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Highlights

- **Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri**, the leader of **Al-Qaeda**, praises the jihad activities of Al-Qaeda fighters in all its branches. He praises the success of **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb** in causing casualties and property damage to the Algerian army. In his opinion, these successes will serve in the future as a springboard for conquering Spain. In addition, al-Zawahiri calls on jihad fighters in and around Mali to increase their armed activities against French forces who have intensified their presence in the region. Al-Zawahiri also calls on jihad fighters in East Africa, especially **Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen**, to continue their activities against Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda and other countries in the region; on fighters in **Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent** to liberate the Indian Subcontinent from the rule of Hindus and secular regimes supported by the US; and on jihad fighters in the Arabian Peninsula to keep their head in the face of US, Saudi and Houthi attacks.
- **Hamza bin Laden**, the son of Osama bin Laden and a senior **Al-Qaeda** leader, praises the efforts of jihad fighters in Syria to defend the religion of Islam from the enemies of Islam, especially the US and Russia. According to him, they should not be misled by various initiatives for peace conceived by the enemies of Islam since they should be seen as a ruse and an effort by the enemy to put an end to jihad in Syria, and continue the agenda of oppressing Muslims and Islam. At the same time, Hamza announces that all Muslims must assist their brothers in Syria, especially by migrating to Syria and taking part in jihad against the enemies. According to him, by helping the mujahideen in Syria, it will be possible to establish a solid base from which to act to liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque from Israel.
- **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**, the leader of the **Islamic State**, praises the steadfastness of the organization's fighters on various jihad fronts, and calls on them and on the organization's supporters to be patient while encouraging the 'soldiers of the Caliphate' to increase their attacks everywhere and to target the media centers of countries fighting against the organization. In addition, he vows that the issue of Muslim prisoners in jails has not been forgotten and is part of the organization's agenda.
- **Ibrahim Hasan al-'Asiri**, a senior leader in **Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula**, praises the 9/11 attacks and the expansion of jihad against the Crusaders and their allies, such as the Iranians,

Buddhists, Hindus and Jews, to other fronts. In his opinion, the US is still considered the main enemy of Muslims due to its ongoing occupation of Muslim lands and support for Israel. According to him, the strength of the Crusader campaign led by the US against Muslims and Islam is being increasingly eroded as reflected in, among other things, the US withdrawal from Iraq and the mujahideen's successes in causing damage to US forces in Afghanistan. Alongside this, al-'Asiri calls on all members of the Muslim Nation to join jihad against the US, on Muslims in Iraq to fight against the Crusader-Iranian alliance in the country, and on Muslims in Syria to continue the battle against the enemies. In addition, al-'Asiri emphasizes that "Palestine is the central problem and is on the mujahideen's agenda".

- **Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula** and **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb** condemn the Saudi regime against the backdrop of the visit by US President Donald Trump to the Saudi Kingdom. According to them, the visit signaled the renewed alliance between the US administration and the Saudi regime in the battle against Islam and its Muslim believers. In their opinion, the Saudi regime failed to fulfill its role in dealing with the Iranian threat and the growing Shi'ite influence, and instead preferred to cooperate with the main enemy of Muslims. Therefore, the organizations call on the Saudi people to protest against the Saudi regime's policy through every possible platform.
- **Al-Sahab** jihadist media institution, which belongs to **Al-Qaeda**, publishes a letter written to US President Barack Obama by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, a former member of **Al-Qaeda** and one of the planner of the 9/11 attacks who is incarcerated in the US. In his letter, he emphasizes that various US administrations, including the Obama administration, are engaged in a trend of oppressing Muslims around the world, and he claims that the US government is run by a Jewish and Christian-Zionist lobby that limits Obama's power, and that the latter must fight against the lobby and not against Muslims. According to him, this trend is likely to change in the future following Muslims' victory over their enemies.
- The "**Delegated Committee**" of the **Islamic State**, which is subordinate to **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** and publishes the decisions of the organizations, publishes a memorandum canceling a previous proclamation that offered the strictest interpretation of *takfir*, an interpretation that casts collective doubt on whether the citizens of Muslim countries are considered genuine Muslims. In the new memorandum, the organization emphasizes that the previous proclamation was full of

“mistakes and incorrect phrases” that “caused disagreement among the ranks of the mujahideen in particular and Muslims in general”, and therefore it is null and void.

- An **Islamic State** fighter of Singaporean origin calls on jihad fighters in East Asia to continue on the path of jihad or, alternatively, to turn to the arenas in Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, West Africa or Libya.
- The **Islamic State in the Sinai Peninsula** claims responsibility for a complex terrorist attack against Egyptian security forces on September 11 and threatens to attack the Hamas leadership if it continues to cooperate with the Egyptian regime to oppress jihad fighters in the Sinai Peninsula.
- **Al-Qaeda** and its various branches condemn the persecution and slaughter of members of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar, and call on Muslims around the world – especially those in geographical proximity to Myanmar – to help them in any way.

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New Publications

Ideology

- In honor of the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Al-Sahab media institution, which belongs to Al-Qaeda leadership, published the following:

- A message from Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, the leader of Al-Qaeda, titled, "Messages from the Frontlines: A Message for the Mujahideen in Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Somalia, Yemen and the Indian Subcontinent". The main messages raised in his speech included:

Reference to the North Africa region – praise for jihad fighters, especially AQIM, in North Africa for their success in causing casualties and property damage to the armies of Algeria, Egypt and Libya while the media avoids giving them a platform and prefers to play down the successes of the mujahideen. According to al-Zawahiri, these victories will serve as a future springboard for the capture of Andalus (Spain). In addition, al-Zawahiri called on jihad fighters in and around Mali to increase their armed activities against French forces since they have returned to the region and are oppressing Muslims.

Reference to the East Africa region – strengthening jihad fighters' morale and encouraging them to continue their activities against Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, Ethiopia, Uganda and other countries in the region.

Reference to the Indian Subcontinent – Praise for the jihadi awakening in the region. Al-Zawahiri called for the liberation of the Indian Subcontinent from the rule of the Hindus and the secular regimes supported by the United States.

The Arabian Peninsula – Reinforcement for the mujahideen and Sunnis facing attacks by the US, Saudi Arabia and the Houthis.¹

Al-Zawahiri's speech indicates that the US and France are among the top targets for attack. In addition, it seems that Al-Qaeda has succeeded in establishing an extensive terrorist network in East Africa, with an emphasis on Kenya and Tanzania. Regarding the Indian Subcontinent, it is obvious that al-Zawahiri seeks to create the impression that there has been an increase in the scope of jihad activity, especially after the establishment

¹ <http://risala.ga/47il>

of a new jihad group in Kashmir called Ansar Ghazwat al-Hind, which swore allegiance to Al-Qaeda in August 2017.

