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

- An audio tape by Ayman Al-Zawahiri commemorating the 9 year anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks.
- The Jihad theaters of Afghanistan-Pakistan, Iraq and Yemen continue to be a focus of large-scale terrorist attacks for Jihad organizations.
- An increase in the scope of activity of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.
- Threats to carry out terrorist attacks in Spain.
- Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's website publishes Fatwas on the subject of Jihad on a daily basis.
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" forum manager is arrested in Spain.
- A declaration announcing the establishment of a new Jihadi media institute – "Al-Aqsa".

New publications*Ideology*

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published an audio tape in Arabic by Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri which was subtitled in English, as well as subtitles in Urdu and Pashtu, titled: "A Victorious Ummah, a Broken Crusader: nine years after the start of the Crusader campaign". In the tape, Al-Zawahiri announces the definitive upcoming victory of the Mujahideen in Afghanistan and the crushing defeat of the Crusader forces. According to him this victory should be leveraged, and Jihad is justified against those denouncing it from amongst the Muslim brothers, the Wahabbi establishment in Saudi Arabia and others.¹
- An audio lecture by the Jihadi Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rubaish, the man considered to be the Mufti of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), on the subject of "Between the Islamists and the Liberals".²

In the lecture given by Al-Rubaish, addressing "all those who fear for the safety of the nation in Saudi Arabia" as well as religious clerics, professors at the universities and every Muslim man and woman, he asks them whether they are satisfied with the state of the society marching towards oblivion. He mentions the raging corruption, the attempt to blur Islamic identity and the privileges given to the women in the Kingdom, as well as the lack of separation between men and women in various organizations, such as hospitals and the university inaugurated recently by the Saudi King Abdullah. He attacks the senior government officials for their plan to spread corruption and gradually change the face of Saudi society. He speaks out against the supposed freedom of the press in the Kingdom, which gives a platform to the

¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70430>

² http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_19.html

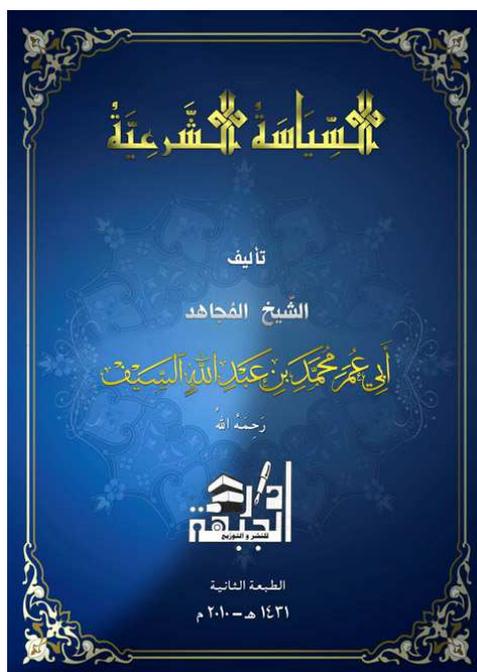
attacks on the Islamic movement and Jihad without giving the right of rebuttal to the other side, and blames the Saudi Minister of Interior for supporting this. He mentions that the Saudi government adapts Islam and liberalism according to its whims. He says that this is why they set red lines for Islamists and liberals under their authority, and instructed them not to cross them.

Al-Rubaish also mentions certain issues specific to the Muslim woman and explains to her that she may find grace only under the protection of God and not with "those wishing to turn her into a commodity marketed and sold in markets". He clarifies that a woman can go out to work in accordance with Muslim tradition, but it is better she works at home and raises the future generations.

- A book authored by the late Jihadi Sheikh Abu Omar Muhammad bin Abdullah Al-Saif, from the northern Arabian Peninsula, who served as Mufti of the Arab fighters in Chechnya. The book's title is "Religious Policy", and it details the path the Muslims should take in the face of the war against Islam and the Muslims. It was written for the Mujahideen who are serious about their path of Jihad to install Allah's religion in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Chechnya and so forth.³

The book was posted on various Jihadi forums and this is its second edition - the first one was published in 2007. The book deals with the religious aspects of various facets of life, such as: prayer, Zakat, the appointment of ministers, economics and finance, administration, education and teaching, communications, politics, Jihad and more.

³ http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_17.html



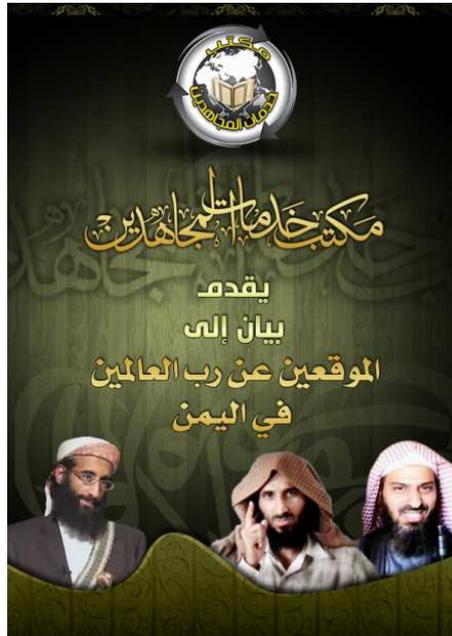
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video clip in Urdu titled "Afghanistan remained and Jihad remains: The Rule to Allah and the Kingdom to Allah".⁴
- The "Services Bureau of the Mujahideen" (Maktab Khidamat Al-Mujahideen) published a document titled "An announcement regarding those whose name is written with God Almighty in Yemen". The announcement contains words of support and encouragement for the leaders of AQAP.⁵

The "Services Bureau of the Mujahideen" was founded in Afghanistan, probably in 1984, by Abdullah Azzam and Osama bin Laden. The goal of the Bureau was to raise funds and recruit foreign fighters for the war against the Soviets in Afghanistan. Later on, the Services Bureau became the Al-Qaeda organization. However, in recent weeks, several Jihadi forums began publishing various publications on behalf of the "Services Bureau of the Mujahideen", which appears to be some sort of new Jihadi media institute. As

⁴ <http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?p=2968>

⁵ <http://www.majahden.info/vb/showthread.php?p=17314&langid=1>

yet it is unclear as to who is behind this institute and where it is operating from.



