

## Periodical Report No. 2 – November 2009

This report summarizes the most prominent events posted on the Jihadi online forums in the first half of November 2009:

### New publications

#### Audio and video tapes:

- The "Al-Sahab" media institute published a recording by Osama bin Laden in Pashtu addressing the "Brothers in Pakistan".<sup>1</sup>
- The "Al-Sahab" media institute published a taped interview with Sheikh Khaled bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Hasinan, a religious cleric and preacher in Kuwait who was in Afghanistan.<sup>2</sup>
- The "Al-Malahim" institute, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media branch, published an audio tape by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rabish, wanted by the Saudi authorities, entitled "The Removal of the Veil".<sup>3</sup> In the tape, Al-Rabish threatens the King Abdullah University for Science and Technology, inaugurated on September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009, as its curriculum contradicts Islamic tradition.<sup>4</sup>
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb's media institute, "Al-Andalus", published a new video entitled "Raid in Ziama Mansouria".<sup>5</sup>
- Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir, the Minister of War in the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI), sent a taped message to the "Knights of Baghdad".<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32594>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32442>

<sup>3</sup> <http://m3-f.com/forum/showthread.php?t=16932>

<sup>4</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=139888>

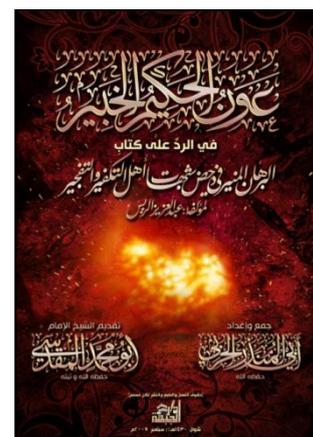
<sup>5</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=33020>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?p=298473#post298473>

- The "Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" group, a Salafi-Palestinian terrorist organization, published a video clip entitled "Mishmar HaGvul" ("Israeli Border Police"), documenting the organization's activities.<sup>7</sup>

#### Books

- The Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya Group – one of the media institutions of global Jihad, publishing video clips, books and various other publications – published a nine page booklet entitled "This is How the Conflict between Islam and the West should be Conducted", by Abu Hajir Al-Libi.<sup>8</sup>
- The Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya Group published a booklet entitled "The Shahada: Between the Victory of Truth and the Exposure of Lies", by Sheikh Abu Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Masri. The booklet is about Abdullah Hassan Al-Asiri, the suicide terrorist who tried to assassinate the Assistant to the Saudi Minister of Interior, Muhammad bin Naif, at the end of August 2009.<sup>9</sup>
- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published a book entitled "The Aid of the Wise Scholar", 682 pages long. The book was edited by Abu Al-Mundhir Al-Harbi, and Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi wrote its introduction.<sup>10</sup>



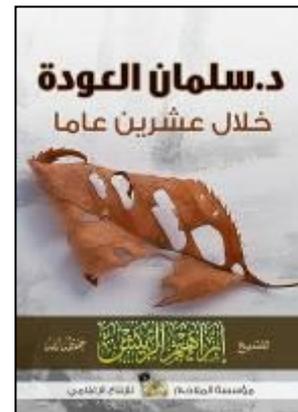
<sup>7</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32362>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32439>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51500>

<sup>10</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51527>

- The "Al-Malahim" institute, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media branch, published a book entitled "Dr. Salman Al-Awdah: for 20 Years". The 19 page long book was written by Ibrahim Al-Rabish.<sup>11</sup> It should be noted that Al-Rabish was released from Guantanamo two years ago and today is wanted by the Saudi authorities.



- The publication of the Abu Hafs Al-Jazairi, the Algerian Sheikh's book, providing 40 hadiths on the subject of nuclear weapons.<sup>12</sup>

#### Other publications

- The Jihadi media institution "Sariyyat Al-Sumud Al-'Ilamiya" ("The Resistance's Media Company") published a Qasida (a form of poetry from pre-Islamic Arabia) praising Osama bin Laden, entitled "Blessings for Osama". According to the reports on the Jihadi forums, this song of praise was written by one of the more known religious clerics, but the media institution has decided not to publish his name.<sup>13</sup>
- A report on the establishment of a new Jihadi media institution named "Al-Balagh" ("The Message"), as another stratum in the propaganda mechanism against the West.<sup>14</sup>



<sup>11</sup> <http://www.almedad.com/vb/showthread.php?p=44043>

<sup>12</sup> <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91841>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51347>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9591>.

