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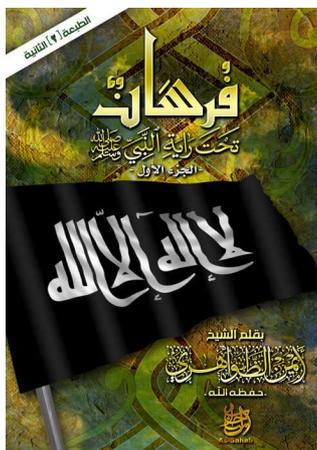
This report summarizes the most prominent events discussed in the online Jihadi forums during the second half of November 2010. Following is a summary of the main issues raised in this report:

- The Jihadi forums published the first part of the second edition of Ayman Al-Zawahiri's well-known book: "Knights under the Prophet's Banner". The preface to the second edition was written by Al-Zawahiri in July 2010.
- Approximately two months after reports of Sulaiman Abu Ghaith's release from house arrest in Iran, the Jihadi forums published a new book apparently written by him, titled "The 20 commandments on the road to Jihad".
- The Amir of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb decided that all negotiations regarding the French hostages must be conducted by Osama bin Laden.
- The fundraising campaign on the Jihadi forums continues.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published a special edition of the "Inspire" magazine following their claim of responsibility for the explosive packages. The organization declared a new strategy – a war of economic attrition.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for a series of attacks against the Houthis.
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb claimed responsibility for sending the envelope found on a German aircraft scheduled to depart from a Namibian airport to Munich, and was said to contain explosives.
- A call was issued on the Jihadi forums to revive the Jihad in Egypt.
- A request was made by the media arm of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb to publish a periodical in French.

## New Publications

### *Ideology*

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published the first half of the second edition of "Knights under the Prophet's Banner", a book written by Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri. In July 2010 Al-Zawahiri published the preface to the second edition, in which he discussed the 9/11 attacks and the subsequent events that took place within the framework of the campaign between the Mujahideen and the "enemies".<sup>1</sup>



- The Jihadi forums published a book written by Al-Qaeda's official spokesperson, Sulaiman Abu Ghaith. Abu Ghaith was previously held in Iran, but reports of his release began appearing in September 2010.<sup>2</sup> The book, which may have been written only recently, is titled "20 commandments on the way to Jihad". It focuses on the various aspects of the Islamic faith that serve as the foundation for the path to carrying out Jihad.

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

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_October\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_October_2010_No_1.pdf), page 18.

## عشرون وصية على طريق الجهاد

بقلم : أبو يوسف سليمان جاسم بوغيث  
الناطق الرسمي لتنظيم القاعدة (2001)  
مع مقدمة بقلم : محفوظ بن الوالد (أبوحنص الموريتاني)

- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an audio tape containing a sermon entitled "The Da'awa". The sermon was given by Sheikh Muhammad Salem Walad Muhammad Al-Amin Al-Majlisi, a prominent Salafi Jihadi activist from Mauritania.<sup>3</sup>

**Sheikh Muhammad Al-Amin was born in Nouakchott, Mauritania, in 1976. He is the Mufti of the "Ansar Allah" Mauritanian organization, which is a Salafi Jihadi organization that is linked to Al-Qaeda. In 2007, he was tried by a Mauritanian court after he published a Fatwa permitting attacks on French citizens. He was sentenced to imprisonment, but in September 2010 he was pardoned by the government.**

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum published a video tape in the Kurdish language titled "The Pharaoh of this generation and the crash crisis". The video lists all the tyrants who caused suffering to the Islamic nation and emphasizes that the United States is the current tyrant. However, according to the video, the U.S. is showing signs of crashing. These signs include its economic crisis and its defeat in Iraq and Afghanistan at the hands of the Mujahideen.<sup>4</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a booklet entitled "The beginning of the elimination and the slow death of the U.S.". The booklet was

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

<sup>4</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb>

written by Sheikh Abu Al-Zahraa Al-Zubeidi.<sup>5</sup> Al-Zubeidi contends that there are many signs pointing to the decline in the strength of the U.S. and to its approaching demise. He believes that the economy serves as the United States' main artery and that this "lifeline" has taken several harsh blows from the Mujahideen, with the 9/11 attacks as one example.