- The "Jama'at Ansar Al-Islam", a Salafi Jihadi group in Iraq, published a booklet titled "The history of the Jama'at Ansar Al-Islam – part one".⁶
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published additional sermons as part of the series of sermons filmed for Ramadan by Sheikh Khaled bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Husaynan [Abu Zaid Al-Kuwaiti], a preacher and Imam in one of Kuwait's mosques, probably currently residing in Afghanistan. The new sermons are on a variety of subjects such as faith, Da'awa and Islam.⁷

⁶ <http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?t=1496>

⁷ http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_August_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 5-6;
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_1.pdf, page 2;
<http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=406281>,
<http://216.95.249.110/~leyothin/vb/showthread.php?p=53818>,
<http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70407>,
<http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?p=3009>,
<http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?t=1416>,
<http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70733>, <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?p=114301>,
<http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=71160>.

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published links for downloading a document by Abu Abdullah Al-Muhajir, the Amir of "Jund Ansar Allah" which is a Jihadi group operating in the Gaza Strip, regarding "the legitimacy of eliminating the fighting heretic".⁸

Instructional and Guidance Publications

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a new audio segment (no. 10) titled "The security of the conventions and meetings". This segment was published as part of a series called "The Industry of Terrorism: a course in security and intelligence", by Sheikh Abu Ubeida Abdullah Al-Adm, thought to be a Salafi-Jihadist of Pakistani origin.⁹



- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum posted a 3D instructional video on the construction of a pressure activated IED.¹⁰

Promoting the Myth of the Shahid

- The "Al-Malahem" Jihadi media institute, which serves as the mouthpiece of Al-Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula, published a second booklet in the series

⁸ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=6827>

⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70815>, see also:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 4-5;

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Aug_2010_No_1.pdf, page 4;

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_2.pdf, page 10;

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 6-7.

¹⁰ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=26629>

"The Shahids of the Arabian Peninsula", titled "The biography of the Shahid Salman Al-San'ani" [Hani Abdu Muslih Sha'alan].¹¹

Salman, of Yemeni origin, was born in Riyadh in Saudi Arabia. When he was young, he and his family settled in Sana'a. He is married, but because he joined the Mujahideen in Afghanistan, he has not seen his son since he was born. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks he fought against the coalition forces in Afghanistan. He was arrested and sent to Guantanamo Bay, and upon his release several years later, he decided to join the Jihad theater in Yemen where he was killed in 2009 as a result of a joint American-Yemeni aerial bombing.



- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute published a video clip titled "The invasion of Prisoner no. 2", as part of the series of publications first issued on April 2010.¹²

The video relates the wills of activists from the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI), who carried out terrorist attacks against Shiite and Western targets in the country, in retaliation for the imprisonment of many Sunni Muslims. It should be noted that this series of attacks occurred under the instruction of and the inspiration of Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir, the Minister of War of the "Islamic State

¹¹ <http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?t=1498>

¹² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=409555>

of Iraq”, who was killed by American forces in April 2010. The second part of this video is a fulfillment of sorts of the Amir’s will.

The video protests the intent to establish democratic rule in Iraq as it is completely contradictory to the principles of the Islamic religion. The video warns against the country’s Shiites' intention to turn Iraq into a country with a Shiite majority and a Sunni minority, inspired by Iran. According to the video, the Shiites are manipulating the Sunni Muslims to recruit them to their plan to strengthen the Shia in the country and weaken the Sunni, with American participation in this scheme.

The video also criticizes the fraudulent propaganda campaign against the Mujahideen, which tries to besmirch their image, and justify the terror campaign against the Shiite and the Coalition Forces in the country.



- A member of the Islamic Awakening forum posted a video entitled “Jihad” which is a compilation of short videos glorifying Jihad and suicide bombings.¹³

¹³ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/jihad-38305/>

Reports from the field

Afghanistan - Pakistan

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) published a missive in honor of "Eid Al-Fitr" from the Amir of the Believers, Amir Al-Mumineen Mullah Muhammad Omar. In the announcement he mentions the Jihad in Afghanistan against the "Occupying Forces" and determines that it is a legitimate Jihad for the defense of the Islamic religion and homeland.¹⁴
- The Taliban movement promised to kill all those who participated in the elections in Afghanistan, held on September 18th, which were considered to be a test of the country's stability. The Taliban spokesperson, Dhabih Allah Mujahid, said in a telephone interview with the Reuters news agency that his movement would do all that it could to sabotage the elections, and that the movement's first targets were the foreign forces, followed by the Afghan forces.¹⁵
- 19 people were killed in Pakistan in a suicide bombing using a car bomb at a police station in the northern part of the country. Amongst the casualties were 3 children and 11 policemen.¹⁶ Two American attacks using unmanned planes, killed 10 armed men.¹⁷
- Al-Jazeera published a video report titled "Inside the mind of a suicide bomber", in which the Taliban in Afghanistan vowed to launch more attacks in the hope of disrupting the elections.¹⁸

