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This report summarizes the most prominent events posted on the Jihadi online forums, in the second half of October 2009.

New publications

Audio and video tapes:

- The Al-Qaeda's media wing "Al-Sahab" published a new video tape portraying Abu Yahya Al-Libi, Al-Qaeda's religious authority, entitled "Ribh Al-Bay" ("A Profitable Trade"). The tape runs for 50 minutes.¹
- The "Al-Malahim" ("The Battles") Institute, Al-Qaeda's propaganda branch in the Arabian Peninsula, published an audio tape by Abu Al-Zubayr Adel Al-Ibab, the organization's religious authority, entitled "Haqiqat Al-Hukkam" ("The Leaders' Truth").²

Magazines:

- The "Global Islamic Media Front" (GIMF) published a new issue of the Jihadi magazine "Sada Al-Jihad" ("The Echo of Jihad"), number 36. Most of the issue is dedicated to the Salafi-Jihadi movement in Gaza, especially Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi's movement and the Hamas movement.³



¹ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51255>

² <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=89270>

³ <http://www.ansar1.net/showthread.php?p=46669>

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published a new issue of its magazine "Sada Al-Malahim" ("The Echo of Battles"). Amongst the issues dealt with in the magazine: new details surrounding the attempted assassination of the assistant to the Saudi Minister of Interior in August 2009; the wills of the suicide bombers, who carried out the terrorist attack on the American embassy in Yemen in September 2008;



religious legitimacy for the elimination of Muslim government officials who have sinned; a discussion on the contribution of women in Yemen to the Jihad campaign against the crusading enemy; the Shiites as a legitimate attack target, that should be promoted.⁴

- A new issue, number 41, of the monthly magazine published by Afghanistan's Islamic Emirate, "Al-Somood" ("Standing Firm"), was published on Jihadi online forums.⁵
- A new issue, number 10, of the Taliban's magazine "Islami Emirate Afghanistan", which serves as a propaganda tool against the coalition forces in Afghanistan, was published. The magazine is 125 pages long.⁶

- A new Jihadi publication called "Al-Mushtaqun Ila Al-Jannah" ("Those Yearning for Heaven") was put into circulation, on behalf of the Jihadi propaganda Institution "Sariyyat Al-Sumud Al-Ilamiya" ("The Firm Standing's Propaganda Company"). The first issue of the new magazine dealt mostly with the



⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12320>

⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12035>

⁶ <http://www.ansarnet.info/showthread.php?p=46624>

clashes between the Hamas movement and the "Jund Ansar Allah" activists in August 2009.⁷

Other publications:

- The "Nukhbat Al-I'lam Al-Jihadi" ("The Elite of Jihadi Propaganda") Media Establishment published a new book dealing with "The Description of the Prophet's Prayer", by Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi, who was killed by the Hamas movement in August 2009.⁸
- The "Da'awat Al-Haqq" ("The Call for Truth") Institute for Studies and Research released its first publication, characterized by an anti-Hamas tone and by support of global Jihad movements in the Gaza Strip.⁹

Reports from the field

The Maghreb region:

- A call to members of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb and especially in Algeria to beware of the special security forces using big motorcycles in order to follow the activists' movements.¹⁰
- In an announcement issued by the Al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb, it calls upon "its Muslim brothers in Algeria" to oppose those cooperating with the government.¹¹
- A call to overthrow the government in Tunisia due to the steps it has taken against Islam, and a call to the leader of the Al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb, Sheikh Abu Musab Al-Wadud, to establish a training camp, whose graduates will fight in Tunisia.¹²

⁷ <http://www.almedad.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13140>

⁸ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=88867>

⁹ <http://al-mohagr.com/vb/showthread.php?t=8967>

¹⁰ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=88909>

¹¹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=137900>

¹² <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=89157>

The Arabian Peninsula:

