

## Periodical Review: Summary of Information from the Jihadi Forums

### The Second Half of January 2011

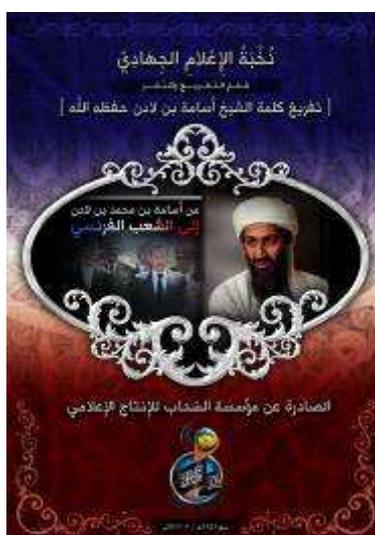
This report summarizes the most prominent events mentioned in the Jihadi online forums over the course of the second half of January 2011. Following are the main issues raised in this report:

- An audio tape by Osama bin Laden addressing the French people was released.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's no. 2 man published an audio tape in which he defends the Sunnis against the Shiites.
- The Iraqi "Al-Furqan" institute dedicated a video on the subject of explosive devices to the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published the fourth issue of the English Jihadi magazine "Inspire".
- An announcement was made by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb following the revolution in Tunisia.
- The Jihadi forums welcomed the riots in Egypt and surfers called to reinforce the Jihad there.
- A report was issued regarding the death of Dagestan's Deputy Amir, Adam Husseynov Amir Hassan.

## New Publications

### *Ideology*

- The "As-Sahab" institute published an audio tape by Osama bin Laden in which he addresses the French people.<sup>1</sup> On the tape, bin Laden says that the release of the French abductees is contingent upon the retreat of the French forces from Muslim lands. Bin Laden warns that should President Sarkozy refuse to comply with this demand, his refusal will be deemed a sign of France's subservience in the face of the United States. Furthermore, the abductees themselves will pay for such a refusal with their lives, as will the French people, whether on their own land or overseas. According to bin Laden, this will lead to the opening of new fronts that will force the French to take additional funds from the state's budget.



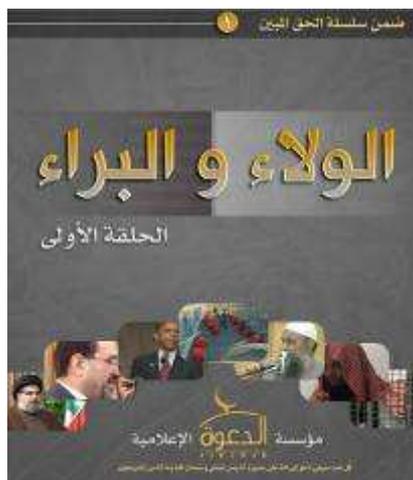
- The GIMF announced that the "As-Sahab" institute will be releasing a DVD titled "The series of new crusading wars - 1".<sup>2</sup> The DVD will contain an interview with Osama bin Laden conducted by the journalist, Tayseer Allouni.

<sup>1</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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

- The "Al-Da'awa" Jihadi media institute published a video clip titled "Al-Wala 'wal-Bara'". The video is the first installment in a series of publications called "The Clarifying Truth".<sup>3</sup>

**Al-Wala 'wal-Bara' is an Islamic principle. According to fundamentalist sources, it means universal loyalty among Muslims and the complete renouncement of anyone who is not Muslim or who deviates from the principles of the religion.**



- Following the popular protests and uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, and other Arab countries, the "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an article written by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili.<sup>4</sup> In the article, Al-Amili praises the Arab people for refusing to reconcile themselves to tyranny and oppression at the hands of the corrupt regimes. According to him, the awakening of the people in Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria and other Muslim countries ruled by tyrannical regimes is the blessed result of Jihad, and this popular protest should continue until the complete collapse of the tyrannical governments.