- A 21-page letter sent by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, one of the planners of the 9/11 attacks who is incarcerated in the US, to US President Barack Obama. The letter itself was dated January 8, 2015. Khalid took care to show throughout the letter that the US does not have clean hands in its conduct toward Muslims, including the Obama administration. According to him, the Muslims - who are equivalent to the forces of light - will ultimately succeed in defeating the United States and its allies - who are equivalent to the forces of darkness. Later in the letter, he explained at length why the 9/11 attacks were carried out against the US. For example, he accused the US of suppressing the power of Muslims by supporting the Christian population in the southern Philippines and establishing US military bases in the Gulf States. He even claimed that the US government is run by a Jewish and Christian-Zionist lobby that restricts Obama's power. According to him, the President of the United States needs to focus his efforts on fighting against this lobby, the CIA, the FBI and others, and not against Muslims. The continuation of the letter was full of claims and proof of discriminatory American support for regimes and countries that are active against Islam, such as Israel, in order to justify the continued jihad war against US forces on Muslim lands, as noted in his own words:

“We have the right to wage a Jihad against any invasion on our lands. We have the right to take revenge for the Palestinian, Iraqi, and Afghani children, women and elders blood, and punish those who spilled their blood. The Islamic Jihad is the best remedy for the western brutal neo-colonialism and imperialism. We will never answer to your military, economy and political aids to Israel by false peace. If your government and public won't tolerate 9/11 then how can you ask Muslims to tolerate your 60 years of crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, the Arabian Peninsula and the whole Muslim World? I will never ask you, or your court for mercy. Do what you wish to do, my freedom, my captivity and my death is a curse on all evil doers and tyrants.”²

² Telegram

- A video including clips from the last will and testament of one of the suicide terrorists, Mohand al-Shehri (aka Abu Omar al-Azadi), who took part in the 9/11 attacks. In his will, al-Shehri referred to the Crusader-Jewish conspiracy that seeks to weaken Islam by taking over the world economy, among other things. In addition, he referred to the importance of fulfilling the commandment of jihad and fighting against the US, Israel and other enemies of Islam.³
- A speech by Hamza bin Laden, a senior leader in the organization and the son of Osama bin Laden, the organization's former leader. In his speech, Hamza appealed to jihad fighters in Syria and blessed them for their efforts to defend Islam from the enemies of Islam, especially the US and Russia. According to him, they should not be misled by various initiatives for peace mediated by the enemies of Islam, since they should be seen as a ruse and an attempt by the enemy to put an end to jihad in Syria and continue their agenda of oppressing Muslims and Islam. According to him, what is taking place today in Syria, namely a global campaign by anti-Islamic forces such as the US, Russia and Iran, should serve as a warning sign for all Muslim countries from Morocco to the Caucasus. According to him, ignoring what is happening on Syrian soil will lead to negative and harmful consequences for the rest of the Muslim countries and, therefore, every Muslim must see himself as obligated to help his brothers in Syria, especially by migrating to Syria and taking part in jihad against the enemies. He added that, by helping the mujahideen in Syria, it will be possible to establish a solid base from which they will be able to act to liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque.⁴

³ Telegram

⁴ Telegram



A clip from Hamza bin Laden's speech calling for Muslims to mobilize for the sake of jihad in Syria

- Al-Malahim jihadist media institution, which belongs to AQAP, published an article to mark the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks titled, “The Path to Victory and the Defeat of the United States” by Ibrahim Hasan al-‘Asiri, a senior member of the organization responsible for bomb-making. Al-‘Asiri praised the decision by Osama bin laden to carry out the 9/11 attacks against the US and emphasized that it is still considered the main enemy since it continues to occupy Muslim lands and support the Jewish state. He then noted that more than a decade later, it is clear that the US-led Crusader campaign against Muslims and Islam has been weakened and US power has been eroded. For example, he noted the US withdrawal from Iraq as a reflection of the mujahideen’s success in breaking the power of the US as well as the success of the mujahideen in Afghanistan in the various battles against it. Al-‘Asiri called on all members of the Muslim Nation to join jihad against the US, and he emphasized that this is the only guaranteed way to weaken the power of the US and its allies. He even praised the expansion of jihad against the Crusaders and their allies, such as the Iranians, Buddhists, Hindus and Jews, to additional fronts, “from Myanmar to Mali and the Caucasus to Somalia”.
Al-‘Asiri also referred to the stabbing attacks by Palestinians in Israel in light of Israel’s alleged violation of the holiness of Al-Aqsa Mosque. He stressed that “Palestine is a central problem among the nation’s problems. We will never give up on it, we will not forget it and we will not ignore it. Moreover, our war with the US began due to its support for the Jewish State and the assistance that it provides to Israel against the Muslims”.

Al-'Asiri also referred to the arena of jihad in Iraq and called on Muslims to wage jihad against the Crusader-Iranian alliance in this country and called on Muslims in Syria to fight against their enemies. In conclusion, al-'Asiri blessed jihad fighters belonging to Al-Qaeda branches and stressed that their actions are in the service of God.⁵

- Al-Furqan jihadist media institution published a new recorded speech by the leader of the IS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, titled, "Sufficient is Your Lord as a Guide and Helper". In the framework of the 46-minute long speech, al-Baghdadi addressed the organization's defeats and the blood that was spilled in Mosul, Sirte, Raqqah, Ramadi and Hamat, and he praised the steadfastness of the organization's fighters there. Al-Baghdadi called on the organization's fighters and supporters to be patient while encouraging 'soldiers of the Caliphate' to increase their attacks in every place and to target the media centers of the countries fighting against the organization. In addition, the speech included encouragement for prisoners in jails and a promise that they have not been forgotten. It should be noted that al-Baghdadi also mentioned the nuclear threat to the United States from North Korea and increased Russian involvement in the reconciliation talks between the Syrian opposition factions and the regime, relatively recent events attesting to the fact that the speech was recorded not long before it was distributed.⁶



A new audio speech by the leader of the IS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi

- Al-Malahim and Al-Andalus jihadist media institutions, which belong to AQAP and AQIM respectively, published a joint announcement condemning the Saudi regime against the backdrop of the visit by US President Donald Trump in Saudi Arabia. According to them, Saudi Mohammad bin Salman does not hesitate to take any action to advance to the throne. To this end, he is willing

⁵ Telegram

⁶ <https://archive.org/details/tfreeg-wakafa>

to cooperate with the Crusaders, harm Islam, harm the dignity of Muslims, arrest a series of religious preachers who do not agree with his way of thinking, etc. The regime was accused of willingness to cooperate with the Vatican for the purpose of re-examining Islamic literature in order to purge it of content that preaches terrorism. According to them, Trump even established a think tank called the “Center for Moderation” in Saudi Arabia, designed to combat radical thought, instead of resorting to dealing with serious crises, including curbing the Iranian threat from the north, the threat posed by Shi'ite militias in Iraq as well as Houthi militias in Yemen. In light of this, the organizations called on the Saudi people to protest against the Saudi regime's policies, on Saudi clerics to condemn the regime, and on tribal members, publicists and the media to stand firm against the Saudi regime. Towards the end of the announcement, the organizations also called on Muslims to find operative solutions against the campaign being waged by the Crusaders against the Muslims Nation.⁷

- Al-Minhaj jihadist media institution, which serves as a platform for the publications of Sheikh Sami al-Aridi, a cleric in Syria who is affiliated with Al-Qaeda and a member of the Shura Council of the former Al-Nusra Front, published the following:
 - An announcement regarding jihad in Syria. In the announcement, al-Aridi claimed that jihad in Syria must rely on past experience, the Alawite regime must be fought against for the sake of Allah and Islam, and half-solutions and ceasefires must not be accepted. Al-Aridi then emphasized the importance of unity among the ranks of the mujahideen.⁸
 - An announcement in which he warned against behavior like that of Ibn Muflih. In the announcement, al-Aridi claimed that Ibn Muflih was among the greatest clerics, and was not considered a spy, but he created a disaster for Syria when he helped Tamerlane (1336-1405 CE), the Mongolian-Turkish ruler, to conquer Syria. Later in the announcement, al-Aridi urged the mujahideen to adhere to the rules of shari'a, to preserve Islam and jihad, and to beware of providing aid to those who distort the rules of shari'a.⁹
 - An announcement concerning the position of Abu Mariya al-Qahtani, a prominent Salafi-jihadist cleric in Syria who is affiliated with Al-Qaeda, regarding the battle against secular

