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

- The no. 2 man in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) calls upon supporters of the organization to raise funds to form operational cells to kidnap Saudi princes and foreigners.
- The mufti of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula explains that the Jihad commandment is a personal duty of every Muslim.
- The Jihadi forums publish a tape made by Osama bin Laden, which was previously broadcast about three months ago on the Al-Jazeera channel.
- A call made by surfers to increase the Jihadi activities in the Islamic Maghreb region.
- The son of the Salafi ideologist, Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, was killed by the American forces in Iraq.

New publications

Ideology

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video in Urdu called "Democracy – the modern God" by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi.¹
- The "Al-Malahim" Jihadi media institute published a video called: "Redeem the Prisoner" by the no. 2 in the Al-Qaeda organization in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), Said Al-Shihri.² In the tape, Al-Shihri calls upon Al-Qaeda supporters in the Arabian Peninsula and in general, to gather information and money to form operational cells to kidnap Christians, princes, ministers and officers belonging to the Saudi royal family. The goal of the kidnappings is to bring about the release of prisoners including Haila Al-Qasir, a.k.a. Umm Al-Rabbab, a 45 years old Saudi Arabian woman, who was arrested by the Saudis in March 2010, for financing Al-Qaeda militants and for recruiting women for the organization. In response, a surfer on the "Al-Faloja" forum declares a campaign to collect the names of senior officials in the Saudi regime, ministers, governors, military personnel and senior foreigners in the Kingdom. The surfers publish the names and photographs of potential senior and security targets.³
- The "Al-Malahim" Jihadi media institute published a video entitled: "If it comes to pass and there is no alternative", by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rubaish, the Mufti of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The Sheikh tells his listeners that the commandment of Jihad, at the present moment in time, is a personal obligation of every Muslim, owing to the enemy's invasion of Muslim territory. Palestine is under Zionist rule, and Iraq and Afghanistan are under American

¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20530>

² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20591>

³ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?p=869131>,
<http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=120541>,
<http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121340>

occupation. The Arabian Peninsula and other areas in the Islamic world are occupied by the enemy's army bases due, to the cooperation between the superficial Muslim regimes, which cooperate with the enemy. Al-Rubaish quotes many references made by religious clerics over the years, which point to the duty of the Muslim nation to aid the Mujahideen, who are leaving to protect the occupied Muslim territories. This aid is manifested in various ways, such as leaving physically for the Jihad arenas, with financial aid etc.⁴



- The Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus published a video entitled "The Amir Muhannad: Our reality is no different than that of the Muslims in Gaza, we are surrounded on all sides". According to Amir Muhannad, the Caucasian fighters are forced to cope with financial and military aid problems, because all such aid needs to pass through Russian territory and there is no Islamic state with mutual borders that can assist them. He claims that this situation is exactly the same as that of the Palestinians who must operate with no outside aid.⁵

⁴ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20937>

⁵ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20700>

Muhammad (Abu Anas) of Arabian origin in his thirties, presumably from the United Emirates, is the first deputy of the Commander of the Armed Forces Front of the Caucasian Emirate and is a member of the Shura Council of the Emirate. He has an important central position – Commander of the foreign fighters' brigade in Chechnya, also called Ansar, after the Al-Ansar group from Medina, who aided the Prophet Muhammad.



Strategy

- Osama bin Laden addresses the American people in a video tape. A surfer wonders what is new in this tape, as its contents were published three months ago. Another surfer explains that it was only published by Al-Jazeera, which many times distorts the words of the Jihadi leaders. On the tape, Bin Laden threatens to kill every American prisoner, if the U.S. executes Al-Qaeda prisoners, in particular Khaled Sheikh Muhammad.⁶
- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a 44-page booklet entitled: "The Jihad and the War of Suspicions" by Abu Yahya Al-Libi. In the book, Al-Libi emphasizes the importance of fulfilling the commandment of Jihad. He claims that a Muslim that does not fulfill this commandment and prefers to focus on the frivolities of this world, is not considered to be a heretic, but is opening the door to the strengthening of the heretic enemy, his occupation of Islamic

⁶ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122612>
<http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122677>,
<http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122661>. See also:
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_April_2010_No_1.pdf, p. 1.

