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This report summarizes the most prominent events brought up in the Jihadi online forums in the second half of June 2010. Following are the main issues raised in this report:

- Abu Yahya Al-Libi calls for the continuation of Jihad in Iraq.
- Adam Gadahn ("Azzam the American") threatens with terrorist attacks against American targets.
- The religious supervisor of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula calls to the Muslims to go on Jihad.
- The "As-Sahab" Institute publishes a video of Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, killed in May 2010, calling to send funds to the Mujahideen.
- The Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula organization launches a new Jihadi magazine in English called "Inspire".
- Al-Qaeda activists attack the Yemenite Intelligence installation in Aden.
- The main Jihadi forums are trying to rehabilitate after having stopped their operations for many days.

New publications

Ideology

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "The blood of our leaders... is the fuel for our campaign" by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi. Al-Libi encourages the Mujahideen in Iraq and calls for the unification of their ranks and for the continuation of the Jihad.¹



- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "Legitimate Demands [2] Barack's Dilemma"² in which a man called Adam Gadahn, also known as "Azzam the American"³ appears. In the video, Gadahn warns the United States' president, Barak Obama, that if he does not cease his support of Israel and if he continues to involve himself in the events in Muslim countries, the terrorist organization will stop holding back and will act against American targets.

¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=370369>,
<http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=10334>

² In the first part of the movie, published on March 2010, Gadahn praised Nidal Hassan, who carried out the terrorist attack at the Texas military base at the beginning of November 2009, calling for similar terrorist attacks against American targets.

³ Gadahn, so to a Jewish-Christian family from California, who has converted to Islam at the age of 17, is wanted by the FBI since 2004 with a bounty of one million dollars. Gadahn is the first American accused of treason since the Second World War, and if caught and convicted, may even be sentenced to death.

Gadahn calls to Obama "to stop any intervention with religion, society, politics, economics and government of the Muslims world". He also demanded that the broadcasts directed at the Muslim world be stopped, "especially those intended to change or destroy the faith, thought, morality and values of the Muslims". If Washington does not comply with Al-Qaeda's demands, Gadahn threatens, "We shall use other means to make our message get through"... Next time we may not show the same restraint and self control".

According to him, Obama is no longer a popular president, as is manifested in the democratic defeat in the elections for the Senate seat on behalf of Massachusetts: "You are no longer as popular as you were before, a year ago"... Do not let the applause you receive everywhere confuse you. After all, did they not continue applauding George Bush until the day he left his chambers in shame?" In the video he also threatens to attack the residents of the White House itself: "To be honest, Barak, as a president who has proven that he cannot stop intruders from entering his official residence, how exactly do you expect someone to believe that you can stop the Mujahideen away from your continent?"⁴

- The "Al-Malahim" media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published a new audio file titled: "The Believers' Loyalty" by the organization's religious supervisor, Sheikh Adel bin Abdullah Al-Ibab.⁵ He attacks the Islamic religious clerics who remain faithful to the secular regimes that came out against Muslim religious law and helped them overtake the oil sources. He calls to the Muslims to go on Jihad for Allah so as

⁴ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=21548>

⁵ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=18184>,
<http://www.almedad.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13862>

to save the places holy to Islam and the Al-Aqsa Mosque from the devastation of the Jews.⁶



- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled: "The Crop of the Seven Years Following the Crusade Wars".⁷

Strategy

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled: "He who outfits a fighter is viewed as if he has fought himself" by Sheikh Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, Al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, killed on May 2010.

In the video, Al-Yazid speaks of the campaign raging between the Coalition Forces in Afghanistan and the Taliban, upon its entry into summer. According to him, the Allied Forces wish to construct military bases in Afghanistan and utilize its material resources. However, they are unsuccessful in executing this agenda due to their repeated defeat in the battle against the Mujahideen. Therefore, the Americans are rushing into what they call "a political solution" so as to cause division amongst the Mujahideen. He claims that this step

⁶ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=124096>

⁷ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?p=90405>

should be viewed as one of the enemy's ruses against the Mujahideen and the Muslim nation. And that is why he calls to foil it.