⁷ Telegram

⁸ <https://justpaste.it/1bbg1>

⁹ <https://justpaste.it/1brlv>

states and movements. In the announcement, al-'Aridi noted that al-Qahtani quoted Sheikh al-Khadhir on his Telegram, who claimed that the mujahideen must help a movement that fights against secular movements even if that movement deviates from the correct path. In response, al-Qahtani claimed that today the movements that include the extremists and those who deviate from the straight path are not fighting against the secular movements, but are mainly engaged in splitting the ranks of the mujahideen. Later in the announcement, al-'Aridi explained the importance of fighting against secular movements and claimed that, when it comes to helping movements that deviate from the correct path, the mujahideen must read his article that was published under the title, "Fighting the Christians Under Saddam's Rule". Al-'Aridi also claimed that al-Qahtani's comments position is shared by Sheikh al-Julani and other clerics regarding the fight against secular movements. He added that al-Qahtani used the term, "secular states and movements" to refer to battle against Turkey and coalition states, and against the movements that support them and act according to the secular and democratic principles.¹⁰

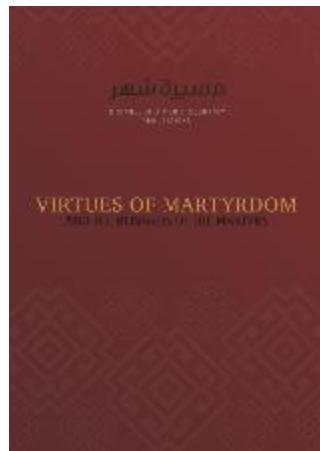
- Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi, a prominent Salafi-jihadist cleric in Jordan, published a statement regarding a pamphlet that was published about Al-Ashura, an optional fast day in Islam.¹¹
- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) jihadist media institution, which belongs to Al-Qaeda, published the following:
 - Greetings in honor of Eid al-Adha.¹²
 - A booklet in English titled, "Virtues of Martyrdom and Rewards of the Martyr".¹³

¹⁰ <https://justpaste.it/1bsth>

¹¹ Telegram

¹² Telegram

¹³ Telegram

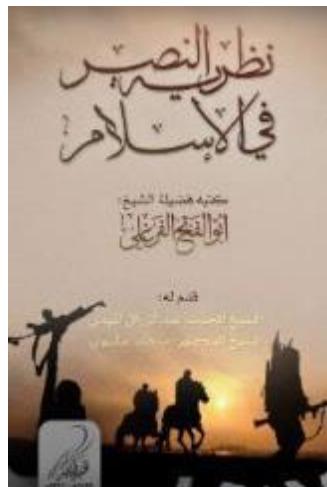


The banner page of the booklet

- The Nukhabat al-Fikr jihadist media group, which is involved in media for Al-Qaeda, published the following:
 - An article titled, "The Prophet's Methodology in Receiving News and Rumors and how he Dealt with Them: An Important Message about the Reality of Jihad in the Levant" by Anas Khatab. The article discussed the importance of transmitting reliable and credible information, and condemned the common trend of disinformation and false news throughout Syria. According to the writer, the Prophet Muhammad refrained from dealing with rumors and was careful to pass on reliable information, and as for credible news he did not see fit to reveal all of it and one should follow in his path.¹⁴
 - A book titled, "The Theory of Victory in Islam" by Sheikh Abu al-Fatah al-Firghali, a member of the Shura Council and the Fatwa Committee in Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a Salafi-jihadist umbrella organization in Syria. The book is divided into three sections in which the author discusses the conditions and circumstances that enabled Muslims to achieve victory against their enemies in battle, the possibility for the few to be victorious over the many, and the application of the theory of victory in practice as reflected in Muslim tradition. For example, he included explanations and definitions concerning Islamic victory, drawing on examples from various periods of the Caliphate (the Rightly Guided Caliphs and the Umayyad, Abbasid and Ottoman Caliphates). In

¹⁴ Telegram

his opinion, the number of soldiers does not matter, whether it is 12,000 people, more or less. The fear of God and the desire to fight in order to apply God's words are a first and important condition.¹⁵



"The Theory of Victory in Islam" by Sheikh Abu al-Fatah al-Firghali

- The Khayr al-Umma jihadist media group, which is involved in publicity for Al-Qaeda, published the following:
 - An article titled, "A brief letter about the laws and manners associated with [managing] discourse" by Sayf Allah al-Muhajir. The writer discussed how one should talk to Muslims who hold a distorted view of Islam in order to clarify the truth to them, and to Muslims who try to demand and draw conclusions from Islam's holy writings.¹⁶
 - A story titled, "I Loved a Mujahid" by a jihad supporter named Hanan al-Alfi. The story is a story of love by a Muslim woman for a jihad fighter in which she shares her feelings for her love until his death.¹⁷

¹⁵ Telegram

¹⁶ Telegram

¹⁷ Telegram

- A booklet titled, “Questions and Answers about Faith”, containing 136 questions and answers about religious law, theology and faith in Islam provided by various clerics. The booklet was edited by Abu Muhammad al-Tamimi, a jihad fighter in Yemen.¹⁸
- A writer named Jihad Salah published an essay titled, “The United States and the Verses of Allah on September 11”. In the article, the writer justified the September 11 terrorist attacks. For example, he claimed that the arrogance of the United States vis-à-vis the nations of the world was one of the reasons behind the attacks. In addition, he noted that the natural disasters that hit the United States like tornadoes were brought upon it as a punishment from God for its sins.¹⁹
- The “Delegated Committee” of the Islamic State, which is subordinate to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and publishes the decisions of the organizations, published a memorandum canceling a previous proclamation, which was published on May 17, that offered the strictest interpretation of *takfir*, an interpretation that casts collective doubt on whether the citizens of Muslim countries are considered genuine Muslims. Needless to say, the statement caused considerable disagreements between supporters and opponents of the change in the organization’s ideological line, among both senior officials and followers. In the new memorandum, the organization emphasized that the May 17 proclamation was full of “mistakes and incorrect phrases” that “caused disagreement among the ranks of the mujahideen in particular and Muslims in general”, and therefore it is null and void. It should be noted that the admission of a mistake by the Delegated Committee - one of the most senior bodies in the Caliphate - is unusual and indicates the extent of the controversy that the original document instigated.²⁰
- Al-Hayyat jihadist media institution published Part 4 in a series of videos titled, “Inside the Khilafa”. In the video, a Singaporean fighter known as Abu Uqayl expressed support for the mujahideen in East Asia and called on them to continue on the path of jihad. In his appeal to Muslims around the world, Abu Uqayl encouraged them to join jihad in East Asia or, alternatively, to join arenas in Syria, Khorasan, Yemen, West Africa or Libya. The video ended with criticism against Prince Harry of Wales against the backdrop of his visit to Singapore and a challenge to the

¹⁸ Telegram

¹⁹ Telegram

²⁰ <http://www.islamist-movements.com/upload/photo/parags/12/5/6.png>

Prince to come and fight in the territory of the IS.²¹



A fighter from Singapore encouraging Muslims to join jihad in East Asia and other arenas