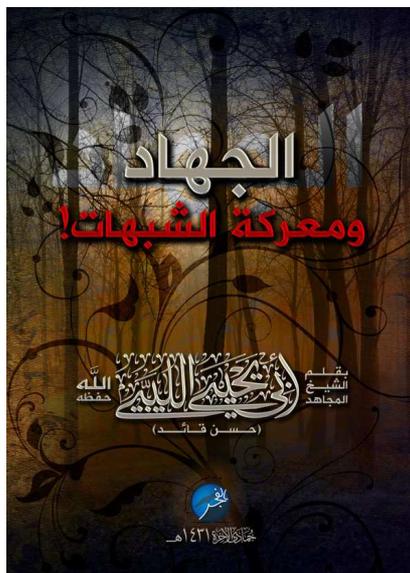
lands, the implementation of their constitutions and pushing out the Sharia and spreading corruption and heresy.

According to him, the Prophet's friends who participated in their time in the Jihad wars against the heretic enemy are supposed to serve as role models, and that holding on to excuses and pretexts against leaving for Jihad, is wrong. He believes that leaving for Jihad is not intended to be only against the heretic enemy and by carrying weapons against him in the battlefield, but is intended also against all those criticizing the fulfillment of this commandment, placing many obstacles in its path. Al-Libi criticizes these critics, the Ulama especially, and claims their arguments are groundless or without a religious basis.

He anchors the legitimacy of the commandment of Jihad in the many Jihad theaters in the period of the first four Caliphs of Islam, who received wide support from all across the spectrum. According to him, the doubts cast by the Ulama in fulfilling the commandment of Jihad serves the tyrannical regimes and does not help strengthen the creeds of the faith. Therefore, the Mujahideen themselves are obliged to respond to any casting of such doubts by writing.

Al-Libi advises the Mujahideen on how they must conduct this argumentative discussion, for example by referring to certain essays from religious literature, in order to legally base the argument that a government which does not faithfully observe the Sharia is considered an illegitimate government that is not a part of the Islamic congregation any more. Therefore, the Jihad campaign should also be conducted by argumentative writing directed at its critics.⁷

⁷ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20936>



- The Jihadi "Al-Balagh" media institute published a booklet by Dr. John Boutros, who is known to be anti-American and a strong Al-Qaeda and Bin Laden supporter. In the booklet, he discusses the complicated operations carried out during the previous year and asks whether they were carried out according to a particular concept and mindful of the future, or whether they were random operations in order to wear down the West even more? He states that he would not supply an answer but would review the actions. He reviews the events starting from June 16th 2009, and opens with the words of the Amir of "The Army of Allah's supporters at Bayt Al-Maqdis",⁸ who adopted Al-Qaeda's goals and blessed the heads of the organization and the Amirs of the Taliban and the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI). He ends his review on May 24th 2010, with a report from "Haaretz" newspaper, on the ties between Al-Qaeda in Yemen and the activists inside Gaza.⁹ Abdul Ela Sha'i, a Yemenite reporter who specializes in Al-Qaeda, responds: The stage following Al-Qaeda has begun. He explains: Nidal Hassan is the one who actually started the new stage of individual Jihad, which is an Al-Qaeda

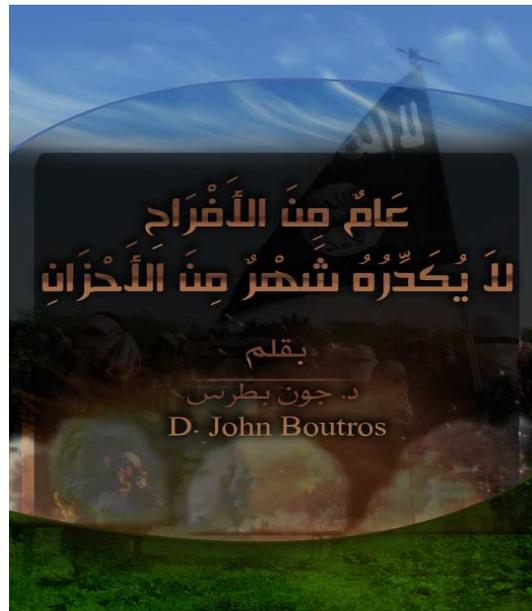
⁸ The reference is to Jerusalem or Palestine

