

Threats on Germany in a Series of Jihadi Clips

Background

During the past year, it would appear that Global Jihad organizations have increased their efforts to produce and distribute propaganda films and messages on Germany. This effort complements the trend that has been apparent for the past two years of Islamizing Germans, a step that has received wide exposure both in the media and on Jihadi websites and online forums.¹

These films have deterring messages directed at Germany, the purpose of which is to create internal pressure in Germany in order to instigate its withdrawal from the coalition with the United States, similar to Spain.

The Global Jihad organizations' communication and distribution centers, distribute the movies to various target audiences in Germany, using the internet and other technological means to distribute the movies directly to the emails of many recipients in Germany.

The threats to Germany, inter alia, relate to its support of Israel's "Cast Lead" operation and the involvement of its soldiers in Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, there has been a report of members of an Islamic terrorist network in Germany being arrested because of its involvement in the planning of terrorist attacks on German soil. One of the defendants is an Imam named Hassan Dabbagh, who is charged with inciting violence and of having close ties to senior terrorists inside and outside the country.

In addition, a new study carried out by the Ministry of Interior, was recently published in Germany, pointing to the fact that the actual number of Muslims is

¹ http://ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Islamization_in_Germany.pdf

about one million higher than estimated thus far, so that the total number of Muslims in Germany is between 3.8 to 4.8 million, which is five percent of the entire population. The study further shows, that most of the Muslims consider themselves to be religious and a third of them attend mosques regularly.² In this regard it should be noted that this community, as well as other Muslim communities in the West, is a target for the infiltration of radical Islam.

It is, therefore, not surprising that Global Jihad organizations have recently focused a great deal of effort on Germany, both for recruiting purposes and deterrence of the German political system, taking into account that elections for the German parliament are to be held in September 2009.

January 2009: "Abu Talha the German" calls upon Germans to embrace the Sharia

On January 17th 2009, the Jihadi forums published a video, apparently produced in October 2008 by the Al-Qaeda media institute, "As-Sahab", featuring someone who called himself "Abu Talha the German". The film is about half an hour long and is entitled *Das Rettungspaket Fuer Deutschland* (The Rescue Package for Germany) and was published against the backdrop of the global economic crisis. In



² <http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,632290,00.html>

the video, Abu Talha calls upon the Germans to embrace the Sharia, in order to extricate themselves from the economic crisis, and he also demands that German forces stationed in Afghanistan be removed. In the video, Abu Talha's face is covered, he speaks in German with Arabic subtitles and in one of the segments, he is seen holding an RPG launcher.³

It is interesting to note that the video was produced in October 2008, but was only published on the internet in January 2009. Perhaps the reason behind it, is that on the same day the video was published on Jihadi forums (January 17), an attack was perpetrated in front of the German embassy in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, for which



the Taliban took credit.⁴ In other words, the Jihad organizations took advantage of the attack, to promote the video and show that their threats were not empty, but were vows executed. One of the surfers in the "Al-Faloja" forum even adds: "The strategy has changed. The strategy now is unlimited aspirations, unlimited response [...] the strategy now is inflicting unlimited non-ending terror, and you will soon see."⁵

³ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?p=224623>,
<http://www.mojahden.net/vb/showthread.php?t=18432>,
<http://www.nefafoundation.org/miscellaneous/FeaturedDocs/nefasahabgerman0109.pdf>

⁴ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/afghanistan/4278052/Afghanistan-Suicide-bomb-attack-on-German-embassy-in-Kabul-kills-five.html>, http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world-news/taliban-claims-responsibility-for-kabul-suicide-attack-third-lead_100143638.html, <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=42541>, <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=42559>

⁵ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=42642>

On April 19th 2009, the "Al-Arabiya" television station aired a program about "Abu Talha the German". The show mentions that Abu Talha's real name is Bekkay Harrach, born in Morocco in 1977. He immigrated to Germany at a young age and was given German citizenship. He was educated in Bonn and studied economics at the university. Between the years 2001-2003, he visited Yemen, Pakistan, Turkey and Iran several times. From 2003 or 2004, his radical ideals increased. He traveled a great deal, visiting West Jordan and Iraq twice. Since 2005, he has been under the surveillance of the German intelligence, due to his activities inside Germany which encouraged Jihadi activities. In 2007, he traveled to Iraq again and during that year, he also visited the border region between Pakistan and Afghanistan and the Al-Qaeda training camps. In the spring of 2008, he returned to Germany and then left, together with his German wife, who had converted to Islam, apparently for Pakistan and Afghanistan. In one of the videos in which he appears, Abu Talha states that since 1992, he has been seeking to become a shahid for Allah.⁶

The Jihadi forums are distributing the video to German speaking communities

One day after the publication of Abu Talha's video, on January 18th 2009, the Jihadi forums announced a campaign to be carried out by the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF), in order to spread Abu Talha's statements to German forums and sites. The GIMF even issued instructions as to how to execute the assignment:

1. Publication of many direct links to the video and placing it on video sites.

⁶ <http://www.alarabiya.net/programs/2009/04/19/70969.html>

2. Locating German forums and sites and German publications, including news channels, newspapers and German organizations, and email addresses of bodies, institutions and private citizens.
3. Registration of these sites with foreign names.
4. After carrying out these steps, the video should be distributed to as many people as possible, by email, chat rooms and by paltalk⁷.