- Al-Wafa jihadist media institution published the following:
 - An article by the writer, Abu Qasura al-Qurayshi titled, "The Winds of Victory Blow from the Smoke of Battle". In the framework of the article, al-Qurayshi emphasized that, despite the many tribulations faced by the IS and the attacks that were carried out against the organization, especially in Al-Khayr, Kirkuk, Dijla and Nineveh Provinces, it is still standing firm and holding on. The writer sent a message of encouragement to IS fighters, and called on them not to lose their faith while noting that difficulties are nothing more than proof of the approaching victory.²²
 - An article by a writer known as 'the doctor of the Caliphate' regarding the Rothschild family. In the framework of her article, the writer presented the Rothschild family as a family of bankers and financiers who tried to take over the world by establishing banks and stealing money from various countries. The writer accused the Rothschild family of supporting Zionism and claimed that it is laying the foundation for the coming of the false messiah, known in Islam as Al-Dajjal. The writer explained that the establishment of the Caliphate foreshadows the liberation from the 'claws of economic and political slavery' that the Rothschild family symbolizes.²³
 - An article by Abu Mua'dh al-Shamari in which he clarified the significance of jihad. In the article, the writer provided an etymological review of the meaning of the term jihad in

²¹ <https://videopress.com/v/jG6jiuRc>

²² <https://up.top4top.net/downloadf-631ds0yn1-pdf.html>

²³ <https://up.top4top.net/downloadf-634x0vux1-pdf.html>

ancient Islam and examined the conditions for which this commandment must be observed.²⁴

- An article by Abu Mua'dh al-Shamari titled, “The Issue of Tattarus”, referring to the issue of killing Muslims whom the enemy uses as human shields.²⁵ Al-Shamari began his article by distinguishing between damage to the public and damage to the individual, and clarifying that in the Muslim religious tradition, the rule is to prioritize the damage to the individual when it is possible to use it to prevent more general damage. Al-Shamari explained that since there is no greater damage than the spread of heresy and the rule of infidels over Muslim lands, it is permissible to sacrifice the lives of one Muslim or a few Muslims in order to prevent such damage to the entire Muslim nation. Al-Shamari added that since suicide is more serious than murder (in Islamic religious law), and since a person is permitted to kill himself in the framework of jihad (martyrdom), it can be concluded that it is permissible to kill Muslims who serve as human shields for the enemy so long as there is no other choice and the shooters try to attack the infidels and not the captured Muslims. The writer ended the article by presenting the approaches of various clerics to the issue of blood money for the families of Muslims killed in the framework of ‘tattarus’ and noted that he supports the non-payment of compensation to the families of the victims, since their relatives were killed on the battlefield unintentionally.

The Rohingya Muslim Minority in Myanmar

- Against the backdrop of reports about the persecution of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar at the hands of Myanmar’s security forces and the influx of refugees from there into neighboring countries, many jihad fighters affiliated with Al-Qaeda published condemnations on the topic:
 - Sheikh Khālid bin ‘Umar Batarfi, a senior member of AQAP, pleaded with Muslims around the world not to ignore the persecution of Muslims in Myanmar (formerly Burma), since it is an inseparable part of the body of the Muslim Nation and they should undertake to

²⁴ Telegram

²⁵ <http://www.m5zn.com/d/?16733092>

defend it. According to him, this trend of persecuting Muslims is also true of other places in the world, such as the Jews' persecution of the Palestinians. According to him, every Muslim has a personal religious obligation to help Muslims in Myanmar.²⁶

- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan condemned the massacre and the international media for its silence on the subject. According to the organization, Muslims in general must help the Muslim minority in Myanmar in any way possible.²⁷
- Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen in Somalia published a statement on the issue. Alongside its condemnation, the organization compared the reaction of the international community to the slaughter of the Yezidi community in Iraq when it sent aid forces to save it, while choosing to ignore and remain silent about the fate of the Muslim community in Myanmar. Al-Shabab urged Muslims around the world, especially in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Pakistan, India and Indonesia, to help the Rohingya and warned that their disregard of the issue would bring them harm in the future. Al-Shabab even called on Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent to carry out terrorist attacks against the Buddhists in order to teach them a lesson about harming Muslims. It apologized for not being able to respond to the crisis in Myanmar because of geographical distance but stressed that its members were working vigorously to protect the oppressed Muslims in East Africa.²⁸
- Al-Qaeda leadership condemned the slaughter and stressed that it is part of an international conspiracy by infidel forces against Islam. According to it, every Muslim has an individual religious obligation to help the Muslims in Myanmar in any way possible, including with arms, and called on jihad fighters in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines to travel to Myanmar in order to help their Muslim brothers and fight against the Myanmar regime.²⁹
- Usama Mahmoud, the spokesman for Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, also addressed the topic:

²⁶ Telegram

²⁷ Telegram

²⁸ Telegram

²⁹ Telegram

"There is a massacre of Muslims happening in Burma and the world is indifferent. This persecution and injustice is not new to the Muslim ummah. It has been happening for many years in Palestine, Chinese occupied Turkistan and Fallujah because they have embraced the true message of Islam. According to the Quran and Hadith this injustice will continue until the entire ummah returns to the true and righteous path of only submitting to the message of Allah and embrace the duty of jihad. This is the only way to avoid the wrath of Allah."

- The Khayr al-Umma jihadist media group, which is involved in publicity for Al-Qaeda, published an article titled, "The Massacre and Burning of Muslims in Al-Rohingya in Burma" by Sheikh Hani al-Sibai, a Salafi-jihadist philosopher affiliated with Al-Qaeda and currently residing in Britain. Al-Sibai condemned the persecution campaign against the Muslim minority in Myanmar and accused the international community of ignoring the massacre taking place there. According to him, countries such as Pakistan were content with a feeble condemnation and did not bother to expel the Myanmar Ambassador from their territories. According to him, the leaders of these countries have the obligation to renounce the regime in Myanmar not only with words but with actions.³⁰



From left to right: the banner of the speech by the AQIS spokesman; a statement by the Al-Shabab leadership; the speech by Batarfi

³⁰ Telegram

Strategy

- A visitor to the Shumukh al-Islam jihadist Web forum, which is affiliated with the IS, brought up for discussion the topic of the two Russian soldiers who were taken captive by the organization in Deir Ezzor, and he asked the members of the forum to suggest methods for execution. Among others, a suggestion was made to starve the two captives and then cook the first and feed his meat to the second without his knowledge or, alternatively, to position them in front of a building with explosives on their bodies or to dispatch in car bombs by remote control to an enemy post.³¹
- A visitor to the Shumukh al-Islam jihadist Web forum published links to instructions on how to produce nitric acid and picric acid. Regarding nitric acid, the visitor noted that it is a strong acid that can cause severe burns.³²
- Visitors to the Shumukh al-Islam jihadist Web forum held a discussion regarding software called Al-Fath al-Mubin (*Clear Victory*) - software for mapping and planning military operations that was developed in Syria for the mujahideen - and a video about it that was published in January 2015. One of the visitors noted that this software is not especially useful and that software like Google Earth and Global Mapper are better.³³
- Visitors to the Shumukh al-Islam jihadist Web forum uploaded several books about military strategy and operational planning. Among the books were biographies of famous warlords, military schools and an old-fashioned encyclopedia on IDF forces.³⁴

Magazines

- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published issue no. 138 for September 2017 (44pp.) of *Al-Somood* magazine, which covers the arena of jihad in Afghanistan.³⁵

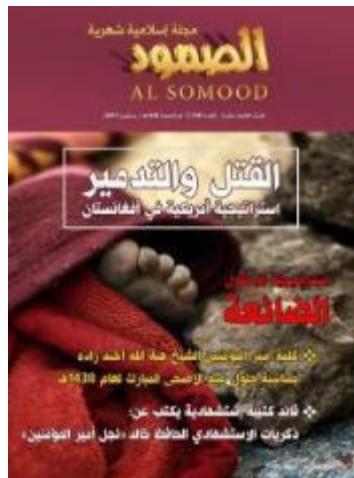
³¹ <https://shamukh.net/vb> (Arabic).

