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

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institute publishes an interview with Anwar Al-Awlaki, calling to the Muslims in the U.S. Army to kill their friends.
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula publishes a video calling the Yemenite tribes to join the Jihad campaign against the U.S. and the Yemenite government.
- Ayman Al-Zawahiri publishes an obituary for the death of the leaders of Al-Qaeda in Iraq.
- Al-Qaeda's general leadership announces the death of the organization's leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid.
- Calls to support Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb.
- A call to attack American and Jewish targets following the Flotilla to Gaza events.

New publications

Ideology

- The media center of the Turkistani Islamic Party (TIP) "Sawt al-Islam" (The Voice of Islam) published a video clip of an interview with a senior member of the party, Abdullah Mansur, "in remembrance of the recent massacre perpetrated by Communist China". The video is in Chinese.¹
- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute published a video titled: "The judgment is for Allah: the raid on the parliament of those seceding Islam in Mogadishu". In the video, the current government in Somalia is accused of crimes against the Somali people, such as uncontrolled killings of Somali citizens, allowing a foothold for the Ethiopian "Crusading" forces in the country also killing Somali citizens, and more. According to the video, the rampant corruption within the government, supported also by the western countries, has brought the Mujahideen to retaliate with the launching of mortars on the parliament.²



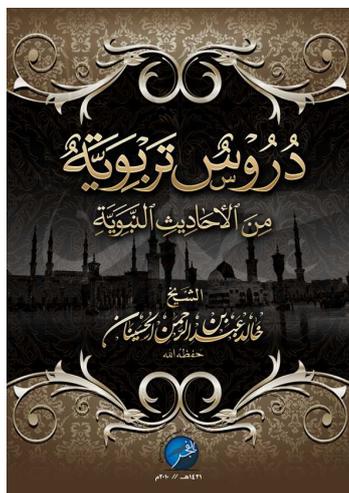
- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a booklet titled "educational lessons from the prophetic traditions" (74 pages long) by Sheikh Khalid bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Husaynan, one of Al-Qaeda's new wave of religious jurists.³ Found amongst the lessons appearing in the booklet are lessons titled

¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=62778>

² <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=63232>

³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=62605>

"The believer is good at everything", "The Complete Islam", "How to implement the statement that there is no God other than Allah" and more.



Strategy

- An "Al-Malahim" interview with Anwar Al-Awlaki was posted on several of the forums. In the interview, Al-Awlaki attacks the West for its war on Islam and protection of Israel. He goes further in justifying Nidal Hassan's actions (Ft. Hood, TX)

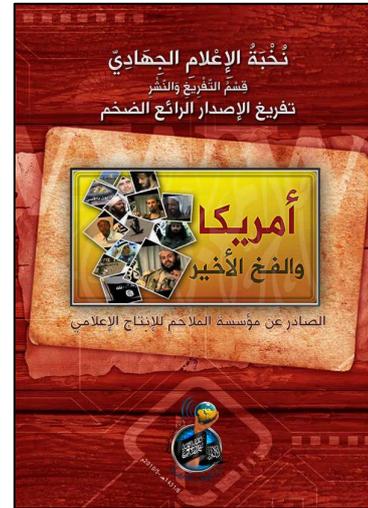


and Al-Mutallab's attempt to blow up the North Western jet liner. Al-Awlaki also repeats his previous call to American Muslims to take action, if by words or military action, against the US. Although in Arabic, some forum members gave a quick translation to the interview while others are waiting "anxiously" for an official translation.⁴

⁴ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/interview-shaykh-anwar-al-awlaki-35540/>

- A video publication on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula titled "America and the last trap".⁵ The movie points to the war crimes of the western superpowers, headed by the United States, against Muslim citizens, including women and children, all across the Mediterranean. The secular Arab regimes, especially Yemen, are depicted as corrupt governments joining the western superpowers in the "war on terrorism" and portrayed as operating against the Muslim nation. In the movie, the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leaders address the tribes residing in Yemen and ask them to pay attention to the danger to Yemen in view of the tight security cooperation between Yemen and the United States. Therefore, they ask the above mentioned tribes to join the Jihad campaign against the Americans and the current Yemenite government.⁶