There was a large response to the campaign and many surfers offered suggestions as to how to make the distribution process more efficient.⁸ In addition, the video was distributed on Facebook by the "The Knights of the Support Invasion Brigade" (Katibat Fursan Ghazwat Al-Nusra).⁹

In April 2009, an announcement was placed on the net by the "Invasion of the Internet Jihadi Brigades", according to which the "As-Sahab" Institution publication, regarding Islam and the economic crisis, in which "Abu Talha the German" appears, had been sent to 48,580 email addresses of German citizens, of all walks of life, according to the following details:¹⁰

- 29,007 – German university lecturers
- 11,844 – Economic and financial institutions
- 2,873 – Hospitals, doctors and medical centers
- 2,145 – Offices and government institutions
- 2,708 – Institutions and sport associations
- 3 - Other sectors

⁷ Paltalk is a service that allows users to communicate via instant massaging, voice and video chat.

⁸ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=42526>

⁹ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=42470> . It should be noted that this "brigade" was founded as a new means of propaganda of Jihad organizations.

<http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?t=321342>

¹⁰ <http://www.mojahden.net/vb/showthread.php?t=21334>

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**The announcement by the
"Invasion of the Internet Jihadi Brigades"**

The end of January 2009: Against the backdrop of Operation "Cast-Lead", a video clip threatening the perpetration of attacks in Germany

On February 16th there was an exchange of messages on the "Al-Faloja" forum¹¹ relating to the video "Voice Calling for the Truth", which was posted on the net on January 29th 2009. The video shows 100 fighters from Germany in the training camps in Waziristan, who pose a threat to Germany. There are links to the video which was published after the "Cast Lead" campaign in Gaza. One of the surfers

¹¹ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=47295>

in the forum stated that the Al-Qaeda organization is trying to use the Spanish model on Germany, meaning that the surfer deduces from the publications in the German media, that the timing of the publication of the threats is reminiscent of the attacks in Spain in March 2004, which were intended to influence the results of Spain's elections at that time, to pressure the government and bring about the removal of Spanish forces from Iraq. It should be noted that elections will be held for the German Parliament (the Bundestag) on September 27, 2009.

According to a report in the "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat" newspaper, the video, which apparently was filmed during Operation "Cast Lead", shows six masked men armed with machine guns, sitting next to each other, wearing American uniforms and threatening to perpetrate terrorist attacks in Germany. In addition to the threats made in German by one of the masked men for three minutes, there are other threats in Turkish, Russian, Azeri and Kurdish.¹²



Segments from the video "Voice Calling for the Truth"

¹² <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=504885&issueno=11020>

February 2009: The Taliban magazine in Afghanistan sends a message to the German nation and its leaders

The online publication "Al-Somood", published by the Taliban in Afghanistan, published a message in its February 2009 edition "to the German people and their leaders, who are loyal to the Americans" – a message that was manifested in an attack against the German embassy in Kabul, which occurred on January 17th 2009.

In the beginning, the longstanding close ties between Germany and Afghanistan are

mentioned, including in the Second World War. However, over the years, Germany's leaders, headed by Chancellor Angela Merkel, have sided with the "occupying" Americans, who attacked the Afghans and their country, killing women, the elderly and children. As a result, on January 17th 2009, they attacked the German embassy in Kabul. This suicide attack, the magazine stresses, is a clear message to the German people, to make their leaders, who are "loyal to the Americans", aware that they used the mandate given to them by the German voters badly, and they preferred the interests of the "foreigners" over those of the Germans. Also, this attack is a message to those leaders who are blind to the painful Afghan reality.



April 2009: Additional threats against Germany and the German forces stationed in Afghanistan

In April 2009, the "Al-Faloja" forum published an announcement¹³ according to which the ARD German TV channel reported that a new video tape was shown on the internet, containing threats to perpetrate terrorist attacks against Germany. The 80 minute video includes a short section in German. Many masked Jihad fighters appear on the video shouting threats. One of them, "Abu Hamza the German", threatened the European Union and the allies who support the United States and said: "Know that the Mujahideen are coming for you. With the help of Allah, we will destroy you all [...]"

One of the newspapers in Germany reported on April 22nd 2009, that there was a video in which a man, identifying himself as "Commander Muhammad", incited against Germany and the Jews. He spoke in Arabic and said that the German government is a "criminal government". He added that: "In the past, Hitler killed the Jews, but today its sons are serving the Jews". The film shows segments from the 9/11 attacks.

One of the surfers on the forum stated, that the reference is to the two following videos: "So that the slaughter in Gaza will not recur", produced by the "As-Sahab" institution, and the "Victory or the Shahada", produced by "Jundallah" and translated into German.