³² <https://shamukh.net/vb> (Arabic).

³³ <https://shamukh.net/vb> (Arabic).

³⁴ <https://shamukh.net/vb> (Arabic).

³⁵ <https://goo.gl/HUvBXM>



The banner page of *Al-Somood*

- Al-Qaeda published two issues (16-17) of the magazine, *Al-Nafir*. In issue no. 16, the organization emphasized that the “war on terror” being waged by the West is, in fact, a war against Islam and therefore every Muslim has a religious obligation to defend it. It also stated that, unfortunately, local regimes, especially the Saudi regime, are cooperating with the infidel forces in this war. In light of this, the organization called on Muslims around the world to maintain unity among the ranks and act together against this danger. In issue no. 17, the organization eulogized Sheikh Mahdi ‘Akif , a senior member of the Muslim Brotherhood leadership in Egypt.³⁶
- Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent published a new issue of its magazine, *Nawai Afghan Jihad*.³⁷

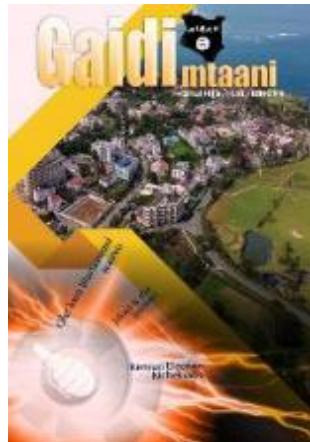


The banner page of *Nawai Afghan Jihad*

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³⁷ Telegram

- Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen published issue no. 9 (22 pp.) of its magazine, *Gaidi Mtaani*, part in English and part in Sawhili. The magazine criticized the elections in Kenya and encouraged preference for jihad over democracy.³⁸

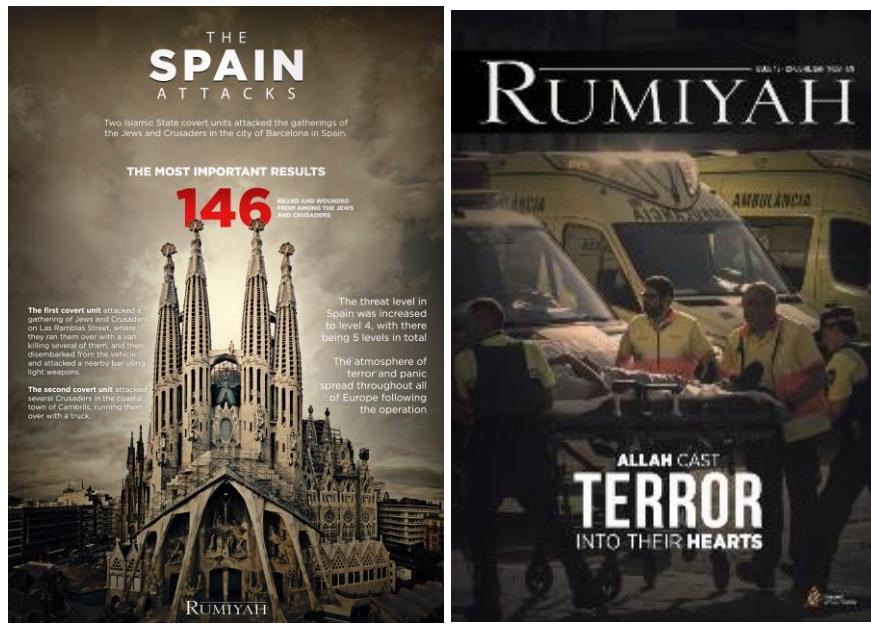


The banner page of *Gaidi Mtaani*

- The IS published issue no. 13 of its magazine, *Rumiyah*. Among the topics covered in the issue were: justification for the terrorist attacks in Spain by IS supporters in August 2017 and a threat to continue to carry out attacks against coalition countries participating in the war against the organization; the importance of imposing Islamic rule based on shari'a; tips for organizing leisure time, among other things, to pray to God; the duties of the Islamic leadership in Islam, such as ensuring the application of shari'a, and the Muslim community's obligations to its leader, such as an oath of allegiance to him; the main characteristics and brief biographies of traitorous Muslims; the personal story of the wife of a jihad fighter about the journey that she took during her migration to the territory of the Caliphate and her experienced under IS rule; a review of attacks carried out by the organization in various arenas around the world.³⁹

³⁸ <https://justpaste.it/1awou>

³⁹ Telegram



From left to right: a visual graph showing information about the IS-inspired terrorist attack in Spain; the banner page of *Rumiyah*

- Issues no. 96-99 of the periodical, *Al-Naba*, were published by the Islamic State. Among the topics covered in the articles were: a review of the organization's attacks in various arenas; an article on dealing with fighter jets and possible camouflage methods; an announcement regarding the launch of the Abu-Muhammad al-'Annabi raid and the transcript of the last most recent speech given by the organization's leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.⁴⁰
- Al-Hidaya jihadist media institution, which is involved in publicity for Al-Qaeda, published the first issue of a new jihadist magazine titled, *Ibnat al-Islam* ("daughter of Islam"). The publication included dawah and jihad content for girls and women. Among the topics covered in the issue's articles were: encouragement for women to spread dawah via the Internet; an article by Abu Qatada al-Filistini regarding women; the transcript of a speech regarding women by Abu Yahya al-Libi; passages from literature and poetry; and even recipes.⁴¹

⁴⁰ <https://ia600805.us.archive.org/24/items/zruu97/NA96B.pdf>; https://archive.org/details/rusty_gmx_97; https://archive.org/details/sahifatanaba98_201709; <https://archive.org/details/anaba99>

⁴¹ Telegram

Reports from the Field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published the following:
 - An announcement condemning the slaughter of Muslims in Myanmar. In the announcement, the organization claimed that the army in Myanmar again began ethnic cleansing, burning Muslims' houses and uprooting tens of thousands of Muslims, including women, children and the elderly from their homes. Later in the announcement, the organization called on Muslims around the world to help the Muslims in Myanmar, to support them financially and to make their voices heard. In addition, the organization accused the international media of not adequately covering the genocide taking place in Myanmar, and human rights organizations for ignoring the situation of Muslims there.⁴²
 - An announcement by the organization's spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, regarding propaganda by Radio Azadi. In the announcement, Zabihullah Mujahid stated that the claims made by Radio Azadi according to which two senior members of the Islamic Emirate, including the Deputy Chairman of the organization, Mawlawi Muhammad Yaqoub, sought refuge in a foreign country are not true. He added that these claims were just propaganda designed to harm jihad efforts.⁴³
 - An announcement in honor of the anniversary of the liberation of Kabul by the organization 21 years ago. The announcement noted that the situation in Kabul today under US occupation is similar to the situation that existed before its capture by the Islamic Emirate. The announcement also stated that the occupiers in Kabul are working against the religion and local leaders, leading to corruption and looting throughout the city. At the end of the announcement, the organization vowed to liberate the city from the occupiers, and bring about peace and the establishment of an Islamic system.⁴⁴

⁴² <http://alemarah-english.com/?p=19404> (English).