Amongst other things, the movie deals with the appointment of a new commander in Yemen called Uthman Al-Ghamidi. Surfers comment that the publication should be translated to English so as to pass on the messages it contains to the West. Another surfer calls to use more often Jihadi songs in the Yemenite dialect, like the ones used in this publication, and mentions the presence of the "brothers" within the Yemenite people, referring to a popular support of the Mujahideen. The surfers also call to spread the publication in the Arabian Peninsula and in Yemen, and some state that the publication has already been spread before reaching the internet.⁷

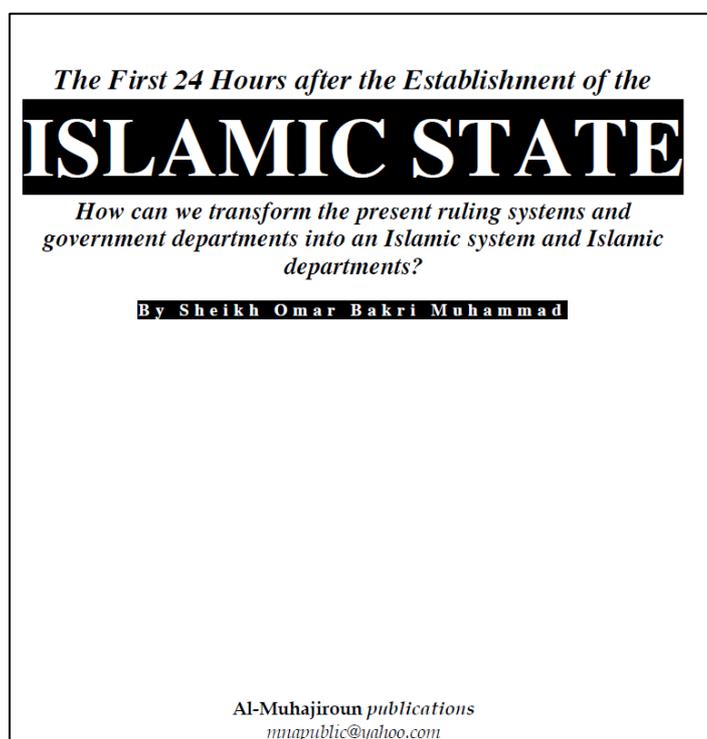


⁵ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=118547>

⁶ <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=362315>

⁷ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=118569>,
<http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?174355>

- A book entitled "The First 24 Hours after the Establishment of the Islamic State" written By Sheikh Omar Bakri Muhammad was posted on the "Al-Qimmah" forum. The book deals with ways to transform the present ruling systems and government departments into an Islamic system and Islamic departments. The author touches all ministries as well as the frame work of the new state under the rule of the Caliphates.



- "The Committee for Strategic Research" published a document titled "South Africa and the next conflict". The document explains why South Africa is a heretic and exploiting country, mentioning its hostile attitude in the past and in the present towards the Muslims. For example, it is mentioned that the Somali community in the country is living in great fear, the country's authorities have extradited Muslims to the United States charged with terrorism, and forces from South Africa are in Darfur in Sudan, Somalia and

Iraq.⁸ It should be noted that the World Cup Games are taking place in South Africa and that threats regarding a terrorist attack have already been heard.⁹

- In the scope of the "Re-publication of Jihadi awe inspiring, rare and superb publications" campaign, book no. 15 of the series is published, titled: "The Jihad Encyclopedia: Part One – Security and Intelligence" (720 pages long). The book was first published in 2003.¹⁰



Promoting the myth of the shahid

- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute published a new booklet titled "Abu Hassan Al-San'ani" (4 pages long). The publication (no. 44) was published as part of the "Martyr's Biography" series.¹¹ The current biography is dedicated to the shahid Anwar Najib Al-Shi'ri, killed three years ago when in his late thirties during a raid conducted on one of the checkpoints in Iraq. He worked as a dental assistant but decided to join the ranks of the Mujahideen in Iraq against the conquerors. Later on he was apprehended by the occupying forces in Iraq and was sent to prison. Two years later, following a break-in of some of his friends, he succeeded in escaping prison and was reintegrated in the