⁹ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121462>

ideology. The meaning is that Al-Qaeda's principles, its tactics and modus operandi, which in the past were under the monopoly of the organization, have begun to spread and are reaching individuals and groups who are not connected to the organization, such as Nidal Hassan. He explains that most of the actions presented by John Boutros, do not belong to Al-Qaeda, but to the Global Jihad Movement. He clarifies: "The Islamic State of Iraq" comprises more than 13 Jihadi factions, who are crowded together under Al-Qaeda and the flag of the "Islamic State of Iraq". He continues: The new weapon's tactics, created by the Al-Qaeda branch in the Arabian Peninsula, is a stage following Al-Qaeda, because the organization permits the branch to circumvent it. In this manner, the organization becomes a center for exporting ideas and weapons and a focal point for all those who seek its services, such as the Nigerian Omar Al-Faruq, who sought out Al-Qaeda in order to carry out his attack.

The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement does not belong to Al-Qaeda. Its maneuverability is greater than Al-Qaeda's and Islamic circles cooperate with it. He mentions that Al-Qaeda's "Mufti", Abu Yayha Al-Libi, gave his blessing to the religious ruling made by one hundred Muslim religious clerics after the "Cast Lead Operation" in 2009, against the moderate regimes in the Arab world, because of their cooperation with Israel. He states that these religious clerics are "those who followed Al-Qaeda, as none of them belong to the organization". He summarizes: "The name of the Al-Qaeda organization will disappear from the arena in days, weeks, months and future years, because additional groups from the Islamic nation will join the ideological system, as

individuals and groups. The stage following Al-Qaeda means the return of the Islamic nation to the first place, and it will take Al-Qaeda's place".¹⁰



- The "Al-Balagh" media institute published the answers of Sheikh Abd Al-Majid Abd Al-Majed, member of Al-Qaeda's Shura Council in Khorasan.¹¹

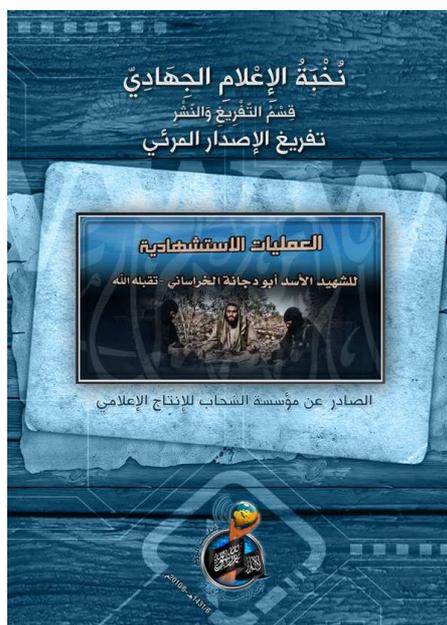
Promoting the Myth of the Shahid

- The "As-Shahab" Jihadi media institute published a video tape entitled "The Istishhad operations of the Shahid Abu Dujana Al-Khorasani". In the tape he calls for adhering to the principle of Istishhad.¹²

¹⁰ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122001>

¹¹ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?p=884802#post884802>

¹² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=21005>



Current Events

- The GIMF published a video entitled "The virgins' spokesperson 1 – the martyrs of Helmand-Zabel". The video was made by the Jihadi media institute "Muasassat Junud Al-Fida Al-I'lamiya" ("the media institute of the Soldiers of Sacrifice"), which was published in three languages; Arabic, Urdu and Brahui.¹³



¹³ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20618>

- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, which operates under the name of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen in Somalia, published a video entitled "A message to the French nation by the imprisoned security adviser Denis Alex".¹⁴
- The "Al-Ansar" Jihadi media institute published a video entitled "Destruction of the Hammer of the collaborating army in the attack filmed in Mosul".¹⁵

Magazines:

- Edition No. 17 of the "Al-Waqi" Jihadi magazine, (34 pages long) which prints news articles regarding the Mujahideen and news at the top of the international agenda. In the present edition, for example, Anwar Al-Awlaqi's remarks regarding the need to kill American soldiers were printed, the flotilla to Gaza etc.¹⁶

¹⁴ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20912>

¹⁵ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20627>

¹⁶ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20447>

Reports from the Field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

- Following the death of the Al-Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, the pilotless aircraft issue is bothering the surfers on the Jihadi forums. They state that the Americans are afraid of facing their enemy and therefore use this method which will, in the long run, be proven ineffectual. They are trying to find solutions to this problem.