¹³ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=58618>



A scene from the video "So that the slaughter in Gaza will not recur"



The movie "Victory or the Shahada"; in the picture: the German immigrants who left for Jihad in Afghanistan



Vowing to die for Allah



Meeting Ayman Al-Zawahiri and the Mujahideen leaders

The above video and another video entitled "The actions of your brothers the German immigrants", include scenes of the Mujahideen training, pictures of the activists and their names and the attacks which they perpetrated against the "heretics" and NATO forces in Afghanistan and Waziristan.¹⁴ The surfer who uploaded these videos to the forum says that there are many more videos of Germans who left for Jihad in Afghanistan.



The video "The actions of your brothers the German immigrants"

One of the surfers states that the video "The Victory or the Shahada", was made by "the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan" (IMU), which is fighting in Afghanistan. Most of the fighters in the video are from Uzbekistan, and are not German. The German fighters in Afghanistan are few (about 10) and they do not have a special unit, but are under the command of Sheikh Muhammad Tahir. According to the surfer, the German fighters did not meet Al-Zawahiri, but the reference is to a

¹⁴ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=55854>

meeting between Muhammad Tahir and Al-Zawahiri from way back, before the September 11 attacks.¹⁵

An Islamic terrorist network has been operating in Germany

At the end of May 2009, it was announced that the German main television channel ARD, had broadcast two reports which dealt with dangerous Islamic networks operating in Germany. The networks had ties to Al-Qaeda and other terrorist movements and trained young Muslims to become Mujahideen.¹⁶

Both reports made the connection between the above network and Imam Hassan Dabbagh, who lives in Leipzig. Munich prosecutors accused him of incitement to violence and of having close ties to senior terrorists inside and outside



the country. The prosecution stated that it would prosecute the above imam, who was born in Syria and who holds a German identity card.¹⁷ Both reports stated that the members of the Islamic network were Salafis, who claimed to represent the true Islam and who adhere to the Koran literally. The reports warned of the possibility of these Salafis penetrating German society with relative ease.

One of the German radio stations stated that a report published by the Ministry for Countering Crime in the Saxon region, described Hassan Dabbagh as a liaison officer between the Islamists and the radical Mujahideen, to whom he forwarded funds, and who had ties with the planners of the September 11 attacks in 2001.

¹⁵ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=55854&page=2>

¹⁶ http://www.aafaq.org/news.aspx?id_news=8272

¹⁷ On September 2006 a demand was made to revoke his German citizenship, after he expressed understanding towards the planners of terrorist attacks in an interview with the German ARD television channel, <http://www.islammemo.cc/2006/09/16/12459.html>

German Intelligence warns against terrorist attacks in preparation for the elections on September 2009

In June 2009, the "Al-Ansar" Jihadi online forum quoted an article published in the German "Der Spiegel" Magazine, according to which the German Intelligence and the Ministry for Crime Prevention issued a warning against a specific danger threatening German companies in Algeria, and German citizens in northern Africa. These senior officials claimed that Al-Qaeda is planning a large attack on Germany before the elections, due to be held on September 27th 2009, in revenge for the presence of German troops in Afghanistan. Furthermore, these German senior officials warned of Al-Qaeda attacks on German soil. The newspaper further reported that these warnings were based on reports reaching the German government from the Al-Qaeda organization on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.¹⁸

July 2009: the murder of a Muslim woman in Germany arouses calls for revenge against Germany

At the beginning of July 2009, an Egyptian woman was murdered in a Dresden court by a German man, whom she had sued for defamation. The event caused a storm in the Muslim world, and brought on outraged responses against Germany in Jihadi online forums

One of the founders of the "Hanein" online forum wrote:

"The repeated crimes in the heart of Europe, the land of the cross, are a result of the spread of the Islamic religion there... especially in Germany,

¹⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4897>;
http://www.raya.com/site/topics/article.asp?cu_no=2&item_no=452460&version=1&template_id=45&parent_id=42

which is the largest country where Islam is spreading. With the help of Allah it will soon be an Islamic country."¹⁹

Another founder of the forum wrote: "Jihad groups must avenge the death of that sister, with at least one act."²⁰ Several surfers in the "Al-Faloja" online forum, suggested attacking embassies, military camps, German tourists and the infrastructure in Germany²¹, and another surfer at the "Shumukh" online forum, expressed the hope that "one of Al-Qaeda's soldiers would blow up the German embassy in Afghanistan or anywhere else".²² Following these words, one of the surfers expressed concern that the image of Islam would be perceived as vengeful and tried to explain that the message of Islam is a one of compassion and tolerance. The surfer explained that Jihad is a means and not an end, where the end was people worshipping Allah, and not killing people. The "Shumukh" forum supervisor refutes these words completely and explains that Muslims do not kill westerners because they are westerners, but because they offend Islam and the Muslims, and there is no difference between an Arab citizen or a westerner who behave like this.²³ Other surfers supported the supervisor and reminded that Germany participates in the "Crusading forces" in Afghanistan, and is therefore a warmongering country.²⁴

¹⁹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=111979>

²⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=111979>

²¹ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=72730>

²² <http://shmo5alislam.net/vb/showthread.php?t=42781>

²³ <http://shmo5alislam.net/vb/showthread.php?t=42781&page=2>

²⁴ <http://shmo5alislam.net/vb/showthread.php?t=42781&page=2>