⁸ <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119387>

⁹ http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf

¹⁰ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=19873>

¹¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=63003>

Mujahideen's aerial support force after having undergone a course in anti-aircraft shooting.¹²

Ongoing events

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "A eulogy for the two commanders". In the video, Sheikh Al-Zawahiri eulogizes the two Al-Qaeda in Iraq leaders, eliminated in the second half of April 2010.¹³

Magazines

- Issue no. 16 (37 pages long) of the Jihadi "Al-Waqi" magazine. The magazine gathers reports connected with the Mujahideen and international news at the top of the global agenda. For example, the magazine reports on the appointment of a new leadership for Al-Qaeda in Iraq. In addition, the magazine reports in the activities of the Taliban in Afghanistan, on the attempted terrorist attack at "Times Square" at the beginning of May 2010 and more.¹⁴

¹² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=63003>

¹³ <http://202.71.111.73/~asansar/vb/showthread.php?p=83439>

¹⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=62336>

Reports from the field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

- Al-Qaeda's general leadership published an announcement regarding the death of the organization's leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, considered to be part of the organization's founding generation and its money man.¹⁵ It is unclear when he was killed, but apparently he died in sometime last month, as he was amongst those sending his condolences for the death of the Al-Qaeda in Iraq leaders, in the second half of April 2010.

Iraq

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published a call addressed to the Mujahideen in Iraq, calling them to join ranks and act for the promotion of the idea of global Jihad, and especially the Jihad arena in Iraq.¹⁶
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that Al-Qaeda in Iraq denied reports claiming the organization is planning on carrying out a terrorist attack at the World Cup Games in South Africa.¹⁷

The Arabian Peninsula

- In response to a report on the appeal made by Wafa Al-Shihri, wife of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula 2nd in command, a forum member says that what the Mujahideen probably need from the women of the Arabian Peninsula is money.¹⁸

¹⁵ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?175051>

¹⁶ [http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?172760-\(-\)](http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?172760-(-))

¹⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?173863>, see in this matter: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf

¹⁸ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=22535>, see also: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_May_2010_No_2.pdf, page 6.

The Maghreb

- A surfer begins a thread whose objective is to express support of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. He asks the surfers to gather strategic "documents" for the Mujahideen in the region. The surfers respond:¹⁹
 - "The Mujahideen need people such as Abdullah Al-Nafisi (a famous Kuwaiti ideologist dealing with the conflict between the West and Islam); Akram Hijazi (a Jordanian researcher dealing in global Jihad), Abdul Ela Haydar Sha'i (a Yemenite journalist dealing in global jihad mainly in the Arabian Peninsula), Ibrahim Al-Khader (his function is unknown) and religious clerics, ideologists and many military men, to learn from their experience."
 - "Unfortunately, strategically and operationally, the Islamic Maghreb is still suffering from the problem that many of the Muslims do not know the truth on the regimes and Islam over there. European imperialism has succeeded in turning the people there or most of them into ignorant... thus the Mujahideen brothers are facing difficulty in spreading and also in regards to finances."
 - Regarding the city of Ceuta (a Spanish enclave located in the northern tip of the Maghreb in Morocco, operating as an autonomous Spanish province) and the city of Melilla (a Spanish enclave on the northern shore of the African continent), one of the surfers states that the Jihad leaders mention these two cities in their speeches and have already called for the banishing of the Spanish people from there, but their calls were unanswered by the Mujahideen in the Islamic Maghreb. He calls to the Mujahideen to heed these calls and adopt the issue so as to recruit the

¹⁹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=118766>

youth for Jihad and the liberation of the cities, as "the presence in these two occupied cities and nearby is of a major role in the matter, without which we shall not reach the lost Andalusia. All throughout history, the two cities were the key for the passage to the other side and a bridge to it. The Spanish presence there up until now and the steadfast hold are not for naught. They (the Crusaders) read history meticulously and know the strategic and geographic value of the two cities."