The media institution's website:

<http://www.alblag.com>

## Reports from the field

### The Arabian Peninsula:

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for an ambush staged by the group on November 3<sup>rd</sup> against three Yemenite senior members and their security personnel in the Hadramaut Province. According to the announcement, the objective of this attack was to aid the prisoners in the Yemenite prisons and it was in retaliation for the attack on the



Mujahideen.<sup>15</sup> All this occurs at the time of the harsh conflicts between the Houthis and the Yemenite security forces, conflicts that have also reached Saudi Arabia and caused the Saudi Army to intervene in the fighting, arousing harsh criticism on the part of many surfers, who compared the "cowardly" Saudi Army to the "Zionists".<sup>16</sup> It seems that Al-Qaeda activists in Yemen are attempting to exploit the dire security situation in Yemen – due to the fighting between the Shiite rebels and the Yemenite Army – in order to weaken the government. Nevertheless, there is a dilemma as to how Al-Qaeda should act with regard to the conflict between the Shiite Al-Houthi group and the Yemenite government, as both sides are enemies of the organization. The impression received from the various postings is that as of now, Al-Qaeda activists must take a neutral stance and try and exploit the current situation in their favor, without supporting any one side.<sup>17</sup> Even Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi addressed the matter, and said: "The people of the

<sup>15</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?p=634542>

<sup>16</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=139881>, <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=141023>

<sup>17</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=140798>

Sunna have no part in the war raging between the Houthis and the Yemenite government [...] however, the people of the Sunna must benefit from these circumstances [...]."<sup>18</sup> Furthermore, the "Al-Malahim" media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published an audio tape in this matter, made by one of the organization's leaders, Muhammad bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Rashid.<sup>19</sup>

- The daily "Al-Quds Al-Arabi" quoted a source close to Al-Qaeda's leadership in Yemen, stating that Osama bin Laden has instructed his followers to perpetrate a terrorist attack against the United States, which will be even more severe than the September 11 attacks and will change the face of the world in terms of politics and economics. The source, a former Al-Qaeda leader who still has ties with senior members of the organization, said that the execution of the terrorist attack is just a matter of time, as the instructions for the attack have already been passed on to the activists. According to him, Al-Qaeda is in the best shape it has ever been since its establishment, in terms of equipment, personnel and training. The organization controls most of Somalia, the Taliban movement controls most of Afghanistan, and the heads of many tribes in Yemen have sworn their loyalty to the local organization's leadership.<sup>20</sup>

#### The Islamic Maghreb

- Threats against Israeli opposition leader Tzipi Livni, regarding her visit during the upcoming week to Morocco. Surfers have called upon the Al-Qaeda organization in the Maghreb, to "kidnap the head of this terrible person".<sup>21</sup>

<sup>18</sup> [http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display\\_question?qid=285&text=اليمن&page=1&in=all&submit=بحث](http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=285&text=اليمن&page=1&in=all&submit=بحث)

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32678>

<sup>20</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32629>

<sup>21</sup> <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=92276>

### Iraq

- An open forum for questions on the part of the surfers of the Jihadi "Al-Boraq" forum, focusing on the Iraqi Jihad arena, to the spokesperson of the "Jaysh Al-Mujahideen" ("the Mujahideen Army in Iraq"), Yasin Al-Zawba'i.<sup>22</sup>

### Afghanistan and Pakistan

- The Jihadi forums are publishing photographs from terrorist attacks carried out by the Taliban against the Pakistani Army, following the military campaign launched by Pakistan and the Coalition Forces against Taliban and Al-Qaeda strongholds in the country.<sup>23</sup>
- The Taliban movement has taken responsibility for the terrorist attack perpetrated by a motorcycle bomb in southern Afghanistan, causing the death of 11 NATO soldiers and the destruction of two military vehicles.<sup>24</sup>
- Al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, accuses the American Black Water security firm, in an audio tape, of being behind the explosions that occurred recently in Peshawar, resulting in the death of dozens of people, including women and children.<sup>25</sup>
- Postings on one of the English speaking Jihadi forums, asking for financial aid for the continuation of the war in Afghanistan.<sup>26</sup> This correspondence coincides with the many calls on the Arabic Jihadi forums for the financial support of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan and worldwide.<sup>27</sup>

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

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi online forum, operating – in all probability – from the Palestinian territories, has sworn an oath of

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<sup>22</sup> <https://alboraqforum.info/showthread.php?p=353609>

<sup>23</sup> For example, see: <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=51567>

<sup>24</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=141071>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12987>

<sup>26</sup> <http://ansarnet.info/showthread.php?t=15827>

<sup>27</sup> See: [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Al-Qaeda\\_Financial\\_Difficulties.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Al-Qaeda_Financial_Difficulties.pdf)

loyalty to the Amir of the "Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" group, a Salafi-Palestinian terrorist organization operating in the Gaza Strip.<sup>28</sup>

