa Intifada", which was written by Sheikh Abu Hafs from Mauritania.<sup>27</sup> The Qasida is a song of praise in memory of the Palestinian casualties killed during the Al-Aqsa Intifada and in admiration of the heroism of the Palestinians.

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=83593>

<sup>26</sup> Qasida is a form of lyric poetry that originated in pre-Islamic Arabia.

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

- The "Al-Kavkaz Video" media institute published a video in the Turkish language about Abu Hafs Al-Urduni.<sup>28</sup> Al-Urduni was the commander of the Arab Mujahideen in Chechnya. He was apparently killed at the end of November 2006.



### Magazines

- The Jihadi forums posted links for downloading the 55<sup>th</sup> issue of the "Al-Somood" Jihadi magazine, published on behalf of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan.<sup>29</sup> The current issue contains a series of articles which assert that the Coalition Forces are being defeated in Afghanistan as a result of the determination and courage of the Mujahideen.



<sup>28</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

<sup>29</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

## Reports from the field

### Afghanistan - Pakistan

- The "Fateh Studio" media institute published a video in the Pashtu language titled "A message from Fadlallah commander of the Taliban-Pakistan in Swat Valley".<sup>30</sup>



### Iraq

- The "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) organization published an announcement regarding "The new lies of the Green Zone government".<sup>31</sup> The announcement criticizes what it calls "a new web of lies" that is being spread by the "Green Zone" propaganda. These "lies" include attributing a series of terrorist attacks in Baghdad to a Jihad group, which it calls "the most dangerous Jihad group in Baghdad", so as to blacken the group's image amongst the public.
- The "Islamic State of Iraq" organization published an announcement regarding the military activity it has carried out in the Diyala Province.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>32</sup> <http://66.96.232.222/~majahden/vb>

The Arabian Peninsula

AQAP is operating against the Houthis in northern Yemen

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) published an announcement titled "A message to the believers as part of a series of actions defending the Sunni".<sup>33</sup> The announcement reveals that one of the organization's members named Abu Ayisha Al- San'ani Al-Hashim carried out a suicide attack against a group of Houthis in the Al-Jawf province in Yemen. Over 30 people were killed in the attack and dozens were injured. It is claimed that the attack also killed the founder of the Houthi group, Badr Al-Din Al-Houthi, a fact that, according to the announcement, was covered up by the Houthis who said he died of natural causes.

The organization also claims responsibility for another attack against the Houthis in Yemen. The announcement reveals that Abu Abdullah Al-San'ani was sent by the organization to carry out a suicide attack in the Sa'ada province, during the funeral of Badr Al-Din Al-Houthi. According to the organization, at least 70 people were killed and dozens injured in the attack.



33 <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

- Following the announcement by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula regarding the steps it has taken to protect the Sunni, the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published an article titled "Al-Qaeda and the art of double blows".<sup>34</sup>

According to the author of the article, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) has succeeded in proving to the West that it has the capability to carry out terrorist attacks on western soil, such as by sending explosives packages from Yemen by airmail. While this trend of attacking the West will continue, the Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula has also entered an important new phase. The author dubs this phase "defense of the Sunni community" from the Shiites. According to the author, confrontation and conflict between the Shiites and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula was inevitable because of the Shiite, and in particular Houthi, conspiracies against the Sunni. The article explains that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has three main targets in this Jihad to protect and defend the Sunni population:

1. The Arabian Peninsula leaders; that is – the Yemen and Saudi Arabian regimes.
2. The Arab Shiites, particularly those in the Arabian Peninsula.
3. Iran, which is considered to be the patron and financier of the Shiites.

According to the author, the popularity and support received by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has increased as a result of their declaration of war on the Shiites of the Arabian Peninsula and of their successful terrorist attacks against the Houthis. The group's popularity has also increased as a result of the failure of the Saudi government in eliminating the Houthis, which only makes Al-Qaeda's successes appear so much greater. The article explains

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that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is now being perceived as the true defender of the Sunni people, in contrast to the Sunni Ulama and Sunni governments who have failed in this mission.

### The Maghreb

*The discussion surrounding the Spanish enclaves, Ceuta and Melilla, and the need to bring them back under Islamic control*

- A surfer on the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum posted correspondence titled "Ceuta<sup>35</sup> and Melilla<sup>36</sup> and the lost treasure (Andalus)".<sup>37</sup> The correspondence is in fact an extract from an article written by Shiekh Abu Walid Al-Maghrebi Al-Ansari in the fifth issue of the "Al-Mushtaqun Ila Al-Jannah" Jihadi magazine, which was published in February 2010. It should be noted that since the release of the fifth issue, no other issues of the magazine have been published.