### *Strategy*

- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published a video titled "The Mujahideen's terms for the release of the French".<sup>6</sup>

In the video, the organization's Amir, Sheikh Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, addresses the French people and the French government, demanding they withdraw their soldiers from Afghanistan. If this demand is not met, he threatens to order the execution of the seven hostages the organization is currently holding, five of whom are French citizens. According to the Amir, any French plea to release their abducted citizens must be accompanied by an official declaration and set schedule for the withdrawal of French forces from Afghanistan.

In the video, Al-Wadud further states that any negotiations regarding the hostages should be handled solely by Al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, and must conform to his terms and conditions.

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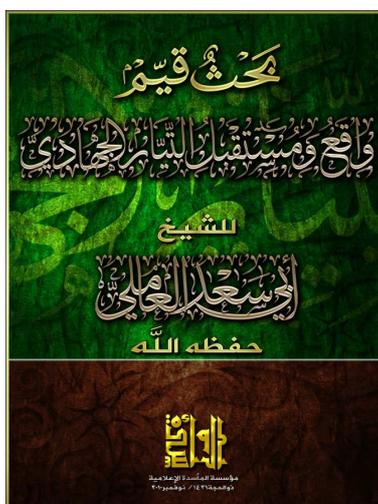
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- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a 16-page booklet titled "The Present and Future of the Jihadi Movement" by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili.<sup>7</sup> In the booklet, Al-Amili gives his assessment of the recent Jihad achievements in the various theaters, specifically identifying great successes and areas of progress.

The booklet's content has appeared already as a sub-chapter in another book written by the sheikh, titled "Educational Observations and Guidance: on Questions Pertaining to the Movements and to Jihad", which was published at the beginning of February 2010. This book contained the Sheikh's answers to questions posed by Jihadi forum surfers on various subjects.<sup>8</sup>



<sup>7</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

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

- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" (Jihadi Media Elite) Jihadi media institute published the fifth video clip in the campaign "Equip Us". The campaign is designed to raise funds for the Mujahideen.<sup>9</sup>



#### *Instructional and Guidance Publications*

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published the 16<sup>th</sup> audio segment in the series "The industry of terrorism: a course in security and intelligence".<sup>10</sup> The segment is titled "Continuation: Security and Surveillance".
- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a video clip titled "Blow them up – part 1: the Afghan explosives charge (explanation and preparation)".<sup>11</sup>
- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a booklet titled "Brother Yusuf Tasuli's Encyclopedia, 'Irhabi' 007, may Allah release him". The booklet is a manual for the hacking of computers on the internet.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>9</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

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

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<sup>12</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a link to the translated version of a video that instructs viewers on how to manufacture rocket fuel.<sup>13</sup>
- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted correspondence explaining how to build a magnesium bomb.<sup>14</sup>

#### *Promoting the Myth of the Shahid*

- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Islamic State of Iraq", published a video titled "The Knights of the Shahada 8".<sup>15</sup> The video is dedicated to the Mujahideen in Nigeria. At the beginning of the video it is stated that Nigeria has become a new and important focal point for the "crusaders" due to their desire to exploit the country's rich natural resources, especially its oil deposits. The video explains that Nigeria is a center of conflict between Muslims and Christians, in which the latter is attempting to purge the country of Muslims by murdering or deporting them, and to turn Nigeria into a Christian country. In addition to emphasizing Nigeria's role as the new theater of Jihad, the video also contains comments by Al-Qaeda's leaders, such as Osama bin Laden and Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi, in which they praise those who are fulfilling the command of Jihad and are fighting against the heretics.