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

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

- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an article by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili on the subject of imprisoned Mujahideen.<sup>5</sup> In the article, Al-Amili likens imprisoned Mujahideen to "live shahids". According to him, captured Mujahideen should view their imprisonment as a phase in their training and as a period in which they may reinforce their faith by delving deeper into the commentaries, the Hadith, the traditions, etc.
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a lecture in Urdu given by Ahmad Faruq, who is in charge of matters pertaining to spreading Al-Qaeda's doctrine in Pakistan.<sup>6</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "Why was I imprisoned?" by Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Tahawi, a Jordanian Salafi Jihadi Sheikh who was recently released after being detained by the Jordanian authorities.<sup>7</sup>

#### *Strategy*

- The "Al-Malahem" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published an audio segment titled "Oh Sunni, you have received aid", by Sheikh Abu Sufyan Al-Azdi Al-Shihri, the deputy leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>8</sup>

In the audio tape, the Sheikh protests the attacks on the Sunni by Iran and its satellites, such as Hezbollah and, even more so, the Houthis in Yemen. According to him, the Sunni in Yemen are suffering as a result of the campaign waged against them by the Houthis, a campaign that has received the blessing of an American-Iranian alliance.

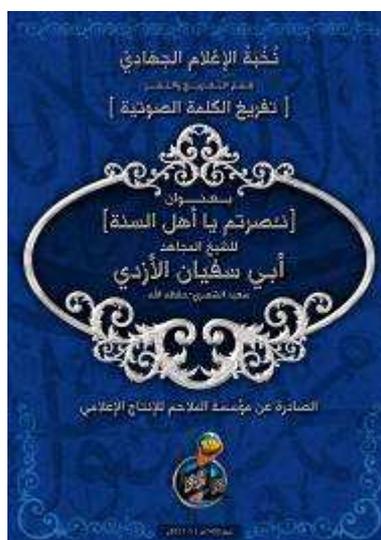
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On the tape, the Sheikh states that the Saudi regime is also taking no steps to defend the Sunni population in Yemen; instead, collaborates with the Houthis in the war against the Sunni Mujahideen. The same is true of Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Yemen President who collaborates with the Crusader-Jewish alliance against the Mujahideen. The Sheikh warns of the increase of Shiite pogroms against the Sunni populations in Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen. He also shares his concern that this trend will spread to other places, such as Saudi Arabia. In light of this bleak reality, the Sheikh calls on the Sunni population to arm itself in order to be able to defend the Sunni faith and security. He also calls on the Sunni population to help the Mujahideen everywhere, either by contributing financial or physical aid, or by giving advice on how to stop the Shiite wave of attack.



- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Islamic State of Iraq" organization, published a video clip titled "The most effective charges". The video is dedicated to "the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula".<sup>9</sup> The video focuses on explosive charges and explains that such

<sup>9</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb>. It should be noted that a special website has been made for this publication at the following address: <http://www.3bwat.info>

weapons are the most effective tool the Mujahideen have in the war against the "Crusaders" in Iraq. The video cites a military commander of the "Islamic State of Iraq", who has stated in the past that the use of explosives charges was the main reason for the withdrawal of the "Crusaders" from the Iraqi cities, and, as such, should be used increasingly against the "enemy". In addition, the video provides explanations on how to assemble explosive charges.

It should be noted that, following the publication of this video, one of the supervisors in the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network), wrote that car bombs are preferable over explosive charges.<sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

- On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published Mustafa Hamid Abu Al-Walid Al-Misri's response to a question posted by a surfer regarding Jihad in Palestine.<sup>11</sup> Al-Misri is considered to be the ideologist of the "Afghan Arabs"; he is also Saif Al-Adel's brother-in-law.

According to Al-Misri, the Palestinian issue is the most important Islamic issue as the Jihad in Palestine is connected to all strategic and financial aspects and all enemies in the global system. In his response, Al-Misri states that participating in the Jihad in Palestine is the most important duty of every Muslim. He further states that all of the other Jihadi theaters are connected in some way to Palestine, and a leadership that does not see this connection is not worthy of leading. Thus, any Jihadi action should be connected to the main axis which is Palestine.<sup>12</sup>



**Abu Al-Walid Al-Misri**

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<sup>11</sup> <http://www.mafa.asia/ar>, <http://www.aawsat.com>

<sup>12</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

*Instructional and Guidance Publications*

- One of the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a video containing explanations on how to prepare explosive charges to be used against armored vehicles.<sup>13</sup> The explanations were provided by the "Islamic State of Iraq" organization.