The correspondence calls to return the lands of Ceuta and Melilla to Islamic control. Both of these areas were once Muslim lands, but today they are under the control of the "crusading" Spain. According to the correspondence, the return of these lands will only be possible with the use of force. The surfer elaborates that the Spanish government is attempting to ethnically cleanse these two areas of their Muslim residents, a goal they are accomplishing through the implementation of a three phase program, under the direct supervision of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches. The three phases are:

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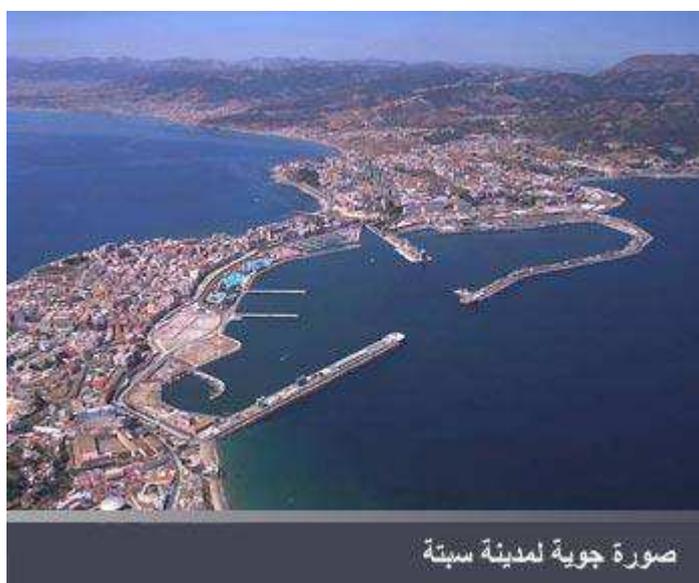
<sup>35</sup> A Spanish enclave located in the north tip of the Maghreb in Morocco, run as an autonomous Spanish province.

<sup>36</sup> A Spanish enclave in the northern shore of the African continent.

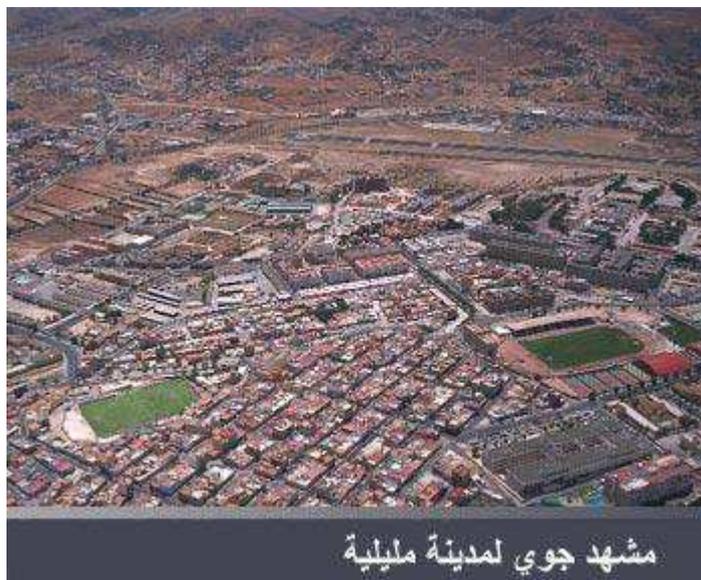
<sup>37</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>. For additional mention of these enclaves see: [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_June\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No_1.pdf), pages 9-10.

- a. The establishment of courts for those adhering to their religion and refusing to abandon Islam.
- b. The burning of religious books in public places and the eradication of the Islamic identity of Andalus by turning mosques and Madrassas into churches.
- c. Instilling fear in the Muslims in Andalus; limiting them and taking their sons with the aim of converting them to Christianity and encouraging them to emigrate.

The surfer emphasizes his conviction that these lands shall be returned to Islamic control and that the "slaughter" of their Muslim populations carried out by the Spanish shall not pass unpunished. He addresses the Islamic nation and says: "your duty, our nation, is to prepare propaganda-wise, militarily and psychologically, and to study the enemy well".