The video also shows the wills of two men who became suicide bombers in Iraq. In the wills, the soon-to-be suicide bombers stress the duty of adhering to Jihad. Apparently, the inclusion of these wills was to encourage viewers to join the Jihad in Nigeria and to carry out suicide attacks against Christians in the country.

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- The "Al-Furqan" institute published Abu Zahra Al-Isawi's biography. Al-Isawi was the Minister of Propaganda for the "Islamic State of Iraq". He was killed by the Americans.<sup>16</sup>
- The "Al-Malahem" institute published Abu Khaythama Al-Hadhrami's biography. Al-Hadhrami was one of the terrorists who carried out the suicide attack on the French Limburg tanker.<sup>17</sup>



- The "Sawt Al-Islam" (Voice of Islam) Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP), published a video in Turkish titled "The Lovers of Heaven 3". The video is dedicated to Davud Rahimeullah, a Mujahid born in 1982 in Üsküdar, Turkey. He joined the ranks of the Turkistan Islamic Party to fight the Chinese regime and died as a shahid.<sup>18</sup>



- The "Sawt Al-Jihad" (The Voice of Jihad) Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus, published a video titled

<sup>16</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

<sup>17</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

"Zamjiri". The video praises Mujahideen killed whilst carrying out their activities.<sup>19</sup>

### Magazines

- The "Al-Malahem" media institute published a special edition of the English language "Inspire" magazine.<sup>20</sup> The special issue is titled "\$4200", and is dedicated to the subject of the parcel bombs on cargo jets flying to the US, an attack that was dubbed "Operation Hemorrhage". This issue of "Inspire" is divided into six sections, five of which deal with the operation itself. The magazine also includes a statement of responsibility for the UPS cargo plane crash on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in Dubai.

The magazine's editor writes that, like the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, this operation managed to circumvent western aviation security with regards to air travel and air cargo. He further states that the current strategy is to carry out small yet frequent operations that will slowly "bleed the enemy to death". The editor also mentions by name the technical, economic and religious correspondents for the magazine.

The issue includes an article written by the head of foreign operations for Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. According to the article, the objective of the parcel bomb operation was to cause economic losses for the U.S. and to disturb the West's sense of security. The article explains that the organization conducted extensive research while planning the attack, which included studying the procedures of both FedEx and UPS facilities in the region as well as the types and methods of x-ray scanners, sniffer dogs, and other security measures employed by the companies and airports. The article gives details

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of the names of the recipients (one was a crusader and one an inquisitor – these were symbolic names chosen to emphasize the message of the organization), in addition to presenting pictures of items that were inside the packages that have yet to be revealed by the media.

In the religious section of this “Inspire” issue, titled “Tawaghit Exposed”, Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Banna gives the readers religious justification for the operation. He explains that the operation was intended to expose those Arab rulers who have been collaborating with the West, such as the Yemeni president and the Saudi Royal family.

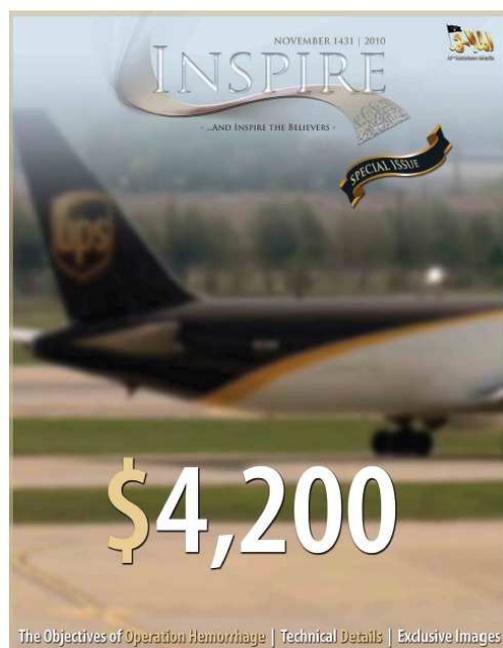
In the Technical Details section, Ikrimah Al-Muhajir describes in detail how the organization has circumvented each security detection system, from overcoming metal detectors in the case of Omar Al-Farouk, to sidestepping sniffer dogs by utilizing sealed packing, to specially designing devices that can pass through x-ray machines and human inspection. The author also goes into great detail of how the explosive devices placed inside the printers were devised. In response to the West's call to kill the bomb maker, Al-Muhajir claims that the explosives department is made up of a student of Abu Khabab Al-Masri and Abdul Rahman Al-Muhajir, who were both killed in Afghanistan.