- A surfer on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published correspondence containing an explanation on how to improve the functioning of missiles by filling them with chemical mixtures.<sup>14</sup>



*Promoting the Myth of the Shahid*

- The "Cihad Tv.Com" Jihadi media institute, which focuses on distributing materials in Turkish, published a video titled "Commander Talut". The video is about Commander Talut, a former senior commander of Turkish origin in the

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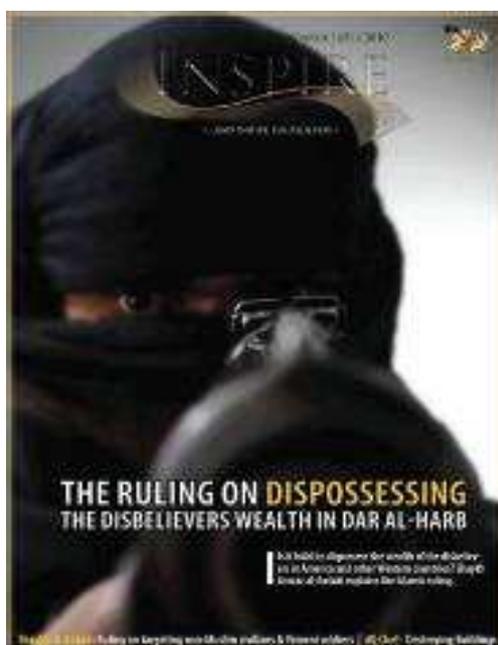
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Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus. In April 2009, Talut was killed by police fire along with two other fighters on the Chechnya-Dagestan border.<sup>15</sup>



### Magazines

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published the fourth issue of the English Jihadi magazine "Inspire".<sup>16</sup> The issue is 67 pages long.



<sup>15</sup> <http://cihaderi.net>

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

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) posted links for downloading the 26<sup>th</sup> issue of the "Al-Waqi'" Jihadi magazine, which contains brief reports on the recent events taking place in the various Jihad theaters.<sup>17</sup>



## Reports from the field

### Afghanistan - Pakistan

- The Uzbekistan Islamic movement published an announcement issued by the Mujahid, Abu Adam Al-Almani, titled "A new year in Waziristan". In the announcement, Al-Almani speaks about the operations in the Khorasan region that were carried out by German Taliban members and about the casualties resulting from these operations. He specifically mentions a German from Hamburg, an operative of German-Turkish origin and three Mujahideen from the Mas'ud Tribe of the Taliban-Pakistan. All five were killed by an American drone strike.

<sup>17</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb>

Furthermore, Al-Almani 'announces' the death of Abu Talha the German, who led the break-in to the Bagram Base in Afghanistan with 20 operatives from Al-Qaeda, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan and the Taliban-Pakistan. Al-Almani states that during the break-in, over 200 "enemies of Allah" were killed. He also mentions five publications by Abu Talha the German.<sup>18</sup>



**Abu Talha the German**

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published a statement issued by the spokesperson of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". In the statement, the spokesperson denies American reports claiming that the Amir of the believers (Amir Al-Mu'minin), Al-Mulla Muhammad Umar, suffered a heart attack and was treated in a hospital in Karachi.<sup>19</sup>
- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted new photographs titled "Islamic Pakistan: setting fire to the NATO fuel convoy in Pakistan".<sup>20</sup>

<sup>18</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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### Iraq

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published an announcement on behalf of the "Islamic State of Iraq" Ministry of Propaganda regarding two terrorist attacks carried out by the organization in Tikrit and Diyala. The announcement reveals that the objective of these two attacks was to hurt the Shiites in Iraq.<sup>21</sup>

The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that 60 people were killed in the terrorist attack in Tikrit.<sup>22</sup> The forum also reported that, in another terrorist attack which took place in Karbala and which was also targeting Shiites, 165 people were injured and killed.<sup>23</sup>