- Another surfer mentions the daily development of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. He mentions its deployment in Algeria, the Algerian desert, Morocco, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, albeit in small organizationally dispersed groups, but united ideologically. He also explains that "a process has begun of integrating the brothers in Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Chad in the Al-Qaeda organization in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania" and wishes that until 2020 "they shall be facing forward towards Sudan and Egypt up to the borders of Palestine."
- "Quality operations should be carried out in these two cities (Ceuta and Melilla) which will cause the Spanish enemy to carry out acts of foolishness that will be the straw that broke the camel's back. The enemy should be dragged into carrying out acts of foolishness that will motivate the Muslims."
- A call for a change in the operational strategy in the Maghreb – from abductions to terrorist attacks while acknowledging the field and topographic conditions.
- A call to join the training camps in the central Maghreb and the Sahara so as to prepare for the confrontation. Furthermore, a call to "the brothers

from home to organize their ranks, establish a Mujahideen Shura Council, appoint an Amir to lead them, unite the brigades and purchase weapons.”

- A call to derive use from the tribes in Libya, as Libya is divided into two in terms of the customs and tribes. Wishing the tribes arouse anarchy and maybe a revolution in the country.



Location of Ceuta



Location of Melilla

- An announcement by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb from May 22nd 2010 reporting on the organization's activities in the past two months. The announcement details the operation carried out by the organization in Algeria, causing according to the announcement 120 wounded, including some fatalities.²⁰

Africa

- A statement from the General Command of the “Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen” Movement, entitled “And on that day, the believers will rejoice”, was posted on the Islamic Awakening forum. The statement makes reference to the botched Times Square car bomb and to the resilience of the global Jihad. The

²⁰ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=118324>

statement also makes reference to Al-Qaeda's slain leaders in Iraq and Afghanistan.²¹

- A member of the Islamic Awakening forum posted a message from Abu Mansoor Al-Amrikee, an American Muslim who joined the Somali "Al-Shabab" organization, where he discusses the current Jihad in Somalia. The post started a discussion on the massive killing of innocent lives in Somalia by the Jihadi movements.²²
- A rap "Nasheed" was posted on the Al-Qimmah English forum. The Nasheed is a song by Abu Mansor Al-Amrikee as well as 2 other American Muslims in Somalia.²³
- A report regarding the construction of Japan's naval base in Djibouti was posted on "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum, with one member stating that this would have implications.²⁴

The West and the rest of the world

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum reported, based on a report published in France, that about 50 thousand French citizens are converting to Islam every year.²⁵
- An "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" forum member posts a call to free a Mujahid named Kasab from prison. The call was posted on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Al-Hind.²⁶ It should be noted that we have yet to encounter the use of "the Islamic Emirate in India" on the Jihadi forums in Arabic. There are other

²¹ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/statement-general-command-mujahideen-youth-movement-35073/>

²² <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/abu-mansoor-al-amrikee-current-jihad-somalia-34043/>

²³ <http://alqimmah.net/showthread.php?p=32435>

²⁴ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=21700>

²⁵ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=44949>

²⁶ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=22121>

Islamic emirates, declared by Al-Qaeda, such as Afghanistan, Waziristan, Iraq, Somalia, the Caucasus, the Islamic Emirate of the Sahara²⁷ and Gaza.

It should also be noted that the Arabian Peninsula is not declared as an Islamic emirate. According to the Yemenite journalist, Abdul Ela Haydar Sha'i, who has close ties with the leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, establishing an emirate in Yemen is a local objective the organization has not achieved yet.²⁸

General reports

Responses to the Flotilla events to Gaza

- As opposed to regular threads which take days to reach high number of viewers and responders, the following threads received numerous hits. The responses ranged from concern to the participants of the flotilla, to active violent action against the state of Israel and any supporting country. Forum members voiced their frustration at the inability of the Arab nation to fight Israel and that except for words, nothing is done. Other members discussed the legal issues of the subject, while others call for revenge on Jews anywhere they are. One administrator, named Asadullah Al-Shishani (an American. His real name is Emerson Begolly), goes as far as changing his signature to a blood soaked knife with the wording "the only solution is the final solution!!! When the Jew's blood reds my knife, then my life is free from strife!!!". He also posts a picture of dead Jews from the holocaust.²⁹

²⁷ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Jan_2010_No_2.pdf, page 12.