There are those who suggest hitting the departure bases of these pilotless aircraft, in order to disrupt their operations and also to destroy their control systems. Some explain that these aircraft bomb the Mujahideen, after receiving precise information from agents "and therefore, the Mujahideen ranks must be purged of these traitors". Some recommend hitting the CIA units in Afghanistan and Pakistan and forming special units to down the pilotless aircraft. Others mention the attempt of the Nigerian Omar Al-Farouk to blow up the passenger aircraft and suggest blowing up western passenger aircrafts and not necessarily Americans, in order to deter the "enemies" and to reduce the use of pilotless aircraft. Another surfer suggests an original solution: To use lasers in order to disrupt the pilotless aircraft's cameras. Another surfer mentions an announcement made by the Islamic Emirates in Afghanistan which stated that a pilotless aircraft had been downed on June 6th 2010 and says this should be studied. The surfers also bring explanations on the types of pilotless aircraft together with films and pictures.¹⁷

- The Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan praised the flotilla of the "Marmara" to Gaza. The Emirate denounces Israel, praises the Turkish nation, calls upon the Islamic rulers and Muslim nations to follow the Turkish nation, in order to

¹⁷ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119763>

free the Al-Aqsa Mosque and break the blockade on Gaza and stresses that "preventing the despicable Zionists' violence and reprehensible deeds and those who aid them – the American Crusaders – against the world's oppressed, could only be done by Islamic unity, a holy Jihad and acts of sacrifice".¹⁸

The Arabian Peninsula

- Technical advice provided by the surfers to the Al-Qaeda activists in Yemen, on how to make the attacks on the country's oil wells more efficient.¹⁹
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that tribes, collaborating with Al-Qaeda, blew up the oil pipe which connects the Maghreb region in Eastern Yemen to the shores of the Red Sea. Following the explosion, the pumping of oil was stopped.²⁰

The Maghreb

- A surfer raises the following issue: Why do we hear, from time to time, of surfers who leave for Jihad in Somalia, Iraq and Afghanistan, but not from the Islamic Maghreb. He states that this region is fertile ground for carrying out Jihad, particularly Algeria, and it only reinforces the claim of Abu Musab Al-Suri, who has already stated that: "There is no escape from the Jihad succeeding in Algeria". He reminds that there are Arab Afghans in Algeria and the Sahara and he calls upon the Mujahideen to hasten to Algeria and he states that the Jihad there will be easier than in Iraq and Somalia.

Another surfer raises an interesting point: The Mujahideen attack Algerian army convoys, but most of the soldiers in the army enlist to the army by law.

¹⁸ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=120670>

¹⁹ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122283>

²⁰ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?176647>

Many do not want to enlist but encounter difficulties in their future lives if they do not. He states that when he himself is recruited, he will not lift his gun against the Mujahideen who are Muslims as himself. Another surfer disagrees with him and says that most of the youngsters enlist willingly. The first surfer responds that this matter prevented many from going on Jihad, owing to the fear of spilling Muslim blood of those who believe in the uniqueness of the Lord. Another surfer says that the reason for the deficiency in those leaving for Jihad in the Maghreb, is that there is a difficulty in finding trustworthy people to take charge of coordination and arranging the details. There are also problems in other regions, but the greatest difficulty is in the Maghreb. Another surfer mentions a 2007 fatwa issued by the Al-Qaeda leader in the Maghreb, forbidding enlistment into the regime's establishment, including the army.²¹

- Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb denies the publications that two of its senior activists, Abu Abbas Uthman and Abu Al-Naaman surrendered to the Algerian authorities.²²

The Al-Sham Region

- Two "Al-Faloja" forum members were killed by Israeli fire whilst trying to fire Qassam rockets towards Israel.²³
- A surfer requests the assistance of the surfers in finding links regarding rockets. He explains that an activist from Gaza has asked him for information on how to manufacture the rockets. He says that he sent the activist the data

²¹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119652>

²² <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121220>

²³ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121044>,
<http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119830>

in his possession but that it was for rockets with a range of only 6 kms. He asked that the information be sent to him to his private mailbox.²⁴

