

## Periodical Review April 2010 – No. 2

This report summarizes the most prominent events brought up in the Jihadi online forums in the first half of April 2010:

### **New publications**

#### Audio and video tapes:

##### *Ideology*

- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, has published a video titled "The Celebration of the Martyr Lions". The video wishes to exalt and praise the worshipping of the shahids. To that end, he focuses first on the image of the shahid Abd Al-Salam Hursi Mahmud, who was amongst the first members of the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement and is described in the video as the first shahid in Somalia, in view of his suicide attack four years ago against the former Somali president, Abdullah Yusuf. Afterwards the video focuses on a party called "The Celebration of the Martyr Lions" given for the children of those same Somali shahids. In its course, games, contests, lectures and more were given to the children focusing on the sanctity of death. For example, Ali Mahmud Raji, the speaker of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, praised the shahids and called to the children's mothers to continue nurturing this value.<sup>1</sup>
- The "Elif Medya" Jihadi media institute published a video in German on behalf of the "Detsche Taliban Mujahideen" (the German Taliban) titled "In the name of Allah may He be exalted and glorified" (Im Namen Allahs Subhana wa

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17581>

teala). The video deals with the ongoing presence of the German forces in Afghanistan.<sup>2</sup>



- The "Sawt Al-Islam" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Turkistani Islamic Party (TIP), published a video in Uyghur, containing an announcement wishing to clarify the Party's position towards the Turkistan democratic and secular parties.<sup>3</sup>
- The "Studio Senkar" Jihadi media institute published a new video in Urdu titled: "The Reality of the Pakistani Tyrant" containing a message from Abd Al-Hannan on the hypocrisy of the Pakistani government.<sup>4</sup>

#### Strategy

- The "Labyka" (At Your Command) Jihadi institute published a new video titled "Oh Muslims, Prepare". The video contains images from various Jihad arenas around the Muslim world such as Somalia, Chechnya, Iraq, Gaza and more.<sup>5</sup>
- A video of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan was published on the Ansar Al-Mujahideen English forum. The video shows a leader of the movement talking to his followers in a rural village setting. The video also includes the

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber\\_detay.php?haber\\_id=2372](http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber_detay.php?haber_id=2372)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59741>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16716>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16911>

training of a large number of Mujahideen through hand to hand combat, light arms training, horseback riding, motorbikes fighting as well as shoulder launched rockets.<sup>6</sup>

#### *Ongoing events*

- The Taliban published a video depicting an American soldier kidnapped by the Taliban rebels in Afghanistan on June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009. In the video the soldier claims that the activity of the foreign forces in Afghanistan does not justify the number of casualties from the fighting, and pleads that action be taken for his release and return home.<sup>7</sup>
- The "Al-Ansar" Jihadi media institute published a new video documenting the launching of a "Goshen" rocket towards an American military base in Kirkuk in northern Iraq.<sup>8</sup>

#### *Religious justification*

- A recording of a Fatwa of Sheikh Ibn Uthaimeen regarding those who denounce or condemn the March 29, 2010 suicide bombings in the Moscow metro was posted on the forums. The clip contains excerpts from two different lectures of Sheikh ibn Uthaimeen.<sup>9</sup>

#### Magazines

- A new issue (no. 5) of the Jihadi "Al-Mushtaqun Ila Al-Jannah" magazine. The issue is mainly dedicated to Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. It raises other issues as well, such as: the history of the Salafi-Jihadi "Fatah Al-Islam" organization in

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=21262>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59473>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59178>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20841>

Lebanon, the state of the Muslims in Nigeria, a hint as to the inclusion if the World Cup games in South Africa in the list of potential attack targets,<sup>10</sup> and more. The magazine was accompanied by another 45 page long magazine (a second issue) called "Hafidat Al-Khansaa"<sup>11</sup> (Al-Khansaa's Granddaughters), directed for the female fighters.<sup>12</sup>