- Correspondence condemning Palestinian Jihad in Gaza for its tendency towards Shia and its activity against its "brothers" in the Strip.<sup>29</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi online forum has blessed the Amir of the "Fatah Al-Islam", a Sunni terrorist organization operating mainly in the Palestinian refugee camps in Southern Lebanon.<sup>30</sup> It should be noted that the Lebanese security forces arrested a senior member of the "Fatah Al-Islam" organization on October 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. The detainee, Fadi Ghasan Ibrahim, born in 1975, is considered to be a senior member of the organization at the Ain Al-Helwa refugee camp.<sup>31</sup> Furthermore, from statements written by the forum's general supervisor, Abu Qatada Al-Muhajir, one can learn that fighters in the "Fatah Al-Islam" and commanders in the organization are also members and seniors of the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum.<sup>32</sup>
- Following arrests made by Jordanian Intelligence of people suspected of belonging to the Salafi-Jihadi movement, correspondence on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum warns Jordan against crossing a red line and "opening a door it will not be able to shut".<sup>33</sup> Another surfer explains that Jordan has thus opened a new arena and therefore the Jordanian embassies and consulates, as well as their employees, are in danger.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=27758>

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12901>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?p=157141#post157141>

<sup>31</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32596>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?p=158492>

<sup>33</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32717>

<sup>34</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91707>,  
<http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91831>

### Egypt

- One of the Egyptian surfers advises the activists in Egypt not to fear writing in the Jihadi online forums. From this, it can be surmised that amongst the Jihad activists in Egypt there is concern that if they write in Jihadi forms and call for Jihad, they will be arrested. He draws from his experience and says that he has been operating in the field of Jihad for four years, and has only been arrested for questioning due to his beard. Another surfer reinforces his words but warns against becoming complacent and counsels maintaining the rules of security on the internet.<sup>35</sup> In this regard, it should be noted that Egyptian security sources stated that on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2009, they arrested 17 people, in the possession of weapons and explosives, suspected of planning terrorist attacks.<sup>36</sup>

### Africa

- The Jihadi forums published details on Al-Qaeda's leader in East Africa, Fazul Abdullah Muhammad, born in August 1972. According to the reports, at present he is fighting in Somalia alongside the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization.<sup>37</sup>



- On October 30<sup>th</sup> 2009, hundreds of people demonstrated against Israel in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital, following the call of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization. In the course of the demonstration, the movement's commanders



announced the establishment of the "Al-Quds" Brigade, whose objective is to

<sup>35</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91307>

<sup>36</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=139912>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=51486>

liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Following this announcement, queries were raised on the Jihadi forums as to whether the organization is allowed to announce the opening of another Jihad arena, as it is a local movement fighting in its own country. Opinions varied: one surfer explained that only the Amir of the Muslims may proclaim Jihad. Another reminded that the issue of Jerusalem is not a minor one and everyone must volunteer for this mission. He also called upon the movement to attack Jewish targets in the African Horn, a move that will increase its popularity amongst the Muslims. Another surfer mentioned that the Palestinian arena has been open for a long time and that they have now chosen to participate in it according to evaluations they have made.<sup>38</sup>

- "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen's" media institute, "Jaysh Al-Usra" ("The Army of Hardship"), published a new video entitled "Nasamat min Riyah Al-Nasr" ("Winds of Victory").<sup>39</sup>

#### The United States, Europe and the East

- Displays of joy following the shooting at the Texas military base on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2009. The surfers rejoice that it was a Muslim who carried out the shooting. They explain that it does not matter if he opened fire "for the religion of Allah or out of concern for the Muslims, their spilled blood and their desecrated honor, he is a hero in every sense of the word, and we hope Allah receives him as a casualty of war [...]". Some conclude that it was an Al-Qaeda operation and some doubt it and propose waiting for an official acceptance of responsibility. One of the surfers explains that the delay in the publication of the announcement lies in the fact that the shooter is still alive,

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<sup>38</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=90966>,

<http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=139214>

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32893>

and the organization fears that he will be tortured.<sup>40</sup> In the English speaking Jihadi forum, ansarnet.info, alongside expressions of support of the attack, there was an analysis of the attack from a theoretical standpoint and an attempt to examine the advantages and disadvantages of an attack with live weapons versus the weapon of suicide bombers, inside the United States.<sup>41</sup>

- Uniting the United States and Germany, as two targets for attack, should be promoted. A desire to attack the American forces on German land is apparent, in order to kill "two birds with one stone". The correspondence provides a lot of detail regarding the number of American troops deployed across Germany.<sup>42</sup>
- The Chinese authorities have executed nine Uyghur Muslims, following the ethnic clashes which erupted in July 2009 in East Turkistan.<sup>43</sup>