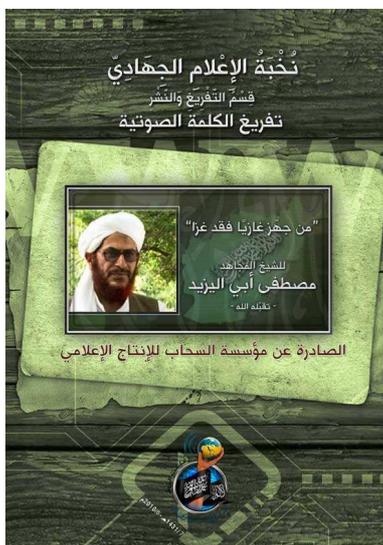
Al-Yazid, who was apparently in charge of Al-Qaeda's financial Committee, calls to the entire Muslim nation to support the commandment of Jihad by sending financial donations to the Mujahideen (Jihad bi-al-Mal). According to him, many actions planned against the "enemy" were not executed due to the Mujahideen's money shortage. In order to stress the importance of this principle, he quotes the Hadith as given by the Prophet: "He who outfits a fighter is viewed as if he has fought himself". According to him there are many merchants and rich Muslims who wish to donate money to finance Jihad but they do not know the way in which to sent their funds, or they fear the "enemy's" aggression. Al-Yazid suggests these Muslims turn to the Ulama identifying with the principle of Jihad and ask for their advice.

Al-Yazid also refers to the displays of animosity exhibited by the Americans towards the Muslim residents as an ongoing terrorizing campaign, the exile of Muslims from their place of residence and more. According to him, there is a close alliance between the United States and the Jews against Islam. For example, the Jews are operating against the Muslims in Palestine. Therefore he calls to attack their cities, bases, hoes, institutions and more.

An interesting point mentioned by Al-Yazid is the terrorist attack executed by Al-Qaeda on February 2010 against a Jewish target in the west of the Indian capital, in a region where there are German bakeries.⁸ According to him, the "enemy" tried to downplay the results of this terrorist attack, killing 20 Jews, most of them from Israel. The person who carried out the attack and took responsibility for it was one of the "Soldiers of Sacrifice Brigade", which is

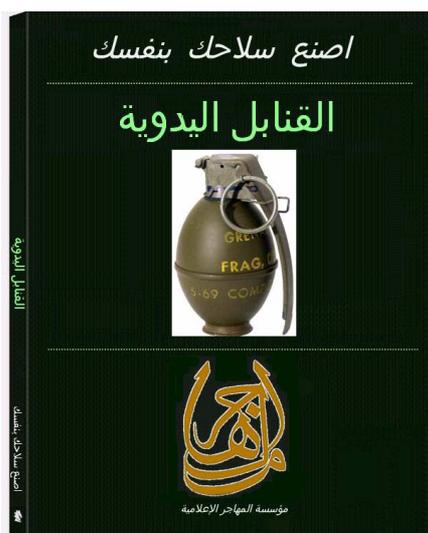
⁸ This refers to the terrorist attack against the "Habad House" in Pune, killing 17 people and injuring over 50 people. <http://www.thejic.com/news/world-news/29808/indian-chabad-house-targeted-february-attack>

part of the Al-Qaeda organization in Kashmir. This terrorist attack was led by Commander Ilyas Kashmiri.⁹



Guidance books and manuals

- The "Al-Muhajir" Jihadi media institute published a manual titled "Prepare your weapon yourself – hand grenades" (11 pages long).¹⁰ It should be noted that the above media institute focuses on booklets and instructional videos dealing with the military aspect.



⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=64497>

¹⁰ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=21310>

Ongoing events

- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute published a video, containing a eulogy by Sheikh Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb's Amir, eulogizing Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid.¹¹
- The GIMF published a video titled: "The Spoils of the Mujahideen: American Equipment and Weapons in the Helmand Province". It was published in three languages: Arabic, Urdu and Brahawi. The video was created by the Jihadi media institute: "the Soldiers of Sacrifice propaganda institute".¹²
- The Documentation Department of the Jihad Media presents a collection of essays by Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, Al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, killed on May 2010.¹³ In addition, the Jihadi media group "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" published software containing Sheikh Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid's entire essays, missives and speeches.¹⁴



¹¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=64301>

¹² <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=18054>

¹³ <http://alfalojweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=124858>

¹⁴ <https://asansar.info/vb/showthread.php?t=22475>

Magazines

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in Arabic, warns the surfers against downloading a new magazine in English called "Inspire" attributed to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, claiming that its PDF file contains a virus and is exposed to hacking.¹⁵

The Al-Faloja forum administrators warned the surfers through other forums, that "Inspire", the Jihadi magazine in English portrayed today as issued by the "Al-Malahim" institute, is the work of the apostate hypocrite dogs who are trying to discredit the Mujahideen.¹⁶ However, several days later the Jihadi forums posted links for downloading the issue in its entirety.¹⁷