Ceuta



Melilla

- 28 "brothers" from the city of Darnah in Libya have set off to fight in Jihad theaters over the past few weeks. 22 of them came to the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) and carried out terrorist attacks there, and six others joined Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM).<sup>38</sup>

#### The Al-Sham region

- "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen in Palestine" (The Mujahideen Lion's Den in Palestine), a Palestinian organization identifying with Al-Qaeda, claimed responsibility for Israel's Carmel Forest fires. According to the organization, several of its operatives started the fire in the Carmel, which led to the death of over 40 people and the injury of many more. The organization claimed the attack was in response to Israel's assassination of several Palestinian Salafi

<sup>38</sup> <http://almohagr.p2h.info/vb>

Jihadists, most notably Sheikh Muhammad Al-Nimnim and the two brothers Islam and Muhammad Yassin.<sup>39</sup>

**The "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen in Palestine" (The Mujahideen Lion's Den in Palestine) is a Salafi-Jihadi organization in the Gaza Strip that was founded in April 2008. The organization's leader is Abu Omar Al-Ansari. In December 2009, the organization declared the establishment of a media institute called "Al-Raya" (The Flag), which changed its name to "Al-Riyah" (The Winds) a few days later. Since its inception, the organization has claimed responsibility for launching several rockets at settlements in the south of Israel.**

- Following the claim of responsibility by the "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen" (The Mujahideen Lion's Den) for starting Israel's Carmel Forest fires, a surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted correspondence in which he said that this event is an exemplary terrorist attack "showing us an extremely easy way to burn forests at minimal cost and with minimal security".<sup>40</sup>
- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, enrolled in a virtual course on Jihadi propaganda given by the forum, wrote a post in which he clarifies the rules pertaining to Jihadi propaganda. The post is directed at members of the "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen" (The Mujahideen Lion's Den) and at "the rest of the Jihadi groups and media institutes" both within Palestine and outside.<sup>41</sup> The surfer notes that even though the "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen" group claimed responsibility for Israel's Carmel forest fires, their announcement did not reach a significant number of people "due to the group's neglect of the propaganda arena". He therefore reviews the rules, which are as follows:

<sup>39</sup> <http://202.149.72.130/~shamikh/vb>

<sup>40</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

1. An official announcement must be issued in PDF format with a special group seal. Once they are printed, the announcement must be distributed to at least 20 people.
2. Sleeper cells belonging to Jihadi groups must be founded, especially in the Gaza Strip. These cells will be in charge of distributing the messages of the organization.
3. All members of the Jihadi groups in Palestine and in other areas must photograph and document all of their Jihadi actions and missions, so as to render baseless any doubts or countering claims by elements who wish to take credit for the actions. As such, a Muslim going on a Jihad mission must carry a camera.

The correspondence ends with the surfer stressing the importance of propaganda, which he views as another battlefield in which the Jihadists must fight. He ends by listing several reasons for propaganda's importance.

- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, Abu Sulaiman Al-Nasir,<sup>42</sup> called on the Muslims of the West Bank to found Jihadi brigades, to join the global Jihad and to murder Jews.<sup>43</sup> In his correspondence, he suggests three ways to accomplish these goals:
  1. Create brigades for murdering Jews. The brigade members should focus on the meticulous planning of terrorist attacks against security targets. The brigade members should be assigned different roles, such as gathering intelligence, etc. Secrecy must be maintained before carrying out any attack, so as to protect the members.
  2. Create "sniper brigades", whose members are highly skilled shots.
  3. Use silencers while executing elimination operations.

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<sup>42</sup> This surfer introduces himself in another correspondence mentioned later in this report, as operating on behalf of "The Global Islamic Resistance Brigades".

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>



- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" (Jihad Media Elite) published the first part of an ontology containing all materials, including essays, speeches, and audio files, relating to Sheikh Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi. The Sheikh was killed by the Hamas in August 2009 after declaring an Islamic Emirate in the Gaza Strip.<sup>44</sup>



- The "Jama'at Ansar Al-Sunna fi Aknaf Bayt Al-Maqdis" organization published an audio tape titled "Release the Sufferer: an audio message from the Jewish prisons", by Sheikh Yasri bin Atiyya Al-Salih, also known as Abu Hajir Al-Filastini.<sup>45</sup> In the audio tape, the Sheikh attributes great importance to increasing efforts to release Muslims being detained in "heretic" prisons and emphasizes that this is a religious duty of every Muslim. The Sheikh says that the release of Muslim prisoners should be achieved either by fighting the

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

<sup>45</sup> Born in Gaza on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1983. A Palestinian Salafi sheikh, incarcerated in the Israeli prison since June 2010. A graduate of the Al-Aqsa University in the class of the English language at the Faculty for education.

heretics or by ransoming them for money, while taking great precaution and acting in accordance with Sharia law.<sup>46</sup>



#### Egypt

- A supervisor on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published an online manual on manufacturing explosives in an attempt to help resolve the "crisis" surrounding Kamilia Shehata, a Muslim woman who Al-Qaeda claims is being forcefully held by the Coptic Church in Egypt.<sup>47</sup>
- A surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) emphasized the importance of the Sinai Peninsula as a front for the liberation of Egypt and Palestine.<sup>48</sup>

<sup>46</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>47</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