- Issue no. 13 of the "Al-Waqi" Jihadi magazine (24 pages long) concentrating reports on the Mujahideen around the world and international news at the top of the global agenda. The current issue focuses on the events in Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Caucasus.<sup>13</sup>

## Publications

### Ideology

- The "Al-Masada" Jihadi media institute publishes a booklet titled "Jihad between the congregation and the nation in view of the war against the holy places and the inclusion of the commandment of Jihad" (26 pages), by Sheikh

<sup>10</sup> See:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG\\_Threat\\_World\\_Cup\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Al-Khansaa is an Arab poetess and a contemporary of Prophet Muhammad. It should be mentioned that "Al-Khansaa" was an online magazine published since August 2004 by a Saudi branch of Al-Qaeda which was aimed towards a female demographic.

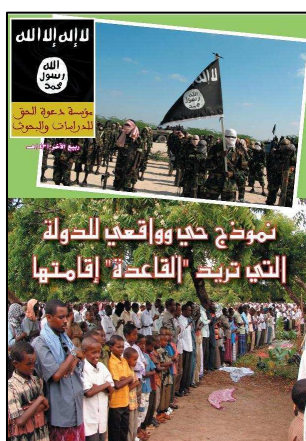
<sup>12</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16987>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16796>

Abd Al-Rahman Al-Masri, known as a prolific author of books on the subject of Jihad and Islam. The book calls in fact for the implementation of the duty of Jihad in the Islamic countries and on all of the Muslims.<sup>14</sup>

### Strategy

- The "Daw'at Al-Haqq lil-Dirasat wal-Buhuth" Jihadi media institute published a booklet titled "A realistic and live model for the country Al-Qaeda wishes to establish".<sup>15</sup> This booklet has great importance, especially in light of the criticism of the surfers at the Jihadi forums on the fact that Al-Qaeda has no orderly doctrine regarding the establishment of an Islamic country.



- "The Best of Jihadi Propaganda" (Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi) has published a translated booklet titled "Tips on personal security and safety and control". The book itself was translated from English to Arabic, and according to the preface it has been written by the FBI for the collaborators of American intelligence.<sup>16</sup>



<sup>14</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16357>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59829>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17464>

- The "Sariyyat Al-Sumud Al-'Ilamiyya" Jihadi media institute published a booklet titled "Those making noise around the re-examination" (26 pages long) by Abu Ayub Al-Ansari, identified as an author of books on the subject of Jihad and Islam. The booklet criticizes all those supporting and encouraging armed Islamic groups to re-examine their ideology.<sup>17</sup>

*Promoting the myth of the Shahid*

- As part of the "renewed publication campaign of awe inspiring, rare and excellent Jihadi essays, booklet no. 14 titled "From the stories of the martyrs of the Arabian Peninsula: Bosnia Herzegovina, Afghanistan, Chechnya" (132 pages long) edited by Hamad Al-Qutri and Majid Al-Madani, was re-published. The booklet deals with the 45 shahids who fought in the Bosnia Herzegovina, Afghanistan and Chechen arenas. One of the shahids discussed in the book is Ibad Al-Najdi. Al-Najdi was born in Riyadh and was killed in fighting in Chechnya. Al-Najdi was eager to join the Jihad in Bosnia, but his young age prevented it. He left to carry out Da'awa activity in Bangladesh and from there left for Afghanistan to undergo military training. When the second war in Chechnya broke out, he joined the fighting and was killed in its course.<sup>18</sup>



<sup>17</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17393>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59932>

*Religious justification*

- The "Elif Medya" Jihadi media institute published a 32 page long booklet in German titled "Islamic law regarding the complaints against the martyr attacks" (Das islamische Urteil über die Zulässigkeit von Märtyrer - Operationen).<sup>19</sup>
- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) Jihadi media institute published a new 16 page booklet titled: "The Conspiracy Story: this is how the honor of the honest was tarnished and this is how the blood of the shahids was sold", by Abdullah Al-Gharib. The booklet claims to present a documentation of the ongoing attack on the Mujahideen in Iraq and the breach of their rights at the hands of the western occupiers.<sup>20</sup>