⁴³ <http://alemarah-english.com/?p=19789> (English).

⁴⁴ <http://alemarah-english.com/?p=20407> (English).

- An announcement regarding the closure of medical centers in Uruzgan Province, which is located in central Afghanistan. In the announcement, the organization claimed that the government in Kabul made it difficult to supply the medications and for the medical staff to arrive at the medical centers in Uruzgan Province, especially in areas under the control of the Islamic Emirate. The organization added that, due to a shortage of medications and medical staff, it decided to close the centers in order to prevent sick civilians from traveling a long distance to reach them since they would not be able to receive the proper care there. At the end of the announcement, the organization claimed that if the government in Kabul provides medications and medical personnel and stops the corruption in the medical centers, they will be reopened.⁴⁵
- A video titled, “Real Men” in four languages - Arabic, English, Pashto and Farsi - in which the organization’s fighters threatened US President Donald Trump that if he does not withdraw his forces from Afghanistan, the organization’s fighters will kill the US soldiers and play with their skulls. Later in the video, the organization’s fighters claimed that the US is not protecting human rights and is bombing innocent civilians in areas under the control of the Islamic Emirate. They added that no threat by the US will scare them since they are prepared to die for the sake of Allah.⁴⁶
- A statement regarding opposition to the peace process and the activities of the political bureau of the organization. In the statement, the organization claimed that the countries that invaded Afghanistan accused the Islamic Emirate of having no intention of finding a solution for peace but that it is not true. According to the organization, the policy of the Islamic Emirate is to find a peaceful solution to the situation in Afghanistan and to this end it established the organization’s political bureau, which is authorized to meet with diplomatic representatives and manage negotiations concerning Afghanistan. Nevertheless, the organization added that all efforts by its political bureau to find a peaceful solution were met by resistance by the government in Kabul, which is supported by the American occupiers, and that now the government in Kabul is spreading rumors

⁴⁵ Telegram

⁴⁶ <https://archive.org/download/REALMEN2ENGLISH>

that the political bureau has closed down. The organization added that the American occupiers and their allies have no intention of finding a truly peaceful solution to the Afghan problem and, therefore, they bear responsibility for the ongoing war in Afghanistan.⁴⁷

The Taliban in Pakistan

- The ‘Umar jihadist media institution, which is affiliated with the Taliban in Pakistan, published a video documenting the training undergone by members of the organization at training camps in Pakistan. In addition, the organization called on jihad fighters to help in the battle against the enemies of Islam.⁴⁸

The Islamic State

- The IS in Khorasan Province published a video regarding the holiday atmosphere in the province, which included prayers in mosques, sermons about religion, and the slaughter of cattle and sheep and the distribution of their meat. It should be noted that one of the fighters who appeared in the video stated that the IS fighters in the province include Tajiks, Pashtuns, Indians, Russians and ‘Urdu-speaking brothers’.⁴⁹

The Arabian Peninsula

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

- Al-Malahim jihadist media institution, which belongs to AQAP, published the following:
 - A series of publications by Sheikh Khalid Batarfi, a senior member of the organization, regarding matters of law and ethics, such as the importance of showing patience towards others.⁵⁰
 - A video titled, “Repelling the Aggression – Part 8” in which the organization levelled harsh criticism against Arab coalition forces led by Saudi Arabia in Yemen. According to the

⁴⁷ <http://alemarah-english.com/?p=20462> (English).

⁴⁸ Telegram

⁴⁹ https://archive.org/details/agwaeed_khurasanwilayahlink2

⁵⁰ Telegram

organization, the offensive does not purport to attack the Houthi concentrations in Yemen, but rather the Sunni population. The organization also hurled criticism against the rulers of the United Arab Emirates for taking part in the fighting against the Sunnis in Yemen instead of against the real enemy, the Houthis. The video later documented an attack that was carried out by members of the organization against Houthi concentrations in Yemen.⁵¹



The banner of the video titled, “Repelling the Aggression – Part 8”

The Islamic State

- The IS in Al-Baydaa Province in Yemen published a video titled, “The Festival of the Brave”. The video documented the holiday atmosphere among the organization’s fighters in the province, which included sermons about religion, the slaughter of sheep and the distribution of sweets. The video ended with blessings in honor of the holiday by fighters of the province to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and a call on tribal members to encourage their sons to join the IS (it should be noted that the faces of some of the fighters in the video were blurred).⁵²

⁵¹ <http://risala.ga/91o4>

⁵² <https://ia600807.us.archive.org/34/items/eadkoma/eadkoma.mp4>



Messages from the IS in Yemen in honor of Eid al-Adha

Iraq

The Islamic State

- The media departments of the various provinces of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Amaq news agency published a range of videos and filmed reviews, which dealt with the following issues:
 - A. Battles, Military Deployments and Executions:
 - North Baghdad Province: A video titled, “Hell of the Apostates #2”. The beginning of the video reviewed the history of the North Baghdad area since the entry of US forces, and criticized the Sunnis in the province who cooperated with the occupier and essentially became ‘Sahawat’. The video noted the attacks that were carried out by the organization and mentioned the names of senior Iraqi army and Tribal Mobilization Forces (TMF) personnel who were killed by the organization. Alongside photographs from inside training camps and documentation of infiltration into army posts in the district, the video included a call on Sunnis in the province, especially TMF members, to wake up and support the IS rather than the Shi'ite government. The video ended with several executions of people who were presented as ‘apostates’ and accused of spying.⁵³
 - Kirkuk Province: A video titled, “The Breezes of Jihad 2”, which documented battles and exchanges of fire against PMF forces. In the video, a Kurdish-

⁵³ <https://vimeo.com/235387694>

speaking fighter called on his countrymen to join the IS and not be deceived by the US and the West.⁵⁴



A message by the IS to Kurds from Kirkuk Province

- *Al-Furat Province*: A video titled, “Shadow of the Spearheads 3”, which documented an ambush by IS forces against a convoy of Iranian militias on the road connecting Jamuna to Al-Wa’r Dam in the Syrian desert. The video documented the capture of the convoy and the taking of several captives, alongside a call on Sunni Muslims to join jihad against the Shi’ites.⁵⁵
- *Saladdin Province*: A video titled, “Lions of Battle”, which documented battles in the province against the Iraqi army and PMF forces. The end of the video displayed the weapons and ammunition that were plundered in the framework of the attacks.⁵⁶

B. Propaganda and Media

- *Kirkuk Province*: A video titled, “People of Constancy”. In the framework of the video, effort was made to show Muslims in the province continuing to live their lives as usual - for example, in agricultural activities and the operation of the markets – despite the siege imposed on them. An IS fighter who appeared in the video expressed encouragement and reinforcement for the mujahideen under siege in various arenas of the IS (such as Raqqah,

⁵⁴ https://ia601505.us.archive.org/7/items/nafahat_20170921/nafahat.mp4

⁵⁵ <https://archive.org/details/asena31080>

⁵⁶ <https://archive.org/details/nethalsa1>

Daraa, West Africa and Marawi), as well as encouragement for Muslims in ‘infidel countries’ to carry out individual attacks. The video ended with the execution of a group of people who were captured in Hawija and accused of spying for the Iraqi army and Shi’ite militias.⁵⁷