## Miscellaneous

- Indication that Al-Qaeda uses subterranean facilities; one of the surfers warns the Mujahideen from exposing the subterranean facilities which they are digging, as it is easy today to identify changes in the terrain using satellite photographs, such as the ones provided by Google Earth. He also states that he has seen on YouTube how the Americans exposed an Iranian subterranean facility. One of the surfers stresses the importance of OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) as an important tool for acquiring valuable intelligence. Another surfer reinforces his statements and explains that he makes extensive use of YouTube as a theoretical and practical study tool with regard to explosives,

<sup>40</sup> <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91412>,  
<http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91429>

<sup>41</sup> <http://ansarnet.info/showthread.php?t=15756&page=7>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=51926>

<sup>43</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=140748>

ammunition etc. He calls people who are fluent in foreign languages to make these materials known to other surfers.<sup>44</sup>

- One of the surfers expresses satisfaction with the Jihadi publications of Al-Qaeda's media institutions, but proposes making them more efficient, as some publications are not always of good quality. Therefore, he proposes using a special "Steadicam" camera. He explains that it is easy to manufacture one and provides clips for demonstration from YouTube. He also adds other segments from YouTube, teaching how to place cameras on small airplanes manufactured by people in their home. He explains that such airplanes can help attack the target as well as carry explosives. In response, one of the surfers asks for his suggestions and segments to be sent via the "Asrar Al-Mujahideen" ("Secrets of the Mujahideen") encrypted software for the activists in Yemen.<sup>45</sup> In this regard, one of the surfers at the Jihadi "Atahadi" forum calls to publish reports containing valuable information and avoid quotes and the recycling of material.<sup>46</sup>
- A movie describing how to manufacture a Russian Thermal grenade.<sup>47</sup>
- An explanation as to the ways to establish a terrorist cell,<sup>48</sup> and how one can become an Al-Qaeda member.<sup>49</sup>
- Advice on acquiring rifle marksmanship skills.<sup>50</sup>
- A call on the part of one of the surfers to Muslims everywhere to help in the Jihadi effort in the field of arms development, training Jihad activists, providing financial aid and more.<sup>51</sup>

<sup>44</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91286>

<sup>45</sup> <http://al-falajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=82676>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9453>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.jahafal.com/showthread.php?t=3535>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.jahafal.com/showthread.php?t=3248>

<sup>49</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7406>

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=51783>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=52043>



civilians or between women, old people and children. He also explains that the use of such a lethal weapon contradicts the principles of Islam, as the infidels must not be killed before being "called to Islam or to pay a tax".<sup>55</sup>

- One of the surfers presents the question of whether the publications of the Sheikhs and the religious clerics on the Jihadi forums are supposed to be a religious reference. According to him, the question rose following claims made by the "enemies of Allah" that these religious clerics are ignorant and one must not be deceived by them. He explains that he trusts every religious cleric and sheikh appearing on the "Al-Faloja" and the "Shumukh" forums. Several surfers state that from their experience, anyone can sit behind a computer and write whatever he pleases. They state as an example the fact that recently the "Shumukh" forum has been hacked into, and before that the "Al-Ekhlaas" forum. Therefore, as long as the "Al-Faloja" forum is operated by reliable people, the surfers state that they trust the forum.<sup>56</sup>
- A search for Turkish speaking surfers for the translation of materials,<sup>57</sup> as well as translators who can translate from Arabic to English, and vice versa.<sup>58</sup>
- A special project on behalf of the Jihadi "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" forum and of the "Minbar Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" forum, enabling the downloading of the two websites – as of October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 – directly to the surfer's personal computer.<sup>59</sup> At the same time, surfers on the various forums tried to overcome the blocking of Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's "Minbar Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" website in Saudi Arabia by downloading a special browser.<sup>60</sup>

<sup>55</sup> <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91931>

<sup>56</sup> <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=92381>

<sup>57</sup> <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=91004>

<sup>58</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32794>

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12558>

<sup>60</sup> <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12435>,  
<http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9321>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum reopens the registration to the "Islamic Mujahideen University" to the Shahid Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi's faculty. In the virtual courses, offered by the forum, one can specialize in Electronic Jihad and website hacking, as well as military training.<sup>61</sup> In this regard, it should be mentioned that the forum has a room dedicated to the subject of hacking into websites and computers.<sup>62</sup>
- The "Hanein" forum warns the surfers against intelligence agents blending with the public and impersonating cab drivers or bus drivers.<sup>63</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum calls upon the surfers to register on the Jihadi forum belonging to a new Palestinian organization called "Kataib Shabab Al-Thaer fi Bayt Al-Maqdis" (The Revenge Youth Brigades in Jerusalem").<sup>64</sup>

<sup>61</sup> <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=32689>

<sup>62</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/forumdisplay.php?f=54>

<sup>63</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=141019>

<sup>64</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33123>