- The 17th issue of the English magazine "In Fight" (156 pages long) issued by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.¹⁸ The current issue focuses on the Kandahar region and deals with the following main themes:
 - Military Operations in Nimroz
 - Martyrdom Attack in Kabul – 18 May 2010

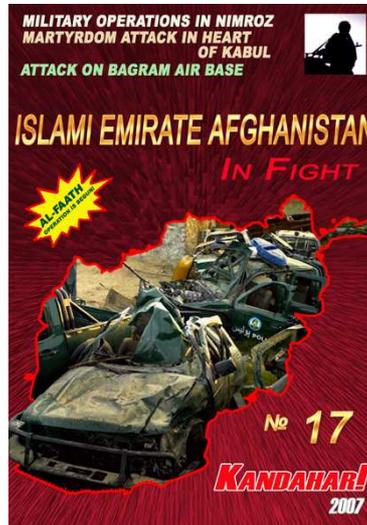
¹⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22658>

¹⁶ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=10814>

¹⁷ [http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?183144-\[-Inspire-\]](http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?183144-[-Inspire-])

¹⁸ <http://www.jamiahafsaforum.com/forum/showthread.php?t=6421>

- Attack on American base in Bagram – 18 May 2010
- Firing of main base of invaders in Kandahar – 23 May 2010

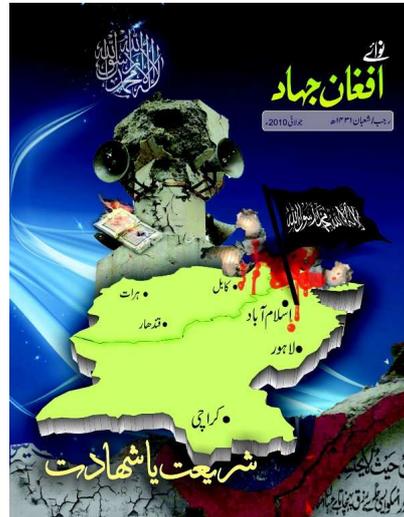


- The "Al-Ansar" Jihadi media institute published issue no. 55 (31 pages long) of the Jihadi magazine "Crop of the Mujahideen".¹⁹ Amongst the main issues dealt with in the current issue are:
 - Jerusalem and Samaraa between Jewdization and Shiitization.
 - Recent terrorist attacks targeting the "occupying forces" in Afghanistan and Iraq
 - The importance of Da'awa



¹⁹ <https://asansar.info/vb/showthread.php?p=89878>

- A new issue (July 2010) of the Jihadi magazine "Nawaj Afghan Jihad" (60 pages long) published in Urdu.²⁰



- Issue no. 18 of the "Al-Waqi'" Jihadi magazine, presenting the reader with a compilation of reports pertaining to the Mujahideen around the world and to international news at the top of the global agenda. Thus for example, a report is mentioned regarding a threat made by Al-Qaeda to kidnap Saudi princes if "Umm Al-Rabbab", a senior Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula member in charge of financing an recruiting activists, is not released. Furthermore, the magazine deals with the responses on the way Israel handled the flotilla towards Gaza and more.²¹
- Issue no. 19 of the "Al-Waqi'" Jihadi magazine (27 pages long). This issue mentions, for instance, the upcoming flotillas expected to reach Gaza, Adam Gadahn's latest speech directed at Obama, the fighting between the British forces and the Taliban in Afghanistan and more.²²

²⁰ <http://www.jamiahafsforum.com/forum/showthread.php?t=6997>

²¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=21209>

²² <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=22818>

Reports from the field

The Arabian Peninsula

- *The attack on the Intelligence installation in Aden*

On June 19th 2010 Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula activists carried out a planned attack on an installation belonging to the Yemenite Intelligence in Aden. In the course of the raid on the building, Al-Qaeda activists succeeded in killing security guards at the place and according to several reports even release people incarcerated there. According to various evaluations, this attack symbolizes a change in the organization's tactics, whose essence is – attacking the Yemenite institution and its establishments instead of Western targets.²³ Following are some reports from the Arab media on the attack:

Article no. 1:²⁴

Armed men wearing military uniforms attacked a Police installation in Aden, in southern Yemen, killing 10 security personnel, including 2 women, injuring 8 security personnel members and additional bystanders and liberating several detainees. The attack took place at 08:00 in the morning on Saturday, June 19th 2010.