- *Kirkuk Province*: A video titled, “A Holiday Full of Joy”, which documented the Eid al-Adha atmosphere at the ribat stations of the organization’s fighters in the province. The video presented a sermon about religion given by one of the organization’s fighters to his comrades, the slaughter of sheep in honor of the holiday, and night photographs of attacks against PMF forces.⁵⁸

Al-Sham [The Levant]

Syria

Hayat Tahrir al-Sham

- Hayat Tahrir al-Sham published the following:
 - An announcement regarding the leaking of the statements made by one of the organization's members who spoke out against the organization's clerics. In the announcement, the organization condemned the leak and claimed that its purpose was to dishonor the clerics. The organization further described the leak as an attempt by the enemy to damage Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and cause internal conflict within the organization. At the end of the announcement, the organization added that it would not remain silent over what was said about its clerics.⁵⁹
 - An announcement by the leader of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, Hashim al-Shaykh, against the backdrop of the leaks that were distributed online about the organization. In the announcement, al-Shaykh referred to Abdullah al-Muhaysini's resignation from the organization and claimed that it is important to listen to the clerics, and that what was

⁵⁷ <https://sendvid.com/2045xdjj>

⁵⁸ <https://dawaalhaq.com/post/76946>

⁵⁹ Telegram

leaked was a common argument that exists between clerics in every organization. He further claimed that his organization is not free from mistakes and it is possible that the recent leak will lead those who did it to repent.⁶⁰

- An announcement by Bishr al-Shami, the head of the Shura Council of Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, regarding the importance of showing patience in the battle against the enemies of Islam. According to al-Shami, the economic power of the US and its nuclear arsenal can sow doubt among jihad fighters regarding their victory in the war, but in fact one should pay no attention to it at all but rather show patience and focus on the continuation of the fighting and faith in victory.⁶¹
- An announcement regarding statements by the British Foreign Ministry. In the announcement, the organization claimed that the statements made by the British Foreign Ministry are baseless and designed to support the Alawite regime in Syria. According to the organization, reports by human rights organizations do not relate to the crimes being committed by al-Assad's regime against the Syrian people, but rather refer to acts by the Syrian revolution as terrorist incidents. Later in the announcement, the organization added that it is an independent organization that is not subordinate to any external body, and that its main purpose is to defend the Syrian people.⁶²
- An announcement condemning statements made by the Chairman of the Supreme Authority for Negotiations who claimed that the Authority would support any military action by Turkey and the Free Syrian Army against Hayat Tahrir al-Sham in Idlib in order to end the connection with Al-Qaeda. According to the organization, these statements were made in favor of the Syrian regime and in order to harm the Syrian revolution. The organization added that the body known as the "Supreme Authority for Negotiations" has no clear agenda or plan of action, and that it does not include the people in its closed meetings. The organization added that it is a body belonging to the opposition that is

⁶⁰ Telegram

⁶¹ Telegram

⁶² Telegram

located outside of Syria and is trying to reduce the power of the Syrian revolution and to weaken it.⁶³

The Eastern Turkestan Party

- In September 2017, the Eastern Turkestan Party published several videos containing blessings in honor of Eid al-Adha;⁶⁴ a video that tracks the educational system in which the children of the organization's members study, such as lessons on the importance of jihad.⁶⁵

The Islamic State

- The media departments of the various provinces of the Islamic State in Syria and the Amaq news agency published a range of videos and filmed reviews, which dealt with the following operational issues:

A. Battles and Military Deployments:

- *Raqqa Province*: A video titled, "Gracious is the Hearer of Prayers". The video – which mainly included words of religion and reinforcement for the mujahideen – also reviewed weapons preparations activities in the province, including the preparation of armored vehicles (for suicide terrorists), the production of explosive devices and the assembly of shells for attack drones. In addition, the video incorporated photographs from a suicide attack and exchanges of fire against the PKK.⁶⁶
- *Raqqa Province*: A video titled, "They are Surely to be Drowned". The video – which opened with testimonies of survivors of aerial bombardments and included interviews with doctors and injured people in hospitals – then reviewed the activities of the organization's fighters as they fired machine guns against the aircraft while launching threats against the pilots who were bombing IS areas. Later in the video, the organization

⁶³ Telegram

⁶⁴ Telegram

⁶⁵ Telegram

⁶⁶ <https://ia601506.us.archive.org/26/items/almjebon/almjebon.mp4>

- displayed additional combat methods, including machine-mounted machine guns, attack drills, SPG-9 launchers and suicide bombers.⁶⁷
- *Hamat Province*: A video regarding battles in the province against the Syrian army in the areas of Athariyya and Uqayribat. As is customary in the organization, most of the attacks were carried out against army posts using car bombs driven by suicide terrorists and heavy artillery fire. In addition, the video included threats by several fighters against the Alawites and Russians, and ended by showing the corpses of the soldiers who were killed and the weapons that were plundered.⁶⁸
 - *Raqqa Province*: A video titled, “The Dust of War 3”, which documented the organization’s battles against the Syrian army at several points south of Raqqah. The video – which included many photographs that were taken from the air using a drone – showed the corpses of the soldiers who were killed and the weapons that were plundered.⁶⁹

B. Propaganda, Media and Religion:

- *Al-Khayr Province*: A video titled, “So My Grandfather Advised me on the Holiday”. The video presented the story of Abu Umar al-Faradi, an 80-year-old fighter who joined the IS four-and-a-half years ago, a father to 18 children (four of whom became IS martyrs) and grandfather to 50 grandchildren (two of whom became martyrs). In the video, al-Faradi was shown with his many grandchildren, bequeathing to them the values of jihad and martyrdom, walking with them in the market ahead of Eid al-Adha, going out with them to distribute zakat and visiting mujahideen who were wounded, and even teaching some of them to shoot a weapon. The video ended with a call by al-Faradi on Muslims in ‘infidel lands’ – men and women alike – not to neglect the commandment of jihad while encouraging them to carry out attacks in America, Russia and China.⁷⁰

⁶⁷ https://archive.org/details/mgrakon_201709

⁶⁸ <https://archive.org/details/7amah10sayer69>

⁶⁹ <https://vimeo.com/233695729>

⁷⁰ https://archive.org/details/sofnet72_live_20170923_1402



An elderly IS fighter bequeathing the values of jihad to his grandchildren

- *Al-Baraka*: A video regarding Hurricane Irma, which struck the US. In the video – which incorporated photographs from the media about the storm – a masked English-speaker rejoiced at the damage that was caused to the US and Americans as a result of the hurricane, and presented it as divine punishment that was imposed on them, emphasizing the economic and social damage that it caused.⁷¹
- *Al-Baraka*: A video regarding holiday celebrations in the province, which included sermons in mosques, the slaughter of sheep and visits to the sick and wounded.⁷²
- *Al-Khayr Province*: A video in honor of the new Islamic year about the month of Muharram (the first month of the hijri calendar) and its importance in Islam. The video explained that it is desirable to perform an optional fast on the ninth and tenth of this month, and warned against unacceptable practices being performed these days, especially by the Shi'ites in Ashura'a.⁷³

The Gaza Strip and Sinai Peninsula

The Islamic State in the Sinai Peninsula

- The IS in the Sinai Peninsula claimed responsibility for a complex terrorist attack that was carried out on September 11 against Egyptian security forces, in which 18 Egyptian police officers and soldiers were killed and approximately 20 more were injured. Among the injured was an officer with the rank of Brigadier General. The attack included an explosives-ridden car that crashed into