- A call by an online surfer not to forget the Al-Qaeda activists in the Arabian Peninsula. The same surfer asks for the publication of the encyclopedia dealing with explosives written by Abdullah Dhu Al-Bajadin.¹³ It should be noted, that this encyclopedia has been published many times in the past on Jihadi forums, together with links to download it.
- A call to Al-Qaeda to exploit the differences between the people of South Yemen and North Yemen and recruit those in the south for Jihad and for the battle against the Yemenite President's rule, as well as establishing the Islamic State of Hadramaut. The background – upon the unification of Yemen in 1991, and up to the present time, the people in the south are discriminated against by the north and by the government, despite the fact that the south is where the resources and the tourist sites are located.¹⁴

Iraq:

- Following the recent terrorist attacks in Iraq on October 25th 2009, which caused the deaths of about 150 people, accusations are made again against the Mujahideen for not sparing the lives of innocent Muslims. Several surfers justified the Mujahideen and explained that many attacks were cancelled so as to not spill Muslim blood needlessly.¹⁵

Al-Sham Region (Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinian Territories):

- The "Abdullah Azzam Brigades", a terrorist organization linked with Al-Qaeda operating in the Al-Sham region, claimed responsibility for launching a Katyusha rocket at Kiryat-Shmona on October 27th 2009. The organization explained that it was setting up five Katyusha rockets, when one was launched unintentionally while the activists were preparing the launching of

¹³ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=88990>

¹⁴ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90349>

¹⁵ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90068>

the remaining four rockets. For fear of being caught, they escaped which is why the remaining four rockets were not launched. The organization, retaliating to the recent events in the Temple Mount, denounced the silence of the other organizations in Lebanon and called upon them not to interfere with its retaliation, so as "to protect the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to deter the Jews".¹⁶

- A Palestinian surfer asked Abu Yahya Al-Libi, Al-Qaeda's religious authority, why he did not publish condolences for the death of Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi, who was killed, as stated previously, by the Hamas. The surfer apologized in advance for bothering him while he was busy with Jihad issues, and also for his reproving tone, but he would like some reference to his death. One of the surfers called upon the other surfers not to embarrass the Al-Qaeda leaders with such questions, as they were aware of the issues and behaved as they saw fit.¹⁷
- A member of the "Al-Faloja" online forum was kidnapped by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad Organization (PIJ) in the Gaza Strip, after posting internal embarrassing emails against the organization.¹⁸

Africa:

- The Somali Jihad organization "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" threatens to attack the capitals of Uganda and Burundi.¹⁹
- The Somali president, Sheikh Sharif Ahmad, is saved from an assassination attempt perpetrated by the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen".²⁰
- A call to the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement was posted on various online forums, to establish a Media Institute, like other Jihad organizations

¹⁶ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90369>

¹⁷ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=89199>

¹⁸ <http://www.m3-f.com/forum/showthread.php?t=16731>

¹⁹ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=89565>

²⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=138257>

have done.²¹ This request is a little strange as the movement has a media institute called "Jaysh Al-Usra" ("The Army of Hardship").

Europe:

- Germany: despite all the warnings and threats made against Germany, which swamped the Jihadi online forums in recent months, no terrorist attack was carried out in Germany, or against German targets. The various forums dealt extensively with this matter. In one of the discussions, a debate was held surrounding the question whether what is written in the forums, including the reliable ones, such as "Al-Faloja", was representative of Al-Qaeda? During this discussion, a surfer asked not to twist the organization's messages and not to speak on behalf of the leaders.²²
- A surfer identifying himself as an Andalusian threatened Spain. He called upon the residents of the Maghreb to remember Grenada and Seville, from which the Muslims were banished. According to him, these cities are under "the rule of Spain the infidel country". He explains that what has been taken by force will be returned only by force, and that denunciations and demonstrations against the "Spanish enemy" are not enough. Therefore, he calls upon the Muslim residents of the Maghreb to prepare for a war against this enemy by, among other things, surfing the online forums, explaining how to manufacture weapons, and also by educating the younger generation in the religion of Islam, in Jihad and self sacrifice.²³

General:

- A call to Al-Qaeda to carry out terrorist attacks against media institutions that denigrate the idea of Jihad. The aim is to compel them to broadcast the truth and to expand the Jihad supporting audience. Some of the surfers wondered

²¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=11920>

²² <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=89430>

²³ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90139>

about the passiveness of the surfers, who do nothing except wait for Jihad organizations' publications. Others explained that Al-Qaeda attacks only armed men or those who conquer Muslim countries and not media institutions. As for the possibility of carrying out terrorist attacks in Israel, the surfers explained that the "Mujahideen brothers are aware of the matter, but their circumstances are not easy".²⁴

- The "Jawal Al-Ansar" group ("Ansar mobile") published statistical data on the number of casualties and injured in the various Jihadi arenas between September 10th 2009 and October 10th 2009.²⁵ It should be emphasized that the largest amount of casualties is in Afghanistan.

حصائل المعارك
من: الجمعة 21 رمضان 1430 هـ، 10 سبتمبر 2009
إلى: الجمعة 20 شوال 1430 هـ، 9 أكتوبر 2009

المرتدين		المؤمنين		المكان
القتلى	المرصعون	القتلى	المرصعون	
0	0	38	34	الصومال
219	823	440	1046	أفغانستان
14	23	0	0	القوزاق
11	84	0	0	المغرب الإسلامي
56	68	0	1	العراق
300	978	478	1081	المجموع

*تم الاعتماد في الإحصائية على بيانات المجاهدين فقط

Miscellaneous

- The Jihadi "Hanein" online forum reported the American Treasury Department's announcement that Al-Qaeda is in dire financial straits.²⁶ One of the surfers rejected the report and claimed it is a distortion of the reality and a misrepresentation of Al-Qaeda's image, carried out by the "Crusaders".

²⁴ <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90430>

²⁵ <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=88882>

²⁶ On Al-Qaeda's financial difficulties see the Jihadi Websites Monitoring Group's report on the ICT website: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Al-Qaeda_Financial_Difficulties.pdf

Another surfer wrote that the financial status of Jihad organizations around the world is excellent, as well as that of the equipment and weapons in their possession. He adds that the recent calls of Al-Qaeda leaders to donate funds stem from the transition from guerrilla warfare in the Afghan arena to semi-regular warfare, in terms of armaments and tools.²⁷

- The Jihadi "Hanein" forum quoted American and Western Intelligence reports, according to which more and more people, including from the West, are joining the ranks of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in the battle against the Coalition Forces in the Afghan arena. New activists undergo training in training camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and according to the reports, in January 2009 alone, thirty Germans arrived in Pakistan to undergo military training.²⁸
- The "Medad Al-Suyuf" forum published a link to download software intended to help surfers defend themselves against infiltration of Western espionage services.²⁹
- The "Al-Faloja" forum published extensive information on American fighter helicopters, including technical details, photographs, and a list of countries using them. In response, surfers expressed their hope that those who need this information, would succeed in using it.³⁰
- Publication of a fax sent on behalf of the General Manager of the Saudi MB Petroleum Services Company to his employees, updating them on the new regulations implemented at Saudi airports in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam, mainly with regard to inspection of the electronic equipment which they carry.

²⁷ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=134740>

²⁸ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=136141>

²⁹ <http://www.almedad.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13190>

³⁰ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90050>

The surfers, responding to this report, downplayed the importance of these regulations.³¹

- The operation of the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi online forum was disrupted for the past couple of weeks. The forum's management expressed its apologies for the crashing of the forum, caused by incessant attacks, and announced that it would soon resume its operation. It should be noted that as of the beginning of November 2009, the forum is active again.
- The Jihadi "Al-Shamukh" forum, whose activity ceased a month and a half ago for an unknown reason, resumed activity under a new address.³² The surfers at the forum expressed concern, in view of the possibility that intelligence agencies had succeeded in infiltrating the forum, and wondered whether entry passwords to the forum should be changed because of that.³³

³¹ <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90561>

³² <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51201>

³³ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51258>