*Ongoing events*

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a special interview (20 pages long) with the fighting commander Salih bin Abdullah Al-Qarawi Najm Al-Khayr, regional commander of the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, an organization operating in the Al-Sham region.<sup>21</sup> During the interview, he lashed out at the Lebanese Army and Hezbollah, saying they were helping Israel and hindering Al-Qaeda operations in north Israel. It should be noted that Al-Qarawi, is listed among Saudi Arabia's 85 most wanted terrorists.<sup>22</sup>
- The "Al-Ansar" Jihadi media institute launches a new series of publications titled "American Detention Facilities – Reality and Analysis". The series wishes to bring the readers a report on the prisons constructed by the United States

<sup>19</sup> [http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber\\_detay.php?haber\\_id=2373](http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber_detay.php?haber_id=2373)

<sup>20</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=342836>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16720>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20938>

across Iraq, their structure, the attitude towards the prisoners and more. The first part (10 pages long) is titled "The reasons for the sudden raids and the arrests".<sup>23</sup>

### Reports from the field

#### Afghanistan – Pakistan

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum reported that the Taliban movement has published a video of two French prisoners.<sup>24</sup>
- The "Al-Balagh" Jihadi media institute published a special interview with one of the Taliban leaders, Saraj Al-Din Al-Haqani. In the interview, Al-Haqani refers to the defeatism of the American forces on Afghanistan and the success of the Taliban in the country. Furthermore, he asks of the Jihadi media and the Jihadi forums to continue with the propaganda activity on behalf of the Mujahideen.<sup>25</sup>
- New photographs of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban at the Kandahar Province.<sup>26</sup>



<sup>23</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17607>

<sup>24</sup> <http://69.162.64.23/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=42859>

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17421>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16667>

### Iraq

- Surfers try and explain why the Egyptian, Iranian and German embassies in Iraq were selected as a target for a terrorist attack on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2010: whether due to their policy against the Mujahideen, or because embassies are a legitimate target, because “clerks, translators and experts in torture work there. They enable the Crusaders’ foothold... they are demonic ignoble places providing logistical aid to the Crusader occupier... The war against the embassies is one of the most important principles of Jihad”. Other surfers wonder why the Jordanian embassy is not included this time in the attacks, and some state the advantages in attacking an embassy, such as dealing with the security in the premises instead of with matters relating to diplomatic activity, terrorizing etc.<sup>27</sup> These terrorist attacks shed new light on the Sunni-Shiite fight in the country and prove the capability for simultaneous actions of the Jihad organizations in the country.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> 2010, the Islamic State of Iraq published an official announcement on the “fifth wave of the prisoner’s invasion in Baghdad”. In the announcement, the Islamic State of Iraq declares the transition to the second stage in the “Good and Blessed Harvest” program, intended to attack the country’s institutions and the new government in Iraq. This time, the Islamic State of Iraq announces that the target in the recent wave of terrorist attacks were the embassies and delegations of Iran, Germany and Egypt. The announcement is concluded with the statement that the diplomatic staff and the international political organizations cooperating with the Iraqi

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<sup>27</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110324>,  
<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110253>,  
<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110482>

government, are legitimate targets and that any entity helping them will immediately be classified as another target for an attack.<sup>28</sup>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum reported that the propaganda office of the "Islamic State of Iraq (ISI)" denies any involvement in the terrorist attack executed on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Iraq. Following a series of explosions in Baghdad, four residential buildings collapsed with their residents, causing dozens of casualties, only two days after over 40 people were killed in terrorist attacks against foreign embassies.<sup>29</sup>