In another section, Yahya Ibrahim breaks down the cost of the operation in detail and carries out a cost-benefit analysis of the outcome. Ibrahim writes that this operation was the first stage of a multi-phased operation, where the objective is not to cause mass casualties, but rather to create fear, economic losses, and the paralysis of the aviation industry.

The rest of the issue is dedicated to the media coverage of the operation, a thank you to “Shabakat Ansar Al-Mujahideen” for translating the first issue of “Inspire” into Arabic, a call for the release of a list of captives held by Western

powers, and a means of communicating with the "Al-Malahem" Media production. It should also be noted that throughout this issue of "Inspire", several references were made to Palestine and Jews, and that Israel is mentioned by name (as opposed to the "Zionist entity" etc).

A few things are apparent from this issue of the magazine. First, it would seem that all the articles are written with the same structure and vocabulary. Second, there are no statements made by the leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula other than the claim of responsibility previously published by the organization. Third, there is no mention of statements made by Anwar Al-Awlaki. Fourth, it would seem that some of the 'cost-benefit analysis' as well as reasoning and method of operation is based on analysis conducted by the foreign media in the first days after the operation. That being said, the statement is not intended to belittle in any way the execution of the operation. Rather it puts in perspective the attempt of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to instill fear via the media.



## Reports from the field

### Afghanistan - Pakistan

- Six Jihadi groups in the Wana region in South Waziristan announced that they have joined the Pakistan Taliban and have pledged their allegiance to the movement's Amir, Hakim Allah Mashud. New appointments were made to positions in the Wana region after these groups joined the Taliban.<sup>21</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2010, the Taliban attacked the Badakhshan Airport in northern Afghanistan. According to the report, the Taliban fighters launched three rockets towards the airport base, resulting in the death of over ten German soldiers and the destruction of two military vehicles.<sup>22</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published an article claiming that the Taliban currently rules over half of Afghanistan.<sup>23</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that a former surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forum has gone to carry out Jihad in the Khorasan Emirate.<sup>24</sup>

### Iraq

- The "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) organization published a summary of all the military activity it has carried out against enemy targets in the south of Iraq,

<sup>21</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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such as assassinating security personnel and planting roadside explosives charges.<sup>25</sup>

- Four Jordanian citizens who went to Iraq and fought amongst the Mujahideen, were killed in a battle with American soldiers. Their names and photographs are provided in the footnoted link.<sup>26</sup>

#### The Arabian Peninsula

*Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is operating against the Houthis in northern Yemen*

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) published an announcement titled "An announcement of the defensive actions taken by the Sunna people". In the publication the organization declares that it has answered the calls of the Sunni in the Arabian Peninsula to defend them against the abuse of the Shiite Houthis. According to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemeni and Saudi Arabian governments have failed to protect their Sunni citizens and, therefore the organization has founded a number of special units to act against the Houthi aggressors. The publication states that the attacks were carried out "so that the Sunna people know we view the Houthis as a legitimate target. Therefore, we call on our Sunni brothers to avoid their gathering places [...]".<sup>27</sup>

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قاعدة الجهاد في جزيرة العرب

**بيان عن عمليات الدفاع عن أهل السنة**

الحمد لله القائل: ﴿إِنَّمَا أَنزَلْنَا الْقُرْآنَ بِالْحَقِّ وَالْحَقَّ لَا يُبَدَّلُ﴾ كُلُّ حَرٍّ كَثِيرٍ أَوْ لَبِيبٍ يُسْتَكْبِرُ بِأَنَّهُمْ  
كُفِرُوا رَبُّهُ إِنََّّهُ كَانَ تُدِيرُ الْعُرْسَ ﴿الحج: ٢٤﴾ ، والسلامة والسلام على رسوله الخاتم القائل: عليكم  
بسنتي وسنة الخلفاء الراشدين المهديين وعضوا عليها بالتواجذ وإياكم ومحدثات الأمور فإن كل محدثة بدعة  
وإن كل بدعة ضلالة.