⁷¹ http://www.dawla.uk/2017/09/blog-post_22.html

⁷² https://archive.org/details/eadadha_wilayatalbarakahlink2

⁷³ https://ia801502.us.archive.org/21/items/wathaker2_khairwilayahlink1/wathaker2.mp4

a crowd of Egyptian security forces, followed by three squads that engaged in clashes with the latter. The IS threatened that such attacks would also be carried out against Hamas should it cooperate with Egypt in the battle against jihad fighters in the Sinai Peninsula and against the Salafists in the Gaza Strip.⁷⁴

- The Ibn Tamiyya jihadist media institution published an article titled, “Manipulated by the United States” by a writer named Abu Anas Nur ‘Isain which he pleaded with Hamas and the Salafists in the Gaza Strip to rise above their differences and unite in order to form a cohesive and strong bloc against the US, which – according to him – is the number one enemy of Muslims and Islam. According to him, the war in Syria is proof that the US seeks to suppress the power of Islam and raise the Crusader flag on Syrian soil. He added that the Trump administration is threatening the rulers of the Arab world who surrender to its dictates and are willing to cooperate with it in everything related to the war on terror. As a result, they warn the Hamas leadership not to allow the Salafists to rear their heads in the Gaza Strip. In conclusion, the writer emphasized that it would be better if Muslims, including the Hamas leadership, stopped appeasing the Christians and Jews and being deceived by the aggressive policies of the Trump administration.⁷⁵

Rabitat al-Sunna wal-Jamaa in Sinai

- Rabitat al-Sunna wal-Jamaa in Sinai published a statement in which it threatened anyone who wants to harm the territorial integrity of the city of Rafah. The organization protested the plan to evacuate the local population from the Egyptian city of Rafah, and emphasized that Gazan and Egyptian Rafah are one body. According to him, Israel is the one behind this plot. In light of this, he called on Egypt’s Muslim residents to unite in order to foil this plot; declared that it was strictly forbidden for a Muslim to receive monetary compensation for the sale of land to an anonymous source since they were released by the blood of Muslims; and he declared that it is incumbent on every Muslim resident of eastern Sinai to return to their land and encamp there in order to thwart the plan to evacuate it.⁷⁶

⁷⁴ Telegram

⁷⁵ Telegram

⁷⁶ Telegram

Africa

The Maghreb

Libya

The Islamic State

- The IS in Barqa Province published a video titled, “They Quailed Not for Aught that Befell Them”, which documented the presence of IS fighters on the coastal road connecting the cities of Sirte and Nofaliya. In the framework of the video, IS fighters expressed their willingness to remain steadfast and operate in the Libyan arena, while making threats against the ‘apostates and infidels’. The video also included documentation of an attack by the organization against a military checkpoint in the city of Jufra in eastern Libya, alongside photographs of the mujahideen’s daily life and the last will and testament of one of the suicide terrorists who carried out an attack against another military checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Nofaliya.⁷⁷
- The Shura Council of the Mujahideen in Derna and its Environs published several statements on various topics:
 - A statement regarding Munsif Ekrekesh, a Libyan citizen who died in a prison run by the group. In the statement, condolences were sent to Ekrekesh’s family but it was stressed that an investigation into the matter revealed that he had been involved in conspiring with Khalifa Hatftar’s forces and the kidnapping of several residents of Derna. The statement included the transcript of Ekrekesh’s interrogation and emphasized that he died after refusing to eat. However, media sources claimed that he died as a result of abuse.⁷⁸
 - A statement regarding the corpses that were discovered in Al-Ghani oilfield in which the group claimed that an investigation revealed that the dead were foreigners who worked in the oilfield and were killed by IS forces before they were expelled from Derna.⁷⁹

⁷⁷ https://ia601505.us.archive.org/7/items/nafahat_20170921/nafahat.mp4

⁷⁸ <https://www.libya-news.com/libya-news/23258>

⁷⁹ https://www.libyaakhbar.com/wpcontent/uploads/2017/09/21559026_1872050603123515_427333151033751738_n.jpg

- A statement regarding the persecution of Muslims in Burma, which called on all Muslims to pray for the welfare of their persecuted brothers and encouraged the mujahideen to come to their aid.⁸⁰

Mali

Jamā'at Nuṣrat al-Islām Wa-l-Muslimīn

- Al-Zallaqa jihadist media institution, which belongs to the Salafi-jihadist umbrella organization, Jamā'at Nuṣrat al-Islām Wa-l-Muslimīn, published a video documenting an attack by its members against a MINUSMA military base.⁸¹

Egypt

The Hasm Movement

- The Hasm movement published an appeal to the Muslim Nation, the Egyptian people, the families of martyrs and prisoners, detainees and jihad fighters around the world in which it declared the organization's renewed commitment to adhere to the path of jihad, "to win or die a martyr's death...until the lands are liberated and the prisoners' chains are broken".⁸²
- A statement in memory of Muhammad Mahdi 'Akif, a senior leader in the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt who died in an Egyptian prison after his state of health deteriorated.⁸³

⁸⁰ Telegram

⁸¹ Telegram

⁸² <https://hasamegypt.com/?p=464>

⁸³ <https://hasamegypt.com/?p=468>



A statement in memory of Muhammad Mahdi 'Akif, a senior leader in the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt

Somalia

Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen

- Al-Kataib, which is associated with Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, published the following:
 - A video containing a speech by the leader of the organization, Abu Ubaidah, in honor of Eid al-Adha. In the video, Ubaidah referred to Al-Shabab's continued coping with military attacks by the Christian occupiers in Somalia in order to defend Islam and implement shari'a. Ubaidah also encouraged members of the organization to continue to show steadfastness and stability in the face of the enemy, and to maintain unity among Muslims.⁸⁴
 - A video titled, "Wait for Them Wherever They Can be Ambushed". The video showed clashes between Al-Shabab and forces from Somalia, Kenya and Uganda that took place in Somalia and Kenya. In addition, the video incorporated statements by Al-Qaeda leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, encouraging the mujahideen to wage jihad in Somalia and in other places where Muslims are under oppression.⁸⁵

⁸⁴ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD_3LvV8QSG

⁸⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6XrMiko-U>

- An announcement encouraging Muslims in the Indian Subcontinent to act for the sake of the Muslims in Myanmar.⁸⁶
- Part 8 in a series of videos titled, “They are the Enemy. Beware of Them”. The video showed three Kenyan spies who spied within Al-Shabab and were caught by the organization.⁸⁷
- A video in which members of the organization sang in memory of Sheikh Osama bin Laden, the former leader of Al-Qaeda.⁸⁸

The Caucasus

The Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus

- The Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus published a statement in honor of the fourth anniversary of the death of Dokku Abu Usman (1964-2013), the former leader of the Emirate. In addition to the eulogy, the Emirate gave a short biography about his life and his contribution to the war of jihad in the Caucasus region.⁸⁹

Miscellaneous

- Al-Himma Library, which is affiliated with the IS and distributes publications about Islam and Arabic, launched software and an application for Android called ‘Spelling Teacher’, which allows children to learn Arabic and Quranic verses in an interactive manner.⁹⁰



Teaching Arabic to children against the background of Quranic books and weapons

⁸⁶ <https://up.top4top.net/downloadf-6155tho31-pdf.html>

⁸⁷ <http://risala.ga/q3tm>

⁸⁸ <http://risala.ga/84n8>

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