- A Palestinian from Gaza asks the Sharia Committee on the "Minbar Al-Tawhid" website: He wishes to go on Jihad from Gaza to Iraq, Yemen or Afghanistan, but due to his marriage he is constrained in this matter. The responder advises him that he should not send his wife away so long as he is unable to leave on Jihad. However, when he is able, he should do so but not leave her in an ambiguous position. The responder also explains that Gaza now needs to enlist all its resources and therefore should not be left in order to assist in the Jihad of others. The calm at the moment is only temporary and the ranks must be united, organized, prepared and plans made.²⁵

Africa

- The Jihadi "Al-Qimmah" forum which reports a great deal on the Somali arena, published pictures of burnt out armored vehicles belonging to the "Crusader forces" which were attacked in Mogadishu by members of the "Al Shabab Al-Mujahideen".²⁶



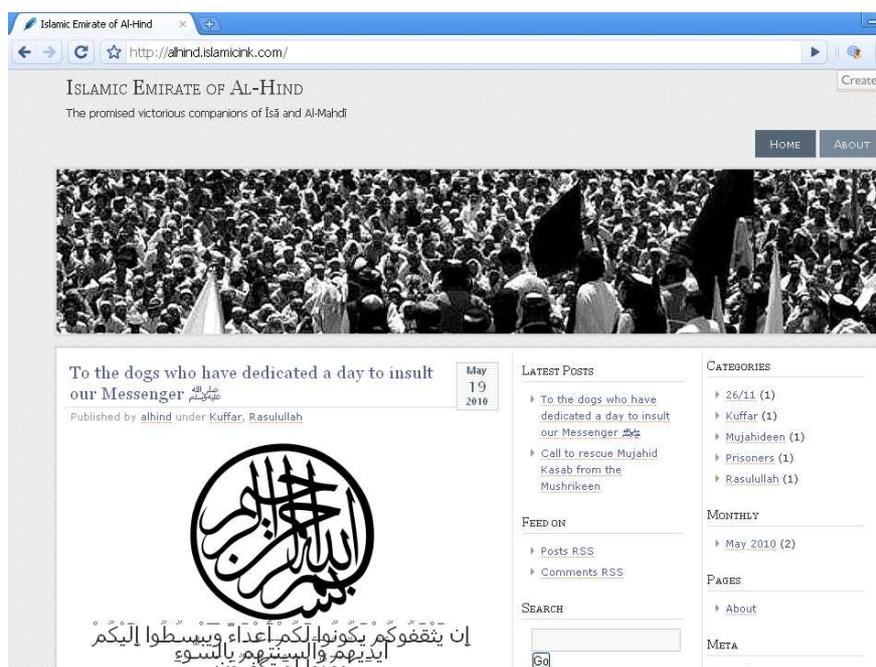
²⁴ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122010>

²⁵ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121325>

²⁶ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17604>

The West and the Rest of the World:

- The "Islamic Emirate of Al-Hind" published a warning to the west on "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum in response to recent slandering of the Prophet Muhammad.²⁷ The <http://alhind.islamcinik.co> website should be noted in this connection. It appears to be an unofficial site of the Islamic Emirate of India.



- A three part article entitled "A Reflection on Aceh²⁸ Jihad 2010"²⁹ was posted on several forums and sites. The first part gives a history of the organization,³⁰ the second part is more of an analysis on the meaning of Jihad

²⁷ See: <https://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=22393>

²⁸ Aceh is a special territory of Indonesia, located on the northern tip of the Island of Sumatra.

²⁹ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_March_2010_No.2.pdf, p. 17.