بعد الثورات المتكررة من أهل السنة، لإخوانهم المجاهدين، للدفاع عنهم، وبعد فشل الحكومات المرتدة في  
صدام والرافضين، مع ما يمكن من جوش والتمكبات والموالاة، منذ في التمسيد الحزينين الرافضين، وتركهم  
لأهل السنة والجماعة، حصارهم المجهول، قرر المجاهدون في جزيرة العرب، البدء بهذه العملية الاستثنائية،  
دفاعاً عن عرض نبينا صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم، ومجاهدة الكفار، رضى الله عنهم أجمعين ، ودفاعاً عن إخواننا  
من أهل السنة، بعدما رأيناهم يقتلون، وتتلف أراضهم، وتهدم بيوتهم، ويهجرون من منازلهم ومنطقهم، ولا  
ناصر لهم.

ولما ندعو أبناء أهل السنة، للاتفاق بكتابة الدفاع عن عرض النبي صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم، وأن الخطر  
الشعبي قائم، ولما لم يتحركوا إرهابهم، فسيقل لهم الشيعة الرافضين، كما فعلوا بأهل السنة في العراق  
وإفغانستان، فليبادر البادر، قبل قوات الأيران، وأطموا أن الجيش السعودي واليهي لا يمكن أهل السنة.

ويفضل الله تم تشكيل وحدات خاصة، للدفاع عن إخواننا من أهل السنة، ضمن سلسلة استتصال البيعة الحبيبة  
التي زرعا الشيعة الإبراهيميون الرافضين، في مسعدة وما جاورها، بزعمارة الحوثيون الرافضين.

ولعلم أهل السنة أن الحوثيين الرافضين، هم هدف مشروع لنا، لذلك ننه إخواننا من أهل السنة أن يتجنبوا  
تجمعهم وموكلهم، وندعو المعرور بهم، أن يتركوا الحوثيين الرافضين، قبل قوات الأيران، فقد أعدنا لهم رجالاً  
أن يهدأ لهم بل حتى يظهر الأراض من رجسهم وإجرامهم ضد أهل السنة، وحتى لا تكون قفلة، ويكون الذين  
كله، وسيلم الذين ظلموا أي متلب يظلمون.

ولا يحق المكر السيئ إلا بأعنه  
تتلم قاعدة الجهاد في جزيرة العرب  
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- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an official announcement regarding the terrorist attack carried out by the organization on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, against a Houthi convoy in the Al-Jawf province in Yemen. The organization claimed that the attack resulted in the death of 30 Houthis, including senior members and the founder of the Houthi movement, Badr Al-Din Al-Houthi. Another attack using a car bomb was carried out against a Houthi funeral procession on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the Sa'dah Province, killing approximately 70 people.<sup>28</sup> It should be noted that at the time of the renewal of hostilities between the Houthis and the Yemeni government in summer 2009, Al-Qaeda refrained from taking sides and did not act against the Houthis. However, in recent weeks it seems that this trend has changed.