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### The Arabian Peninsula

- A letter written from the Al-Ha'ir Prison in Saudi Arabia and addressed to the Kingdom's youth was made public. The letter speaks of the suffering of the prisoners, who are begging for help. The letter also threatens the Security Force personnel in the Kingdom, promising to eliminate them. The letter concludes by calling on the Saudi youth to prepare to fight and to purchase weapons.<sup>24</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) reported that a court in Yemen has sentenced Anwar Al-Awlaki, in absentia, to 10 years in prison.<sup>25</sup>

### The Maghreb

- An announcement was made by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb titled "To our residents in Tunisia: the tyrant has fled, but the system of heresy and tyranny remains".<sup>26</sup> According to the organization, the uprising of the Tunisian people has succeeded in causing "a destructive earthquake" which has brought about the collapse of the tyrannical regime in Tunisia. Furthermore, the aftershocks of "the earthquake" have echoed across the region and have reached other Arab countries, spreading panic among the tyrannical Arab rulers who now fear for the stability of their regimes. The organization states that, in light of the events in Tunisia, several points should be highlighted:<sup>27</sup>
  1. The campaign against the heretics and tyrants is long and far from being over. Although the departure of the tyrannical ruler from Tunisia is an achievement, there still remain characteristics and symbols of corruption

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in the country, expressed in the constitution, the laws, the institutions, etc. Therefore, the existing laws in the country should be replaced by the Sharia Law. Moreover, the Tunisian people must continue fighting and must not yet lay down their arms.

2. The United States, France and the West in general will not accept a fundamental change in Tunisia that does not conform to their interests. As such, they will employ every means available, including the use of force, to thwart the popular revolution taking place in the country. The organization warns that "Our Muslim brothers in Tunisia should not ignore this reality, as these Crusaders are the source and origin of the troubles since they are the ones who made these tyrants the rulers of our country". The organization specifically mentions France, which unreservedly supported Zine El-Abidin Ben Ali and which continues to support the Algerian regime in its massacre and oppression of Muslims.
3. Zine El-Abidin Ben Ali acted methodically in separating the Islamic religion from his people, a trend which led to the "Crusader" invasion of Tunisia under a guise of tourism. Any tyrant such as Ben Ali must accept the same fate as him, that is - their ousting from government.
4. It is clear to all that Zine El-Abidin Ben Ali treated the Islamists with an iron fist and persecuted them. Therefore, it is also clear that he waged a war against the religion and against all of its manifestations, symbols, etc.
5. The security forces of the Arab regimes are means of oppression, meant to keep the ruler safe from his subjects. As such, they do not hesitate in using whatever means necessary to suppress a revolution or popular outburst.

6. Although it is too early to estimate the success of the popular uprising in Tunisia, this revolution is meant to serve as an example for all Muslims, as all of them are living and suffering under oppressive regimes.

The organization concluded the announcement by called on the Tunisian people to continue with their struggle until all of the characteristics of the tyrannical regime have been removed: "You must use this historic opportunity to spread the way of Tawhid and Jihad amongst the people".

- Following the ousting of the Tunisian President, the "Al-Jahafil" forum's supervisor called on the Tunisian surfers to join the forum.<sup>28</sup> Meanwhile, a surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) called on his fellow Muslims to immigrate to Tunisia to join the Jihad.<sup>29</sup>
- A permit was issued to allow citizens to be photographed with a beard or a veil for Tunisian passports. Such passport photographs were forbidden during the former president's rule.<sup>30</sup>

#### The Al-Sham region

- The "Al-Riyah" Jihadi media institute (The Winds), operating on behalf of the Palestinian Jihadi "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen" group, published an announcement titled "Those relinquishing Muslim land in Palestine and motivating the believers".<sup>31</sup>

According to the Palestinian Jihadi "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen" group, Palestinian land today is in greater danger than ever due to attempts to 'Judaize' it, erase its identity, and rewrite its history. In addition to the threat

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

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

from the Jews, Palestinian land today is also being threatened by the secular "Fatah" movement and the Muslim Brotherhood, represented by the Hamas movement in Gaza. In light of the above, the group lists several points it wishes to clarify:

1. The Palestinian land is "waqf" land, belonging to the Islamic nation, and is one of the holy places to Islam and the Muslims. Therefore, no piece of it should be relinquished or sold.
  2. All those sent on missions to liberate Palestine have failed after laying down their arms.
  3. The collaboration of the "Fatah" government is very clear.
  4. Jihad is the only way to liberate the holy places, to return the rights of the residents, and to bring back Jerusalem.
  5. There seems to be a general consensus that the liberation of Palestine is a duty of every Muslim worldwide. Therefore, we call to the Muslims to realize this commandment and participate in the Jihad for Palestine's liberation.
  6. We call to all who are physically unable to take part in the Jihad for the liberation of Palestine to instead donate funds to Jerusalem and to help the Mujahideen guard the holy city.
  7. We ask the religious clerics, the sheikhs, the groups, the unions, the institutions, the media, the arbiters, the thinkers, and the educated men from all levels of society and from all countries around the world to fulfill their religious role in the Jihad, to guide the nation towards Jerusalem, and to put the Palestinian issue on the agenda so as to emphasize that this is the first problem of every Muslim.
- Abu Hurayra Al-Badawi, a member of the "Fatah Al-Islam" movement in Lebanon, published a message regarding the restrictions imposed by

Hezbollah on the Sunni Muslims in Lebanon, who, as a result of such restrictions, cannot uphold their beliefs. According to Al-Badawi, even the "Al-Ahbash" in Lebanon receive protection and are allowed to conduct their rituals and prayers.

In his message, Al-Badawi stresses that "the sons of the winning congregation" shall act to realize their ideas and to bring about the founding of an Islamic Caliphate. He calls to all Muslims to rally around the Mujahideen in the Al-Sham countries, in particular the "Fatah Al-Islam" and the "Abdullah Azzam Brigades". He beseeches the Sunnis to take precautions against Hezbollah and groups loyal to the organization. He also challenges Hezbollah and warns that the organization's Security Quarter in Sidon and its suburbs is under the surveillance and control of the Mujahideen's security forces.<sup>32</sup>

- The "Atahadi" Jihadi forum posted a clarification issued by Abu Bakr Al-Ghazi Al-Ansari regarding a correspondence published by one of the surfers titled "The return on the Jannah Jihadi media institute". According to Al-Ansari, this media institute is under the sole ownership of the "Ansar Allah fi Aknaf Bayt Al-Maqdis" and no one is permitted to use the institute's logo.<sup>33</sup>
- A surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) wondered where the "Muhammad Atta" is who will bring about Palestine's liberation. In his post, the surfer also calls on the Egyptians to export terrorists to strike at Ben-Gurion Airport.<sup>34</sup>

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Egypt

- Several surfers wrote posts regarding the events taking place in Egypt, some rejoicing over the riots against President Mubarak's rule, others explaining that the Egyptian Army is working with Mubarak against the people, and still others lamenting over Mubarak.<sup>35</sup>
- On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Sheikh Abu Basir Al-Tartusi and "one of the brothers from Egypt" posted commentary in which they referred to the events transpiring in Egypt. The Sheikh even offered advice to the demonstrators, apparently via his chat room on "Paltalk".<sup>36</sup>
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum published a message, on behalf of the "Minbar Al-Ansar" chat room on the popular Internet chat service "Paltalk", regarding the recent events in Egypt. In the message, the forum praises the Muslims in Egypt for their fearlessness in coming out and protesting the injustices of the government. Furthermore, the forum calls to the Muslims in Algeria, Libya, Yemen, Jordan and every other Muslim country to come out and protest the tyranny of their rulers.<sup>37</sup>
- One of the supervisors of the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) expressed his belief that the riots in Egypt are playing into the hands of the Jihad. In his post, the supervisor calls to the youth to steal weapons and material for explosive charges from the Egyptian Army and Police, to exploit the anarchy and attack "Zionist-Crusader" targets in Egypt, to smuggle weapons and equipment to the Jihad operatives in Gaza, to attack Coptic churches around the country, and to steal computers from the country's security forces for the purpose of gathering information on "soldiers who abandoned Islam" and of destroying all