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<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11416&article=559187&feature=>

²⁹ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=22862>

One member asks as to why hasn't Al-Qaeda carried out any attack against Israel and is responded with a video of Sheikh Abu Yahya on the matter. A female member writes that what she thinks should be done can not be written as it's against the forum rules.³⁰

- A call to attack American and Jewish targets everywhere and attack American vessels, especially those crossing the Hormuz Straits. Furthermore, there is a call to join the ranks of the Mujahideen and help those under siege in Gaza while increasing the "quality operations".³¹
- A surfer urges the Mujahideen to attack Jewish targets around the world. He explains that by attack he means kidnapping Jews around the world and exchanging them for prisoners in Israeli jails. He calls to kidnap businessmen and tourists and to attack Israeli embassies, or even only send them threatening letters.³²
- Reports that the Amir of the Uzbekistan Islamic Movement, Tahir Farooq, was killed in April. Even though the thread starter states the information is from a reliable source, an administrator locks it to prevent speculates.³³
- An Al-Qimmah forum member raises a question that critiques Anwar Al-Awlaki preaching, specifically discrepancies between him and the Quran. In the discussion that ensues, most if not all of the responding members side by Al-Awlaki as he preaches for Jihad and blame the original thread starter for not understanding the Quran.³⁴ It should be noted that this is not the first time Al-Awlakis's knowledge on Quran matters are questioned, as he has no formal religious education, but is more of a self claimed Imam.

³⁰ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/gaza-freedom-flotilla-attacked-60-injured-19-dead-35738/>

³¹ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119661>

³² <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119499>

³³ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=22701>

³⁴ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=16467>

- A poster published on the Jihadi forums containing a list of wanted men with ties to the Saudi regime by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.³⁵



Miscellaneous

- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a manual titled "Gerard Metral". The manual is the first publication in a new series of publications called "Assemble your own weapon yourself". The manual contains explanations on the assembly of a Gerard Metral submachine gun, as well as details drawings as to the way to assemble oneself the above mentioned weapon.³⁶



³⁵ <http://alfalajaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119617>

³⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=63116>

- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum published a manual containing videos, photographs and explanations on how to build a jet engine for a cruise missile. The manual is dedicated to the Mujahideen everywhere, especially to those in Iraq.³⁷



- A collection of explosive making manuals, including poison and chemicals was posted on the Al-Qimmah forum³⁸.
- An online library of Islamic and Jihadi writings and publications was posted on the Al-Qimmah forum.³⁹
- A recommendation from a surfer from Gaza for the Mujahideen appearing in photographs and videos to take precautionary steps, even if they are masked. They are warned against the "enemy's" methods helping him uncover identities by using an optic scan of the subject's exposed eye. Another surfer speaks of other techniques for identifying people, by using eyeglasses for instance. He mentions the recent interview conducted with Anwar Al-Awlaki in which the person conducting the interview, who remained concealed, was reflected in Al-Awlaki's eyeglasses, and expresses concern that he may be revealed.⁴⁰

³⁷ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=20093>

³⁸ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=16791>

³⁹ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=17285>

⁴⁰ <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=119305>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published security information regarding the careful use of cell phones.⁴¹
- The "Al-Faloja" forum General Supervisor warns against surfing the "Jihad Archive" website at the www.jihadarchive.com address, as it is a fake site and not the official website.⁴²
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum announces the opening of a news website that will deal with the Mujahideen, at the following address: <http://mojajdenpress.com>.⁴³

⁴¹ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=45058>

⁴² <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?p=859195#post859195>

⁴³ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=45037>