<sup>28</sup> <http://www.al-jahafal.com/vb>



- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted that the Saudi Arabian authorities have succeeded in uncovering 19 groups belonging to Al-Qaeda and have arrested 149 operatives of 25 different nationalities, including women. This exposure has succeeded in foiling plans to assassinate senior individuals, media figures and Saudi security figures. According to the surfer, those arrested include 76 individuals who took an active part in Jihadi forums.<sup>30</sup>

A surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) posted his misgivings about the data published by the Saudi Ministry of Interior. The surfer posed the question of how 149 "terrorists" could be arrested, as claimed by the Saudi establishment, without there being any reports in the media of gunfire or conflict between the Mujahideen and the Saudi Security Forces.<sup>31</sup>

- A surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) asked whether so much information should be in the "Al-Malahem" magazine, which is published on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. According to him, the data published in the magazine should be censored as it may sabotage the success of future operations.<sup>32</sup>

### The Maghreb

*Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb claims responsibility for the attempt to send a package of explosives on a German aircraft*

- On November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010, the "Al-Andalus" institute published Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb's official claim of responsibility for the package of explosives which was on a German aircraft belonging to the KTU Air Berlin Company. The

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb>

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aircraft was scheduled to depart from Windhoek Airport in Namibia to Munich in Germany on 14 Dhu Al-Hijja, Hijra year 1431 (November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010). The package contained an explosives charge hidden within a laptop computer, which was being used as a decoy to circumvent any electronic detection measures.<sup>33</sup>

However, it should be noted that according to reports in the foreign media, the event took place on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2010, while according to Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb's account, the event occurred on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2010. Furthermore, various sources reported that the explosives package was a decoy that did not in fact contain any explosives and was intended to test the level of readiness of the airport.<sup>34</sup>

In addition, it should be noted that there has been no known activity of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) in Namibia or in the south of the African continent. However, the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization is active in Somalia and in its neighboring countries in South-West Africa, proof of which is the terrorist attack carried out by the organization in Uganda at the time of the World Cup in 2010, which was being held in South Africa.

The organization emphasized in the announcement that the operation was meant to send the Germans a message that they should quickly leave Afghanistan. The announcement also contained another warning to France that the French hostages being held by the Mujahideen will not be released so long as the Mujahideen's demands for the retreat of French forces in Afghanistan are not fulfilled.

The organization then addressed its supporters, emphasizing that they must not believe the reports made by the heretic media, which is trying to hide the

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<sup>33</sup> <http://216.95.249.110/~leyothin/vb>

<sup>34</sup> [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jp2qq1BVN0cPpsGf\\_-NtCZd57YOg?docId=688386aab66245ecbf93302a7b12ede7](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jp2qq1BVN0cPpsGf_-NtCZd57YOg?docId=688386aab66245ecbf93302a7b12ede7)

attack so as to prevent panic amongst their populations. In the announcement the organization vowed that it will continue the Jihad against the Jews, the Christians and those deviating from Islam.

Following the claim of responsibility, one of the surfers on the "Al-Leyoth" forum wrote that the announcement given by Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb shows that coordination exists between the different Al-Qaeda branches in the Arab and Islamic countries regarding tactics.<sup>35</sup>



- An announcement was made by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb directed towards the Mauritanian government. In the announcement, the organization attacks the government for its actions against the Mujahideen and especially for its "lies" regarding the 30 Mujahideen who the government claims have recently turned themselves in. The organization denies this claim, calls on journalists in the country to stop reporting misinformation, and promises to continue with the Jihad, especially as their position improves daily. The

<sup>35</sup> <http://216.95.249.110/~leyothin/vb>

announcement concludes by addressing Mauritania's Muslim citizens, asking them not to believe the government's "lies".<sup>36</sup>

- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) published a news report (no. 29) summarizing its military actions against enemy targets. In the report, the organization mentions that it has recently succeeded in killing and injuring over 120 people, including officers.<sup>37</sup>
- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published an announcement titled "The Mujahideen's renouncement of the recent crimes of kidnapping and murder in the tribal region". In the announcement, the organization denies any responsibility or involvement in the kidnapping and murder of two Muslim members of tribes in the Tizi Wazu region. The two were kidnapped at a security roadblock and later killed. According to the organization, this is a false accusation made by the Algerian authorities who are attempting to blacken the image of the organization as part of their propaganda campaign against the Mujahideen. In the announcement, the organization also calls on the tribe members to refrain from aiding the Algerian authorities and from operating on behalf of France against the Mujahideen.<sup>38</sup>
- A Tunisian female surfer on the "Al-Jahafil" forum addressed Osama bin Laden, Ayman Al-Zawahiri and Abd Al-Wadud, the Amir of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. In her address, she presents the difficulties facing Islam under the rule of the current Tunisian President, Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali. She complains of the damage being done to the Islamic religion, of the abuse of female and male believers, and of the arrests and interrogations under suspicions of terrorism. She emphasizes in her message to bin Laden that the