Terrorist activists attacked the main gate of one of the offices belonging to the district's Political Security department, opened fire towards the security guards, and threw grenades and shot women and children who were near the building and inside it. The attackers, who shot using automatic weapons and threw mortar shells, succeeded in breaking into the Police and Intelligence building and surprise the security forces during the ceremony of hoisting the flag.

²³ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?179370>

²⁴ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/06/19/111763.html>

The exchange of fire continued for over an hour and the reverberations of the explosions were easily heard outside the building, which is near the institutional television building in Aden. After the attack, the Police posted security checkpoints across the city and has arrested suspects.

This attack occurred one day after Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula threatened to retaliate against the security operations carried out by the Yemenite government against Al-Qaeda in the east part of the country. The announcement posted on the internet stated: "We the fighters in the Arabian Peninsula will not sit idly by in face of what is happening to our women, children and brothers".

Article no. 2:²⁵



Smoke rising over the Intelligence building in Aden

Al-Jazeera's reporter in Aden stated, based on security sources, that at least 10 security personnel members, including three women, were killed in the attack carried out by four armed men on the Political Security (Intelligence) building in Aden. Senior members of the police reported that the attack also caused the inuring of seven people. However, up till now there was no official

²⁵ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/C2FF2006-E3B8-4AAE-8F86-00CCB515EC59.htm>

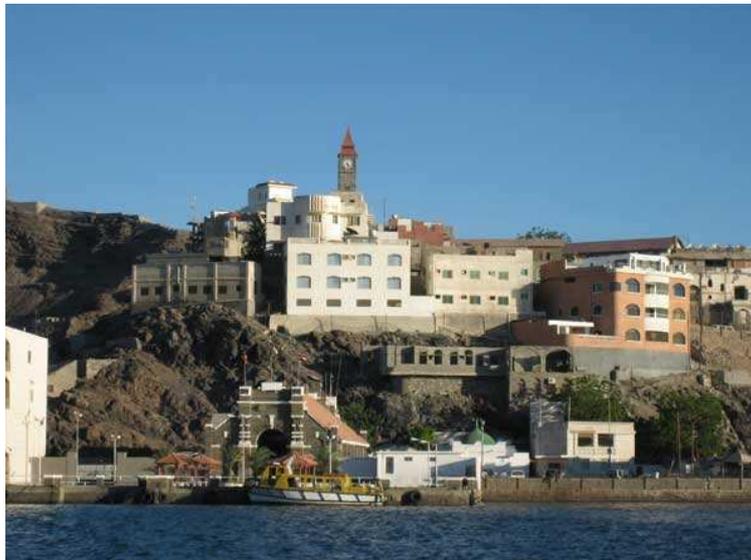
statement as to the number of casualties in the attack, which apparently was backed by Al-Qaeda.

According to security sources, the armed men used RPG mortar shells, machine guns and grenades even before the beginning of the exchange of fire with the security forces, who failed in apprehending the attackers.

The exchange of fire with the attackers who wore military uniforms went for over an hour, and thick smoke rose over the area. The sources added that the attackers managed to release several of the detainees, but their number and identity is as yet unknown.

This attack is carried out one day after Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula threatened to "set fire to the ground under the feet" of the Yemen President, Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Article no. 3:²⁶



The city of Aden

²⁶ http://marebpress.net/news_details.php?sid=25766

The local Council's leadership in the Aden Province denied that there were prisoners in the Political Security building, which was the target of the armed men attack on Saturday morning (June 19th). However, there are reports regarding the fact the armed men succeeded, after having killed several soldiers, to smuggle out a group of prisoners detained in the Political Security building.

According to the district's local council, the Political Security office was attacked; seven office clerks were killed, in addition to three women and a child. The attackers managed to escape but no prisoner was released.

Article no. 4:²⁷

According to eyewitnesses the attackers managed to enter the building and bring out wanted men detained there. The attackers and an unknown number of detainees, apparently belonging to Al-Qaeda, were seen leaving the place. The armed men, probably five, attacked the Political Security's (Intelligence) General Administration building at the Al-Tuwahi neighborhood, near Aden Port. After the attack, two of the armed men were seen confronting the Security Forces.

Article no. 5:²⁸

Sources told the "Al-Hayat" newspaper that at least eight armed men participated in the attack, breaking into the building after having launched RPG shells in its direction. They confronted the security personnel in various corners of the building, inside of it and outside. The attackers succeeded in killing and wounding most of the security personnel after which they broke

²⁷ <http://www.okaz.com.sa/new/Issues/20100620/Con20100620357028.htm>

²⁸ <http://www.daralhayat.com/portalararticlendah/154601>

into the main building and the detention center located on the ground floor, set fire to it, released several detainees and took over the building for about an hour.