¹⁴ <http://173.212.206.171/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=6742>

¹⁵ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585558&issueno=11605>

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<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11606&article=585782&feature=>

¹⁷ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585965&issueno=11608>

¹⁸ <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2010/09/20109811014343417.html>

Iraq

- The "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) organization called on Sunnis to stay away from government buildings.¹⁹
- There were 12 casualties in a suicide bombing in Baghdad using a car bomb and explosives belts. Five fighters took part in the terrorist attack which the "Islamic State of Iraq" claimed responsibility for.²⁰
- More events that occurred in Iraq: armed men killed five construction workers in Samarra and a senior member of the Ministry of Agriculture was assassinated in Baghdad. One of Al-Qaeda's commanders, Ahmad Jassem, was arrested on September 6th but escaped four hours later.²¹ The next day (September 7th) a suicide attack was carried out at a military base in Baghdad, killing 12 people. The "Islamic State of Iraq" organization claimed responsibility. In addition, two religious programs' announcers were assassinated.²²
- The "Islamic State of Iraq" published an announcement claiming that the organization carried out a suicide attack in retaliation for the attack on the honor of the Prophet Muhammad. The attack was on the army headquarters of the Ministry of Defense in Baghdad, full of Shiite security personnel. It is clear from the announcement that the attack was carefully planned and that preliminary intelligence preparations were made before its execution. This impression is reinforced by the fact that the suicide bombers had a schematic of the building in their possession.

The terrorist attack commenced with a car driven by a suicide bomber who had succeeded in eluding several barricades in the area, exploding at the

¹⁹ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13215>

²⁰ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/E6388DFD-ACE9-4B23-8F43-BD7808820A1E.htm>

²¹ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585667&issueno=11606>

²² <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11607&article=585810>,
http://www.bbc.co.uk/arabic/middleeast/2010/09/100908_iraq_presenter_killing.shtml

building's back gate. As a result of the explosion, guards were killed and the control towers were taken out of commission. During the chaos and confusion that ensued, four suicide bombers entered the building, shooting their guns and throwing hand grenades at the building's occupants. Following an hour-long exchange of fire, the suicide bombers blew themselves up as the Iraqi security forces burst into the building. In the announcement, the organization threatened to continue attacking the Shiites, who wish, so the announcement claims, to take over Iraq.²³

- General Muhammad Al-Askari, spokesperson for the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, claimed that Al-Qaeda is using a new tactic: "the anonymous suicide bomber". He elaborated that Al-Qaeda has a shortage of suicide bombers all over Iraq, and that a group that was trying to get around this problem by hiring taxis or small buses and hiding explosives in them without the driver's knowledge, has been apprehended.²⁴
- The ISI's Ministry of Information published an announcement, distributed by the "Al-Fajr" media center, sending condolences after the elimination of two senior members of the "Fatah Al-Islam" in Lebanon.²⁵ The announcement offers encouragement to the Mujahideen in Lebanon, calling on them to unite their ranks and continue the struggle against the "traitorous enemy".²⁶
- The "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat" online English newspaper reported on stories indicating that the Al-Qaeda Organization in Iraq is planning to target Basra's

²³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70956>

²⁴ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585535&issueno=11605>

²⁵ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_August_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 18-19.

²⁶ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13096>

oil facilities in order to undermine Iraq's infrastructure after the completion of the US withdrawal from Iraq.²⁷

- In northern Iraq, the "Islamic State of Iraq" organization is making up for the deficit caused by the loss of some its financial sources by starting to extort "protection" money from local businesses in the Mosul region, as well as collecting "passage tolls" from trucks making their way from Syria or Baghdad. The charge for the toll is between \$50 and \$200 dollars, depending on the size of the truck. The locals report that no one dares not to pay, and that one business owner who refused to pay protection money has already been killed.

A Political Science professor, who refused to reveal his name, said that a new mafia has developed in Mosul, similar to the one in Italy, but under a religious guise. He added that Al-Qaeda is collecting so much money this way that it can finance the struggle not only in Mosul, but all over Iraq, as well as helping the activity in Afghanistan and Yemen.²⁸

The Arabian Peninsula

- In Yemen the clashes between Al-Qaeda and the army continue, as Al-Qaeda continues to carry out terrorist attacks against military targets, with the army carrying out counter-operations and making arrests.²⁹ In the conflicts taking place in the city of Radfan between the army and Al-Qaeda, the casualty toll reached 17 men – 5 soldiers and 12 armed men.³⁰ The government claims that it captured an activist who was carrying documents which prove a

²⁷ <http://www.aawsat.com/english/news.asp?section=1&id=22187>

²⁸ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585808&issueno=11607>

²⁹ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11604&article=585425>

³⁰ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585553&issueno=11605>

connection between the "Al-Harak" movement and Al-Qaeda.³¹ Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claimed responsibility for several attacks on soldiers which took place in recent weeks in the south-east part of the country.³²

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement titled: "The defense of the Muslims in Ludar". According to the announcement, one of the Yemeni Army squadrons became involved in a confrontation with Muslim citizens at the Ludar market, which escalated to shots being fired at the citizens. Following this conflict the Mujahideen launched a three day campaign against the armed forces. In the course of this campaign, the Mujahideen have killed over 30 soldiers. In the announcement, the organization has denied the claims that the Yemeni government has succeeded in taking over the city of Ludar.³³

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قاعدة الجهاد
في جزيرة العرب

بيان الدفاع عن المسلمين في لودر

الحمد لله القائل: ﴿وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لِمَن فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عِلْمٌ ذَلِكَ الْبَرُّ وَقَدْ كَفَرْنَا بِهِ قَدْرًا كَثِيرًا لَا نُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهُوتِ وَالْجُنُودِ اللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ﴾
كان الله في حاجته، ومن فرج عن مسلم كربة ففرج الله عنه كربة من كربات يوم القيامة، ومن ستر مسلماً ستره الله يوم القيامة، صلى الله عليه وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم.