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<sup>36</sup> <http://www.al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>38</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

believers are preparing for an all out war in Tunisia against the heretics in the country. She also calls on Abd Al-Wadud to continue with the Jihad, while reminding him that there are Mujahideen still imprisoned in Tunisia.<sup>39</sup>



#### The Al-Sham region

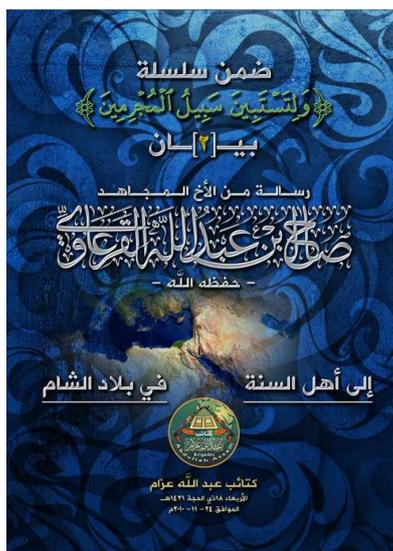
- A message was issued from Saleh bin Abdullah Al-Qarawi, the leader of the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, to the Sunni in the Al-Sham countries. In the message, he states that the Sunni residing in Lebanon, Syria and the rest of the Al-Sham countries are being oppressed by the "Shiite community".

He attacks the Hezbollah Secretary-General and the Alawite regime for their crimes in Lebanon and Syria and calls for the creation of religious committees whose members will be honest men who will end the injustice against the Sunni. He urges the Sunni to protest against Hezbollah's reign in Lebanon and to boycott the institutions under its rule, such as the Intelligence Administration of the Lebanese Army, which puts up roadblocks and carries out arrests only in Sunni regions.

He also demands that the Shiite actions against the Sunni be documented. He accuses Hezbollah of stockpiling weapons that will be employed to kill Sunnis in future internal conflicts. He accuses Hezbollah of using the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (the hearing for the assassination of the former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Al-Hariri), as a pretext. Al-Qarawi also attacks the Jews and the

<sup>39</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

Iranian regime in his message and warns senior Sunni figures collaborating with the Shiites that they will be deemed traitors if they do not recant. Al-Qarawi concludes his message by calling on the Sunni to spread the messages of the Brigades as widely as possible.<sup>40</sup>



- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network), which tends to publish a lot of material on the Palestinian Jihad arena, published a link to a 5:25 minute-long video posted on YouTube titled "Al-Qaeda's declaration – the Palestine Gaza Strip Province".<sup>41</sup>
- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum created a virtual workshop to help spread the threat issued in Hebrew by the "Ansar Al-Sunna" group. The original message by the "Ansar Al-Sunna" group threatened to attack Israelis in retaliation for the killing of two of its senior members by Israel. The workshop lists Israeli website and email addresses which are targets for spreading the threatening message. The surfer also stated on the forum that the threat should be spread via Facebook.<sup>42</sup>

<sup>40</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb>, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw-uQke88LE>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>