³⁰

<http://www.theunjustmedia.com/Islamic%20Perspectives/April10/A%20Reflection%20On%20Aceh%20Jihad%202010.htm>

as well as internal difficulties,³¹ and the third part discusses "Formulating the Map of Contributions of the Islamic Ummah".³²

- The announcement made by the German President regarding his resignation on May 31st 2010: The surfers credit this to the Mujahideen and the media campaign which the Jihadi forums conducted against Germany in recent months.³³
- The heads of the Russian intelligence announced the capture of the military emir (Amir Magas) Ahmad Evloyev in Ingushetia on June 9th 2010.³⁴ This was confirmed by the Mujahideen leadership of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus.³⁵



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[http://www.theunjustmedia.com/Islamic%20Perspectives/April10/A%20Reflection%20On%20Aceh%20Jihad%202010%20\(Part%20II\).htm](http://www.theunjustmedia.com/Islamic%20Perspectives/April10/A%20Reflection%20On%20Aceh%20Jihad%202010%20(Part%20II).htm)

³² <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17532>

³³ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119693>

³⁴ Commander of Caucas a Front of Armed Forces, Chief commander of all the forces of the North Caucasus, Amior of Ghalghaycho (Ingushetia & North Ossetia), Leader of the Ingushetia-based "Ingush Jamaat", Member of the Sharia Council.

³⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=64132>.

General Reports

- The last edition of the Jihadi magazine "Al-Mushtaqun Ila Al-Jannah", contained threats to attack the World Cup Games in South Africa made by Ubada bin Al-Samit.³⁶ Apparently this writer is active on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum. In one of the postings on this forum, he proposes recruiting 125 Muslims from amongst the engineers, doctors, electronics experts, merchants, ambassadors and ministers, in order to form an elite group to help in the Jihad against the Crusaders. This group will be charged with a series of 125 attacks, which would start at the beginning of 2011 and finish at the end of 2013. The name "Brigade 125" will be given to the group.³⁷
- A surfer on the "Al-Faloja" forum asks a number of questions and requests answers from the forum supervisors: How can we know that the supervisors are not intelligence agents who have formed the forum in order to get young Mujahideen to expose their identities? Why are there no Palestinians in the leadership of the Global Jihad? Why are the Mujahideen in Iraq killing the local security forces and not focusing on American soldiers? Also, why are Al-Qaeda activists killing Algerian soldiers and not fighting in Iraq or Somalia? Why does Al-Qaeda not attack in Israeli territory or Israeli embassies worldwide? In the history of Islam, did the Muslims kill their enemies by slaughtering?

One of the supervisors replies: The supervisors come from the supporters of the Jihad. If they do their jobs properly they continue and if not – they are removed. Many of the supervisors are highly experienced and held identical positions with other Jihadi forums. He reminds that the Jihad was started by

³⁶ http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf

³⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=62754>

Sheikh Abdullah Azzam who was a Palestinian. It is not important where the Al-Qaeda leaders come from, so long as he is a Muslim who believes in the right path, for instance Al-Zarqawi who is a Jordanian and was the Mujahideen's commander in Iraq. The supervisor also mentions Bin Laden's words in the past regarding the steps to be taken to liberate Palestine. He explains that those who assist the Americans in Iraq are heretics and they must die. He also mentions hadiths teaching of the use of the path of slaughter.³⁸

- The Salafi ideologist, Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, announced the death of his son and three of his Mujahideen comrades in a battle with the American forces in Mosul in Iraq.³⁹

Miscellaneous

- An "Ansar Al-Mujahadeen" English forum administrator by the name of Asadullah Al-Shishani, sings a tribute to Sheikh Mustafa Abu Yazid⁴⁰ where he prays on joining him after he is killed. It should be noted that this is not the first son or poem written and sung by this member.⁴¹
- A 1960 US Army explosive encyclopedia was recently posted on the "Al-Qimmah" forum. This is the first volume out of 10 to be posted.⁴²
- A link to a laboratory simulator has been posted on the "Al-Qimmah" forum, enabling users to experiment safely with different chemicals and quantities.⁴³

³⁸ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121445>

³⁹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=122241>

⁴⁰ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No_1.pdf, p. 8.

⁴¹ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17492>

⁴² <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17453>

⁴³ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17474>

- Following new instructions to install surveillance cameras in internet cafes in Jordan within six months, the surfers are warned about this.⁴⁴
- There is a new room on the "Al-Faloja" forum: the Voice of Caucasus dedicated to developments in this region.⁴⁵
- A new media institute named the "Al-Gharib Institute for Media Production" (Bayt Al-Maqdis) announces experimental advertising. One person is behind this initiative. The surfers tell this surfer that the initiative is to be praised for the Jihad but it is preferable that it represent an active organization.⁴⁶

⁴⁴ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=120234>

⁴⁵ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/forumdisplay.php?f=91>

⁴⁶ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=121692>