وبعد:
في يوم الخميس التاسع من شهر رمضان المبارك ١٤٣١هـ، اعتكفت قوة من جنود الردة التابعين للكتيبة المتواجدة في شمال شرق مدينة لودر بولاية آين على المسلمين الأيمن في سوق لودر، وذلك إثر نزاع حدث بين بعض الجنود وبعض أبناء المدينة، فقامت هذه القوة العسكرية الفاشية بترويع المسلمين وإطلاق النار من الأسلحة الثقيلة وبصورة عشوائية، فتصدى لهم المجاهدون، وكان من نتائج معركة اليوم الأول: مقتل أربعة من الجنود، وتدمير وحرق طقم عسكري وإعطاب آخر "أوربتين عسكريتين"، وغنيمه عدد من الأسلحة الآلية، وذلك قبل الإطوار.
كما قام الجيش بالقصف العشوائي على سوق المدينة وبيوتها مما أدى إلى مقتل اثنين من المسلمين، وجرح آخرين.

وفي اليوم الثاني "عصر الجمعة" دخلت قوة عسكرية تابعة للأمن المركزي بغية إزلال المسلمين في لودر، فتصدى لها المجاهدون، فتم تدمير وإحراق مدرعة عسكرية بمن فيها من الجنود، وإحراق طقم عسكري، وغنيمه عدد من الأسلحة الآلية وسلاح دوشكا (عيار ١٢.٧ ملم) وقتل ستة عشر من جنود الأمن المركزي، وقامت الحملة المجرمة بقصف المدينة بصورة عشوائية، واستمر القصف قرابة الساعة تقريباً.

وفي اليوم الثالث جاءت تعزيزات عسكرية، وتمركزت على مدخل مدينة لودر؛ فقام المجاهدون - بعد عون الله - بمهاجمتها عند الساعة الثالثة فجراً، وكان من نتائج المعركة: تدمير عدد من الأليات والديابلات، ومقتل ما يزيد عن الثلاثين وجرح الضرائ من جند الطاموت، ورجع المجاهدون إلى قواعدهم سالمين.

ونؤكد على كتب الحكومة اليمنية فيما ادعته من سيطرتها على مدينة لودر، وهذه عادتهم بعد كل هزيمة لهم، ونشر أممنا المسلمة بأن طليعتها المجاهدة في مدينة لودر بولاية آين في عز ونصر بفضل الله تعالى، وأنه لم يقتل ولم يؤسر أحد من المجاهدين مطلقاً حتى كتابة هذا البيان، وأنه لم يصب إلا واحد بجروح طفيفة.

والله غلب على أمره ولكن أكثر الناس لا يعلمون

تنظيم قاعدة الجهاد في جزيرة العرب
الخميس ١٦ رمضان ١٤٣١هـ
المصدر: (مركز الفجر للإعلام)

³¹ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=585805&issueno=11607>

³² <http://aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=586075&issueno=11609>

³³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=1058036530>

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement titled "The Banishing of Evil Operations". In the announcement, the organization lists a series of terrorist attacks that it has carried out.³⁴
- The "Al-Malahem" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece for the organization in the Arabian Peninsula, published photographs documenting "the victory of the Mujahideen in the Abyan Province".³⁵



- An announcement was issued by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula against the lies of the Yemen government regarding its claims of the arrest of "dozens of Mujahideen" in the southern part of the country. The announcement said that only one man who was on a Jihadi mission was arrested, and was forced to abandon his weapons for security reasons.³⁶
- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement claiming responsibility for the assassination of Mohammed Fare'e, the Deputy Head of the Interrogation Administration in Ma'rib Province in Yemen. Fare'e was in charge of hunting down the Mujahideen and of recruiting agents.³⁷

³⁴ <http://173.212.206.171/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=6557>

³⁵ <http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?t=1497>

³⁶ http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_1765.html

³⁷ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13204>

- The "Al-Arabyia" news channel reported that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula announced a threat on the lives of 55 Yemeni security officials if they don't "repent in public at Zinjibar mosque".³⁸
- The Yemen Observer reported on a failed attack on a gas pipeline which runs through province of Ma'rib in the north of Yemen to an export point in Shabwa, in the south of Yemen.³⁹ During the investigation, security services in the Rawdah district of Shabwa province found explosives near the main gas pipeline in the Salmon Mount area.⁴⁰
- The Saudi Gazette reported that AQPA in Yemen has appointed a Saudi of Yemeni origin, Khaled Battarfi, as the leader of the organization in the Abyan governorate. The move follows the killing of the former leader Jameel Al-Anbari in an air strike on March 14th. The air strike targeted the organization's members in Moudiah city which is located in southern Yemen. The news articles went on to mention the state of AQAP personnel in Yemen in the context of recent government attacks on the organization.⁴¹