<sup>48</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

### Africa

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement held a conference in a mosque north of the capital, Mogadishu. At the conference, the movement expressed their disapproval of the idea of democracy.<sup>49</sup>



### The West and the rest of the world

- The Jihadi forums, in particular the "Shumukh Al-Islam" forum, published several photographs of Taimour Abd Al-Wahhab, the terrorist who carried out the attack in Sweden.<sup>50</sup>
- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum stated that after the creation of a Twitter page for Russia's Prime Minister, Dmitry Medvedev, threats were made that further terrorist attacks will be carried out in Moscow if the Russian forces do not retreat from Chechnya.<sup>51</sup>

<sup>49</sup> <http://66.96.232.222/~majahden/vb>

<sup>50</sup> For a survey of the responses on the forums following the terrorist attack, see: [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Jihadi\\_Dialogue\\_Stockholm\\_Attack.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Jihadi_Dialogue_Stockholm_Attack.pdf)

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>



### General reports

- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, named Abu Sulaiman Al-Nasir, published a message titled "A Message to the Muslims in Qatar". Al-Nasir claimed to represent an unknown organization called "The Global Islamic Resistance Brigades". In the message, Al-Nasir calls on the Muslims of Qatar to come out against American military bases in Qatar and their use by the United States and the Jews for the purpose of attacking Muslims. He states that it is their duty to create Jihad brigades to bring down the reigning government and to impose Sharia Law in Qatar.<sup>52</sup>



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum discussed the necessity of being aware of and following the Jihadi forum's safety rules. According to him, surfers registered on the various Jihadi forums are not careful and often fail

<sup>52</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

to follow the safety rules, which may have severe repercussions. He lists a number of safety rules which should be on surfers' minds at all times:<sup>53</sup>

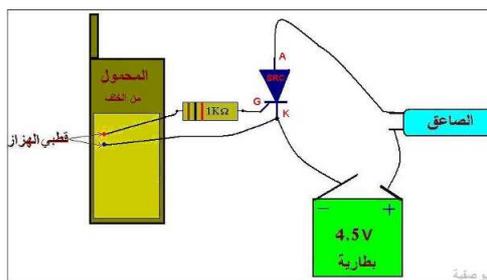
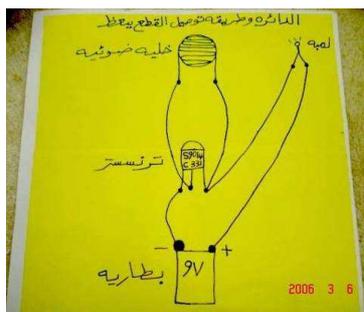
1. The Jihadi forums are not places to communicate with other surfers regarding Jihadi activities, such as traveling arrangements or future plans, as the forums are unsafe and can be infiltrated by intelligence and government entities seeking to obtain information on surfers and on Jihadi activities.
2. The Jihadi forums are not places to build ties with another surfer based on the assumption that the surfer is a fellow brother on the path of Jihad. One should also avoid revealing information to anonymous surfers, who cannot be trusted or confided in.
3. Surfers on Jihadi forums must take precautions by using software such as the "Proxy" cloaking software.
4. Surfers should not state or even hint that they have received an order to carry out a certain activity or plan. They should also not consult on the matter with any other forum members.
5. Jihadi forums are not the only means of helping Jihad, and other means should also be used.

Later on in the post, the author mentions several ways in which Jihadi forums may serve surfers, such as allowing for the continuous tracking of Mujahideen in the various Jihad theaters, and making available military and religious materials. Towards the end of the post, the author details several additional safety rules, one of which is to avoid signing in to a forum with one's user name and password from one's home or from a coffee shop, locations from which one should only passively partake in forum discussions.

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<sup>53</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb>

- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum asked for help regarding a technical problem he encountered while assembling a cell phone meant to detonate by remote control. He received many responses, including several explanations and illustrations.<sup>54</sup>



- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published statements made recently by Ubada bin Al-Samit. Al-Samit had previously issued threats during the World Cup Games held in South Africa in the summer of 2010.<sup>55</sup> This time, Al-Samit addressed the upcoming World Cup Games in Qatar in 2022. His statements severely criticize the games and Qatar itself for the "Zionist-Crusader" involvement in the country and for its role as a base from which Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan are attacked.<sup>56</sup>

After it became known that Qatar is going to host the World Cup Games in 2022, a surfer on one of the Jihadi forums published a message stating: "In 2022, Qatar will not exist, with the help of Allah, but will be the Islamic State of Qatar, and will be part of the Islamic Caliphate founded by Sheikh Osama bin Laden in 2017".<sup>57</sup>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>55</sup> On this subject, see:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Threat\\_World\\_Cup\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf)

<sup>56</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

<sup>57</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>