### Egypt

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published an article which was apparently written by an Egyptian surfer. The article calls for the revival of Jihad in Egypt and was written in response to the story of Kamilia Shehata's conversion to Islam.<sup>43</sup> According to the article, Jihad is the only true religious way to bring back the nation's rights. The author calls for an armed Jihad, as well as a simultaneous financial Jihad (Jihad bil-Mal) and Jihad by the tongue (Jihad bil-Lisan). In the article, the author names the enemies of Islam that must be fought. These include the Jews, the Crusaders, and the Arab regimes that have abandoned Islam. He calls for the renewal of Da'awa and Jihad in certain regions in Egypt and for the declaration of Egypt as an Islamic state. Furthermore, he writes that an armed organization should be founded to carry out guerilla warfare in Egypt. According to the author, recruiting activists for the Jihad in Egypt will be done abroad via Sudan. Later in the article, the author writes that the Jihad in Egypt will be carried out in two main phases – first the "Zionist-Crusader" targets will be attacked, and afterwards the Egyptian government will be fought. The author emphasizes the importance of individual Jihad in the Egyptian arena, as well

<sup>43</sup> On this matter, see:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Nov\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Nov_2010_No_1.pdf), pages 5-6.

as the role Jihadi media institutes will play in drawing the attention of Jihad leaders to Egypt.<sup>44</sup>

### Africa

- For the second year in a row, the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement is distributing Zakat in Somalia in an organized manner.<sup>45</sup>



- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, published an announcement titled "The surrender of eight soldiers from the 'Ridda' Militia [Muslims who abandoned Islam] in the city of Baldwin". According to the announcement, eight soldiers turned themselves in on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2010, to the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement in the Hiran Province.<sup>46</sup>
- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, published an announcement titled "An attack on a car convoy of the Burundi forces". The announcement reveals that on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, a specialized explosives unit belonging to the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement ambushed a convoy of Burundi forces, which was passing through the southern part of the capital, Mogadishu. The convoy passed an explosives charge that had been hidden by the Mujahideen,

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb>

<sup>45</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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

who then immediately opened fire on the forces. A Mujahid was killed during the exchange of fire.<sup>47</sup>

- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, published an announcement regarding a sports day that had been held for the Muslim community in the Banadir Province on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. According to the announcement, various competitions were held such as rope pulling and archery, in addition to videos being distributed, speeches being made, and more.<sup>48</sup>



- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, published an announcement titled "A death sentence for two people". According to the announcement, a court in the Banadir Province sentenced two men to death by shooting. The first man was accused of spying for the enemy and of attempting to assassinate Mujahideen leaders in the province, in addition to planning terrorist attacks against mosques in regions ruled by the Mujahideen. The second man was accused of raping a nine year old boy.<sup>49</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement in Somalia has called for the murder of the Swedish cartoonist

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

Lars Vilks, who published caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad in 2007. According to the forum, a member of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement named Abu Zayid published a video tape in which he calls for the murder of Vilks. On the tape, Abu Zayid also calls on Muslims to join the "Al-Shabab" movement.<sup>50</sup>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement has organized a seven day religious course with the participation of Somali tribe leaders from various provinces in the country and senior members of the "Al-Shabab" movement. The course will be held in the north of Mogadishu.<sup>51</sup>
- One surfer posted comments on the subject of the Muslims in Nigeria who have been the target of recent acts of murder. According to the surfer, the solution lies not in protests, processions or condemnations, but in faith in one God, financial aid and sacrifice. He emphasizes: "Wait, Crusaders of Nigeria! Wait, Crusaders of Ethiopia! Wait, Crusaders of Denmark who hurt the Prophet! Wait, Communists of China! Al-Qaeda is coming and you know who Al-Qaeda is!"<sup>52</sup>

#### The West and the rest of the world

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum posted links for downloading a video on the Philippine Abu Sanyaf terrorist organization. The video contains information on the reasons behind the creation of the organization, its founder, its connection to Afghanistan and so forth.<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>52</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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**Miscellaneous**

- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum announced that the Jihadi forums "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" and "Al-Tawhid" will be returning online.<sup>54</sup>
- A surfer on the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum posted a suggestion to the "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, which operates on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, that it should publish a magazine in French which would be similar to the "Inspire" Jihadi magazine. This would encourage the Muslims living in Europe, and especially in France, to join the Jihad.<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=80894>

<sup>55</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=31138>