The Maghreb

- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb published an announcement which passed on congratulations for the attack carried out against the Algerian Army. During the course of the attack, one of the Mujahideen drove a truck laden with explosives towards the armed forces, causing the deaths of 25 soldiers and the injuring of over 20 more.⁴²

³⁸ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/09/10/118948.html>

³⁹ <http://www.yobserver.com/front-page/10019662.html>

⁴⁰ <http://www.yobserver.com/local-news/10019641.html>

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<http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/index.cfm?method=home.regcon&contentID=2010090682951>

⁴² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=70409>

- Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb sends felicitations to the Muslims on the occasion of "Eid Al-Fitr".⁴³
- Al-Jazeera reported on the fighting that erupted on the Mali border between Mauritania soldiers and AQIM members which resulted in the deaths of over a dozen Al-Qaeda operatives and five soldiers.⁴⁴
- The Algerian Security Forces claimed that 30 members of the Tawarik Tribe from Mali have joined Al-Qaeda.⁴⁵
- Al-Jazeera reported on the kidnapping of five French nationals from a mining facility in Northern Niger.⁴⁶
- Photographs of a mosque which was closed down in 2002 by the Tunisian authorities. A surfer on the "Al-Jahafal" forum explains that the Tunisian President prevents religious clerics from praying there, which has led to it becoming a residence for drunks and criminals.⁴⁷



⁴³ <http://www.al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13412>

⁴⁴ <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/africa/2010/09/201091864827197188.html>

⁴⁵ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11605&article=585561>

⁴⁶ <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/europe/2010/09/201091692347959876.html>

⁴⁷ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13486>

The Al-Sham region

- The Abdullah Azzam Brigades sent felicitations to the Muslims, the Mujahideen and their leaders in all of the Jihad theaters for "Eid Al-Fitr".⁴⁸
- On September 17th 2010, Jordanian authorities arrested Muhammad Al-Maqdisi again.⁴⁹
- The "Jama'at Ansar Al-Sunna - Aknaf [wings] Bayt Al-Maqdis" [Jerusalem/Palestine], a Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi group, published a video clip in honor of "Eid Al-Fitr" titled: "The bombing of the Western Negev with a Khaybar missile".⁵⁰



- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published a peace initiative between the Jihadi Salafiya and the Hamas movement. The initiative is based on a call for collaboration and coordination between the parties against the "heretic enemy".⁵¹

Africa

- Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen carried out a terrorist attack at the airport in Mogadishu. The attackers used two vehicles – the first exploding near a post of the African Union Peacekeeping Forces who were securing the airport. After

⁴⁸ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13429>

⁴⁹ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13472>. See also:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, page 11.

⁵⁰ <http://al-madad1.com/vb/showthread.php?p=3437>

⁵¹ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=196101>

the explosion, armed men in a second vehicle entered the airport and exchanged fire with Somali police for about 15 minutes. Two of the armed men blew themselves up. The group of at least five attackers was killed, as well as two soldiers from the African Union Forces, a Somali policeman and several civilians. The number of casualties, not including the attackers, is at least ten. The fighting in Mogadishu entered its third week, already killing over 250 people.⁵²

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum published a report regarding a mortar attack on Somalia's governmental complex in Mogadishu.⁵³
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum posted a report from ABC news regarding a Somali-American man known as Dahir Gurey Sheikh Ali Guled, who was found dead in Mogadishu after a street battle between the militant group, Al-Shabab, and pro-government forces.⁵⁴
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum published a series of tips from the "Islamic State of Iraq" to the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, regarding the operation of roadside bombs and attacks on military vehicles. Amongst the tips were explanations on the structure of tanks and advice on the launching of mortar bombs and RPGs.⁵⁵
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum published photographs of Abubaker Shekau, the Deputy Amir of the Nigerian "Boko Haram" group, known as "Taliban –

⁵² <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=586098&issueno=11609>

⁵³ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=26921>

⁵⁴ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=26776>

⁵⁵ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7542>

Nigeria".⁵⁶ Several months ago this group declared that it had joined Al-Qaeda.⁵⁷

The West and the rest of the world

- One of the surfers on the "Atahadi" forum asked the other forum members to attack the nuclear installations around Spain as part of what he calls "The invasion of Andalus". Amongst the nuclear installations he refers to, accompanied by satellite photographs, are:
 - Almaraz
 - Santa Maria De Garona
 - Asco
 - Jose Cabrera
 - Cofrentes
 - Trillo
 - Vandellos 2

The response to this call was mixed. Some of the surfers commended this idea but others expressed reservations, claiming that attacking nuclear installations may hurt the Mujahideen themselves, as well as the Muslims living on Spanish soil.⁵⁸

⁵⁶ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=6808>. See also: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_March_2010_No.2.pdf, page 12.

⁵⁷ http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_March_2010_No.2.pdf, page 14.

⁵⁸ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27391>. See also on the matter: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Terror_Attacks_Spain.pdf.