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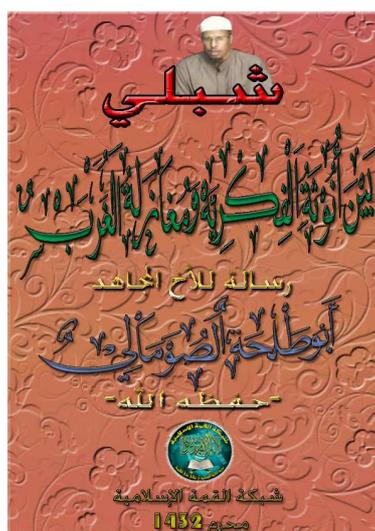
<sup>37</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb>

intelligence and documents on Jihad operatives. Furthermore, the supervisor calls for the release of prisoners from the Egyptian jails.<sup>38</sup> In response to this last request, a surfer posted on the forum general information on the main prisons and detention centers in Egypt.<sup>39</sup>

#### Africa

- "Brother Abu Talha Al-Somali" published a message in which he stressed the United States' downfall at the hands of the Mujahideen. In his message, he rebuffs the U.S.' attempts to enlist "moderate Islam" to its side so as to hurt the Mujahideen and "stop the sweeping current for the liberation of the three holy places and all Islamic lands, including Andalus and Vienna, Austria's capital, from the hands of the Crusaders".

He condemns the religious clerics in East Africa, such as Shabelle, Bashir Salad, and Yusuf Adam, who give support to the West and who slander the Mujahideen. He says that such clerics are sometimes more dangerous to Islam than the Jews and Christians.<sup>40</sup>



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- A statement was issued by Sheikh Hassan Taher Awes of the Islamic Party in Somalia. This is the first statement made since the Islamic Party united with "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen". In the statement, the Sheikh calls on the Somali people to stop relying on foreign aid, and stresses that the movement will not permit any foreign aid entity to operate in regions under its influence. He accused these entities of hurting the Somali economy and of spreading ideas that are contradictory to Islam.<sup>41</sup>
- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement reported that 130 graduates had finished their religious training as preachers after seven months of courses. These graduates make up the third class to have completed its course north of Mogadishu. The graduation ceremony was attended by the movement's official spokesperson.<sup>42</sup>



- As of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the "Zakat" bureau of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement began distributed approximately 30,000 heads of cattle and sheep to those in need in the Bay and Bakool Provinces. The poor

<sup>41</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net>

people in the two provinces expressed their joy and many merchants donated part of their profits to the "Zakat" bureau.<sup>43</sup>



- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement published an announcement titled "The burning of a military vehicle belonging to the Crusaders on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011". In the announcement, the movement states that, following an ambush by the Mujahideen of an African Union Forces convoy in northern Mogadishu, the military vehicle caught fire. The movement also states that, later on, the "Shahid Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi Brigade" attacked the headquarters of the Burundi Forces in the north of Mogadishu.<sup>44</sup>
- Following the referendum held in the country, surfers on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) posted extensive information regarding the infrastructure of South Sudan. The correspondence posted by the surfers contains information on the Muslims in South Sudan as well as veiled calls to carry out Jihad in this part of the country.<sup>45</sup>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb>

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### The West and the rest of the world

- A veteran surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) posted correspondence containing explicit threats against France. In his post, the surfer warns that operatives belonging to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb will attack French targets if France's assault on Muslims continues.<sup>46</sup> The surfer's comments apparently stem from the tape published by Osama bin Laden in which he too threatens France (see the beginning of this report).

### **General reports**

- A report was published on the death of Dagestan's Deputy Amir, Adam Husseynov Amir Hassan. Husseynov was killed in a battle against the "heretics and those seceding from the religion from amongst the Russian Special Forces, the Spetsnaz" on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Husseynov was part of the Jihad for eight years and served as the Amir of the Northern Sector of Dagestan.<sup>47</sup>



**Amir Hassan on the left**

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- The "Atahadi" Jihadi forum announced that it will be holding an "open session" with Sheikh Abu Aziz Al-Ilah Al-Husni Al-Jazairi. This "session" gives the forum's surfers the opportunity to pose questions to the Sheikh on subjects pertaining to Jihad.<sup>48</sup>

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