Even though there are sources claiming that all of the attackers managed to escape in various directions together with the detainees, others believe that some of the bodies in the place belong to the attackers.

It seems that the attack was planned beforehand, and it is possible the attackers received precise and important information from inside on the patrolling of the place, its weaknesses, maps detailing the entry and exit points of the building, as well as the time when the detainees were transferred from the main prison in Aden to the detention center in the building – the target that was attacked.

Article no. 6:²⁹



Smoke rising over the Intelligence building in Aden

Eyewitnesses say that the attack was carried out by four to five armed men, and went on for about half an hour.

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<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11527&article=574696&feature=>

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula publishes an announcement on the death of the Al-Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid.³⁰



- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement titled "The murdering of women and the destruction of houses and mosques in Wadi Ubeida".³¹ In the announcement, the organization threatens to "set fire to the ground" under the feet of "the tyrants of heresy" of the Yemenite government. This is in response to the attack on the women and children of the Wadi Ubeida region in the Mareb Province, east of Sana'a.³²
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is distributing CD's it has produced in many mosques across Sana'a.³³

The Maghreb

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published that Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) activists are building fortifications in the Sahara region in fear of aerial attacks against them.³⁴

³⁰ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?178053-||-||>

³¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=64726>

³² <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/B2210A7A-AEA2-4CAF-AE86-AB838481546D.htm>

³³ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?179401>

³⁴ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?178663>

The Al-Sham Region

- A surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forum launches a campaign for the unification of the Mujahideen ranks in the Gaza Strip. He explains that the purpose of the campaign is to prevent events such as the one which occurred in the Ibn Taymiyyah Mosque from occurring, in which Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi was eliminated by the Hamas on August 2009.³⁵

Miscellaneous

- The "Al-Tawhid" Jihadi forum published an announcement on "the despicable attack on the Jihadi forums", claiming that the wave of crashes of the various Jihadi forums, such as "Al-Faloja", "Shumukh Al-Islam" and "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network), occurred simultaneously with the heavy losses the Crusaders and their supporters incurred in the battlefield. In addition, the announcement calls to the surfers to increase their level of participation in the other active Jihadi forums to help the Mujahideen and to increase the propaganda campaign on their behalf.³⁶
- The "Al-Faloja" forum general supervisor explained that the forum was inactive for several days since the end of June 2010 until July 7th 2010, due to the takeover of hostile entities of the username of one of the forum supervisors, trying to undermine the foundations of Jihadi propaganda and in order to provoke an internal war between the Jihad supporters. He states that matters were settled after a few days. In conclusion he warns against surfing the "Al-Tawhid Islamic Network" forum (<http://www.twhed.net/vb>) and from cooperating with its supervisor.³⁷

³⁵ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=124647>

³⁶ <http://www.twhed.net/vb/showthread.php?t=5767>

³⁷ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?p=906185#post906185>

- An inspection we carried out in the above-mentioned forum shows that it independently announces its shutting down following the warning issued by the "Al-Faloja" general supervisor. In the website's supervisor's announcement he addresses the Al-Arabiya channel who published an article on the struggle between the Jihadi forums and attacks it for defamation.³⁸ He also criticizes the Al-Faloja forum managers who posted an announcement warning against the "Al-Tawhid Al-Islamiya" network, without approaching its supervisors to check out their suspicions. The forum also clarifies to the surfers that it is a Jihadi forum and it does not have collaborators with foreign entities.
- The "Al-Balagh" media center also published an announcement congratulating the "Al-Faloja" forum for its return, calling to continue helping the Jihadi forums and pleading with the surfers to be responsible in face of the "enemies'" attempts to strike at the Jihadi propaganda.³⁹

On the same matter, the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) forum suffered a crippling blow. The forum also announced at the beginning of July 2010 that it has failed to control the breach it incurred by hostile entities which succeeded in crashing all the servers and completely erasing the forum's archive.⁴⁰
- One of the most senior writers at the "Al-Faloja" forum writes a philosophical article on the differences between Global Jihad and Globalization Jihadists.⁴¹

³⁸ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/07/08/113327.html>

³⁹ <http://alfaloja1.info/vb/showthread.php?p=906336#post906336>

⁴⁰ <http://173.233.71.238/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=5>

⁴¹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=124063>