Almaraz



Santa Maria De Garona



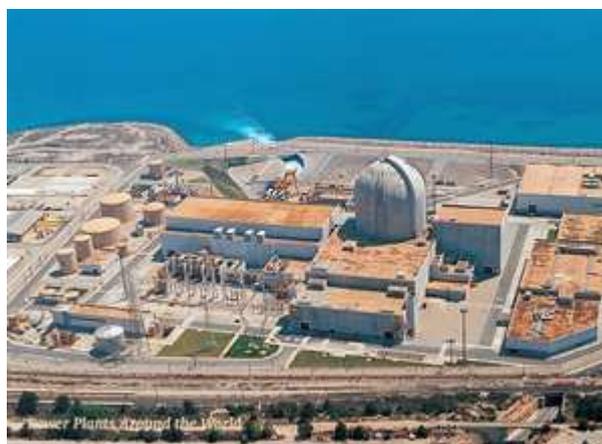
Jose Cabrera



Cofrentes



Trillo



Vandellos 2

In response to this correspondence, one of the surfers wrote that such an attack must be executed no later than September 24th 2010. Furthermore, he suggested the city of Barcelona as an additional, or alternate, target for attack as it has modes of transportation that are conducive to operations, especially the underground (Metro). He believes that the "Villa Olimpico" underground station is the most important one, as it is situated below a large

zoo. In addition, September 24th is a Friday, so a lot of people would be expected to be at the zoo.⁵⁹

- Another surfer suggests attacking Barcelona during the "la Mercé" annual festival which took place between September 23rd and 26th 2010. He too alludes to September 24th as a good time for a terrorist attack. According to him, on September 24th 1218, the Virgin Mary revealed herself to three kings, asking them to instruct the monks and ascetics to save the Christian prisoners in Arab jails following the Crusades or the "Wars of Religion". He suggests using a small bag not exceeding 3kgs in weight, in the middle of the Rambla del Raval square. In addition, he mentions that the number of visitors to the festival is particularly high and reaches several thousands.⁶⁰

A few days later Jihadi forums began to mention the fact that the Spanish Intelligence services are very concerned over the threats of Al-Qaeda supporters against Spain and targets around the world. According to the forums, the reasons for the Spanish concern is the Spanish presence in Afghanistan alongside the United States, and the cities of Ceuta (a Spanish enclave in the northern part of the Maghreb in Morocco, run as an autonomous Spanish Province) and Melilla (a Spanish enclave on the northern coast of the African continent).⁶¹ This is coupled with the struggle surrounding Muslim women, in particular the subject of headdresses.⁶²

- In response to the intended burning of the Quran, a surfer on the Ansar Al-Mujahideen English forum suggests the making of a video depicting the

⁵⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27391>

⁶⁰ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?s=52a413faf9a9e0ee2b864dea28750672&t=27391&page=2>

⁶¹ On the place these cities have in the Jihadi discourse, see: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 9–11.

⁶² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=29051>, <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13445>

burning of the U.S. constitution.⁶³ In response to the burning of the Quran, a member of the Islamic Awakening forum posted an "urgent message to the Muslim brothers living in America" in which he calls on American Muslims to kill all "crusaders, destroy their economy, and slaughter their unarmed people".⁶⁴

The Caucasus

- The Amir of the Caucasus Emirate, Dokku Abu Usman, announced the appointment of Hasan Israpil Velidzhanova as the commander of the Dagestani Front of the Caucasus Emirate's Armed Forces and as the Governor of the Caucasus Emirate's Dagestan Province.⁶⁵



- The Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus denied that Russian Intelligence has uncovered a Mujahideen database in Dagestan, which led to the death of Saifullah, one of the senior members of the Emirate,⁶⁶ the exposure of a weapons stockpile, future operational plans and the hiding places of other leaders. The Emirate's announcement stressed that for several years, cellular phones have been used instead of databases.⁶⁷

⁶³ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=26192>

⁶⁴ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=26772>

⁶⁵ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13051>

⁶⁶ On the subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_August_2010_No_2.pdf, page 20.

⁶⁷ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12939>

- The “Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya” (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum published an article noting that since the beginning of 2009, the Jihadi has gained momentum in the republics of Central Asia. The article states that there is an influx of armed men to the radical Islamic movements, such as the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, “the Islamic Jihad Union” (IJU), the Taliban and Al-Qaeda. According to the article, the various movements are collaborating together with the objective of opening new fronts in the Afghan-Pakistani arena which will wear down the Coalition Forces.⁶⁸

⁶⁸ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7307>

General reports

Reports from the "Al-Mutabi' Al-'Amm" blog⁶⁹

The blog author, whose name is unknown, describes it as "a blog dealing with general matters and the political matters of the Islamic nation. The blog follows events around the world and Jihad and Mujahideen related news, as well as political maneuvers around the world. The blog presents analyses conducted by senior writers specializing in political and Jihadi affairs around the world."

- "The Mujahideen's achievements are causing embarrassment to the Christian West so much so that they wish to burn the Quran?!". Under this heading, the blog stated that the 9/11 terrorist attacks have changed the face of history and caused the Christian West to remain constantly confused. They say that they have brought down two countries, but the Jihadi operatives have gained a footing in more than two countries. Iraq did not dream that one day Jihadists would enter its territory and expand their attacks against the West. Al-Qaeda, which was very small before the September 11 terrorist attacks, has branches in almost all the countries around the world. On the one hand, the West condemns the burning of the Quran, but on the other hand it allows it to occur under the pretext of freedom of expression. The collaborating Western media published these condemnations so as to diminish the severity of the act. Even the admonishments of Christian figures such as Merkel, Petraeus and Clinton show the disparaging attitude towards Muslims. In conclusion, it was stated that the Muslims must remain on the path of truth and not the path of the heretics and the hypocrites. There is no need to carry

⁶⁹ <http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/>

weapons, but the Muslims must at least stop talking about them and renounce in their hearts the heretics and the hypocrites.⁷⁰

- The Kuwaiti Sheikh, Hakem Al-Matiri,⁷¹ sends a message to the Mujahideen in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and anywhere else Jihad is waged against the occupying armies. He encourages them and stresses that the Islamic nation is behind them. He explains that the weakness of the Jihad enterprise and that of the resistance, stem from the fact that the Mujahideen do not have a political plan in which the nation can put its faith for the future, as it expects liberty from occupation and tyranny, and expects justice and industrial, economic and scientific progress. The task is to formulate a political plan for the phase following the liberation, and that task falls on the shoulders of religious clerics and thinkers, on honest politicians and not the Mujahideen who are busy fighting imperialism. He calls for collaboration between those fighting the foreign enemy and those fighting for reform from within; he states that the people wish for security, stability and prosperity that will be attained not only by fighting but also through science, knowledge, political Jihad, ideological Jihad, propaganda and educational Jihad. He clarifies that the fact that many religious clerics have abandoned their support of Jihad has caused many members of the nation to also abandon their support of the Jihad and the resistance movement. The Mujahideen must address the public in a language they understand and clarify the matter of refusing to accept wrongdoings, aggression and occupation. By using such language, political

⁷⁰ http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_5170.html

⁷¹ Hakem Al-Matiri is known as Secretary General of the Scientific Salafi movement in Kuwait and as a lecturer at the Kuwait University in the Islamic Religion Faculty. The Sheikh operates a website at <http://www.dr-hakem.com>, and in addition he has a web page on Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's website: <http://www.tawhed.ws/a?a=ki73ut2w>.

success can be achieved which is a synonym for military success and is even more important in wars of this type.⁷²

- Muhammad Assad Bayyud Al-Tamimi, manager of the "Al-Haqiqa Al-Islamiya Study and Research Center", writes on the "United States' Great Escape from Iraq". Tamimi, who is of Palestinian origin, mentions that he predicted the fall of the United States at the hands of the Mujahideen and taunts his opponents who mocked this prediction. He further predicts that the Iraqi Army established by the U.S. will collapse when up against the Mujahideen, and he calls on them to continue fighting the Shiites, and praises them whilst emphasizing that Iraq is a starting point for the liberation of Palestine.⁷³

From the questions forum at the "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website, belonging to the famous Salafi ideologist, Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi⁷⁴

Is Andalus considered a Dar Al-Islam or a Dar Al-Kufr?

- A question was posed on the website, regarding what happens when Dar Al-Islam becomes Dar Al-Kufr under Christian rule. In this case the territory in question is Andalus - is the territory considered again to be Dar Al-Kufr, i.e. is Andalus today Dar Al-Kufr?

The response comes from the Salafi Mauritanian Sheikh, Sheikh Abu Al-Mundhir Al-Shanqiti, from the Religious Committee at the "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website: In religious texts there is no clear and unequivocal definition of Dar Al-Islam and Dar Al-Kufr. Andalus today is Dar Al-Kufr, as its law is that of the heretics, until the Muslims succeed in taking it back. However, it is considered as Dar Al-Islam as far as "mulk" is concerned, that

⁷² http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_1528.html

⁷³ http://almtaab3070al3am.blogspot.com/2010/09/blog-post_9159.html

⁷⁴ <http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/>

is – a land that is the absolute property of its owner, and the Muslims must fight to take it back.

Fighting the heretics that have taken over land requires "Jihad Al-Daf" – a Jihad of staving-off meant to oppose the enemy when he enters Muslim territory and to banish him from it, and not "Jihad Al-Nashr", which is fighting the heretics in the heart of their own land. He states that as a rule, the Muslims are allowed to begin fighting before carrying out Da'awa.⁷⁵

Confusion as to the status of the Amir of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus

- Reports arriving from the Caucasus claim that the leaders Aslanbek, Muhannad and Hussein, have declared that they are not bound by the pledge of allegiance given to the Amir of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus, Dokku Abu Usman. What is the information available on the subject and what is the fate of those not expressing their allegiance without a religious reason, but instead because Abu Usman has retracted his resignation?

The response comes from Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi – the Jihad Emirate is an important subject. In an Emirate there is unity of ranks, Jihad is strengthened and Muslims rally around it. In an Emirate, conflict is eliminated and rifts are mended. The Mujahideen must obey their Amirs and not confront them, but help them, show restraint towards them and advise them in secret. One should beware of brothers' wars and division.

The situation with Amir Abu Usman is good. The Sharia judges welcome his decision to retract his resignation as he consulted with them and asked for the religious opinion of clerics. During the Amir's rule, the Emirate has been declared, all the characteristics of the Jahaliyyah have been eliminated, and

⁷⁵ http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=3239&pageqa=2&i=

there was consensus on the matter, everyone rallied around him and Jihad continued under his leadership. According to testimonies given by those familiar with the state of the Mujahideen in the Caucasus, Amir Abu Usman had done nothing wrong and therefore one must not disagree with him and come out against him. He should be obeyed, and helped to unite the ranks and wage Jihad. His position as Amir should be recognized and one must not ask to replace him without religious justification that has been approved by the Shura Council.

If some of the Mujahideen act that way, it will detract from the prestige of the Emirate and bring about, again and again, confrontations with the Amirs. This way, conflict will be created amongst the Mujahideen. That is why such reports must not be spread, causing confusion amongst the brothers in the Caucasus who are desperately in need of financial, moral and religious aid. They are under siege on all fronts and funds and fighters from the outside are not reaching them. The Arabs and the Persians are collaborating, drying up their financing sources.

Therefore, rich members from amongst the Muslims must give them funds. The religious clerics have also abandoned them and almost do not speak of them at all. In conclusion, the Sheikh calls on the Muslims to defend the Emirate and help it, and stresses that it is essentially a dam staving off the spreading of the Shiites in the direction of the republics of the former Soviet Union. The Emirate is a gateway to Eastern Europe and a seminary for the uniqueness of God and for Jihad.⁷⁶

⁷⁶ http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=3374&pageqa=2&i=

The Jihad in Algeria – internal debate

- The success rate of the Mujahideen in Algeria is very low and they are in a state of weakness, according to one of the Imams in Algeria. He asks for Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's thoughts on the matter and adds another question, regarding the plans for some Mujahideen to play football against teams which include members of the official Algerian establishment, and wonders if this is allowed.

The Sheikh expresses his disapproval of the Imam's statements and calls for attention not to be paid to such statements as they are an impediment to Jihad and the Mujahideen. He stresses that if the Imam is not helping the Mujahideen, he must at least bless them and stop speaking of things that will bring about their surrender.

As for his second question, the Sheikh rules that the Mujahideen must not play football with members of the establishment, but instead must join the Jihad organization of Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.⁷⁷ These questions join the previous queries regarding the state of Jihad in Algeria, which is perceived to be weak by the Jihadists. This is being played out alongside the tension surrounding the Al-Qaeda leadership in the Maghreb, and the de-radicalization process in Libya.

Issues on the matter of Jihad

- Are the Christians and priests in Egypt who are proselytizing amongst the Muslims, as well as kidnapping and killing Christian women who converted to Islam, still entitled to Dhimma (protection) or should they be fought?

⁷⁷ http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=2374&pageqa=2&i=

In response, Sheikh Abu Al-Mundhir Al-Shanqiti explains that the Christians who have hurt Muslims and done them wrong are not entitled to protection, and that their blood, possessions and money are permitted to the Muslims. He calls on anyone who wishes to take part in Jihad activities and act within a group, to join a Jihad group. According to him, one should beware of individual action where there is no strict adherence to a delineated program. The Mujahideen must operate in accordance with a strategy with a defined goal, which has stages and specific means without improvisations.⁷⁸

- A surfer shares that he has studied religious studies for five years, until he learnt the Quran by heart. He brings up the confusion within him – should he continue with his studies or should he look for the path of Jihad? According to him, the state in his country (Algeria) is very difficult and it is almost impossible to carry out Jihad, especially for those with low incomes.

The person answering is a member of the Religious Committee, Sheikh Abu Hafs Suyfan Al-Jaza'iri. According to him, Jihad today is a commandment to which every Muslim is obligated (Fard Ein). He states that the religious duty depends on the ability of the person and calls on him to trust in Allah and pray to him, and explains that the path of Jihad is not in contradiction with the continuation of his studies.⁷⁹

It is apparent that in their answers the members of the website's Religious Committee are encouraging the surfers posing the questions, to join the Jihad.

⁷⁸ http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=3190&pageqa=1&i=

⁷⁹ http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=2864&pageqa=3&i=

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum, today considered to be one of the leading forums, published an announcement regarding the arrest in Spain of Abu Hafs Al-Maghrebi, the manager of the aforementioned forum. The announcement wishes to clarify that the enemies of the Mujahideen are wrong in thinking that Al-Maghrebi's arrests will silence the voice of the Jihadi propaganda. The announcement points an accusatory finger at Spain and its partners in Moroccan and Jordanian Intelligence who are operating against the Mujahideen. The announcement further stated that the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" forum continues to operate properly.⁸⁰

It should be noted that the forum manager has great importance in the propaganda structure of global Jihad organizations. In this regard, one can also mention Abu Dujana Al-Khorasani, who was a prominent reporter on the Jihadi forums until he carried out a suicide attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan on December 31st 2009.

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) forum warns the surfers about a campaign to crash Jihadi forums and websites that it being conducted by the CIA in collaboration with the Intelligence Services of several Arab countries.⁸¹

⁸⁰ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27936>

⁸¹ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=6814>

Miscellaneous

- An announcement on the establishment of a new Jihadi propaganda media institute operating from Gaza, called "Al-Aqsa".⁸²



- Over the past three months the absence of senior forum-member and administrator, Asadullah Al-Shishani, has been notable. Shishani has shown extreme views against the US in general and against Jews specifically, as well as statements of his yearning to "bloody his sword with blood of Jews".⁸³
The disappearance of a senior surfer from the forums raises several important questions. It is possible that he was recruited for Jihad activity, much like Abu Dujana Al-Khorasani, or his disappearance could be unrelated to these issues.
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum published a comprehensive teaching manual on "Photoshop", so that it will help in the Jihadi propaganda campaign.⁸⁴

It should be noted that the Jihadi forums and propaganda entities put great emphasis on the design of movies, discs, books and declarations, as a means of distributing messages.

⁸² <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13278>

⁸³ See on this matter:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No._2.pdf, page 18.

⁸⁴ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?p=116105>



- The "Jawal Al-Ansar" Jihadi propaganda group, which publishes Jihadi content to cellular phones, published a downloadable package for cell phones called: "Aid for the Mujahideen in Iraq". The package contains video clips, audio segments and booklets connected to the "Islamic State of Iraq".⁸⁵

⁸⁵ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=28659>