#### The Arabian Peninsula

- A report regarding the movement of senior members of AQAP was posted on the Ansar Al-Mujhahideen English forum. According to the report, 15-20 members of the organization, including leaders, might have left Yemen in early March 2010 via the coasts of Al-Mukla city. The report further stated that Al-Qaeda directed its followers in Yemen to keep a low profile as sleepy cells until April, when they assume security crackdowns might be reduced. It further told its followers to freeze activities, cut off all communication and suspend all meetings.<sup>30</sup>
- Based on the publication on the website belonging to the American embassy in Saudi Arabia, a surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forum posts correspondence on available positions for Saudi diplomats in Riyadh and Dhahran. The surfers protest the fact the potential staff members will in fact serve as spies for the United States. Others believe that working at the embassy opens a window for Al-Qaeda activists to infiltrate the embassy and blow it up.<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17123>

<sup>29</sup> <http://69.162.64.23/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=42822>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20937>

<sup>31</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109805>

### The Maghreb

- An Algerian newspaper reported on March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 that the Algerian Security Forces foiled the conference planned by Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, which was supposed to see the overthrowing of the organization's leader, Abdelmalek Droukdal, and the swearing of allegiance to the Chairman of the Honorable Council, Mebarek Yazid, also known as Abu Obeida Yusuf Al-Annabi, following the decline in Droukdal's health and his inability to execute intensive Jihad activity. One should also note the announcement by the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat, threatening to take revenge on Iran for its actions against bin Laden's family. The announcement did not contain any leader's signature, but it seems it was meant to demonstrate loyalty to bin Laden and try to gain his support for the replacement of Droukdal, as analysts believe it was published by Abu Obeida Yusuf.<sup>32</sup>



**Abu Obeid Yusuf**

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<sup>32</sup> <http://www.ennaharonline.com/ar/terrorisme/59397.html>

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

- On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 the Palestinian "Jamaat Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" Salafi-Jihadi group published an announcement titled "Forgive me, my Caucasus brothers...". In the announcement the group wishes to express its solidarity with the Chechen Mujahideen who have recently received a crippling blow with the loss of the Qadi of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus, Sayf Allah.<sup>33</sup> In the announcement the group also criticizes Hamas's position towards the Chechen issue. According to the group, Khaled Mash'al, for example, preferred to address this issue as an internal Russian affair and even dared criticize the two Chechen female terrorists who executed a terrorist attack in Moscow. The statement also mentions the marked similarity between the Mujahideen in Chechnya and the Mujahideen in Palestine: both are under occupation, both suffer from persecution at the hands of the reigning governments and more.<sup>34</sup>
- Reports on the arrest of the Salafi ideologists, Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, on April 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 by the Jordanian authorities.<sup>35</sup>

Africa

- A surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forum tries to find out the significance of reports on the presence of Al-Qaeda activists in Sudan (and mentions their presence in many other countries in Africa), and whether the organization plans on officially declaring it. Another surfer states that he has tried to locate information on the matter, but has only found a forum discussing the stance

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<sup>33</sup> For more on the subject, see:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_April\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_April_2010_No_1.pdf), page 10.

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59155>

<sup>35</sup> <http://www.m3-f.com/forum/showthread.php?t=20060>

of the Sudanese people towards the organization, if it arrives in the Sudan, and that they support it.

Other surfers estimate that in any case Al-Qaeda in the Sudan will not be a fighting organization, but a logistical one, meaning that Sudan will be a strategic choice that may serve as an important point of departure for arriving at the source of the Nile and the shores of the Red Sea, and furthermore – Sudan will serve as a sort of “Liaison Office” in the territory between the Upper Nile (Sudan) and its sources, and the East African branch of the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, as well as with the western branch of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb, in the desert (Sahara) and along the shore.

According to them, the Sudan is an important strategic location for the upcoming future unification of all the “units, brigades and unified regiments of Al-Qaeda in Africa”, and furthermore, an important point of passage and gathering towards Jerusalem. Sudan in fact is a liaison station between Africa and Asia towards Jerusalem. It is an armed organizational, logistical and administrative branch where no minor battles will take place, all for the main objective – making the Sudan a liaison and information exchange center for all the Al-Qaeda branches and factions, as well as a propaganda center.

The Sudan can also serve as a “disturbance point” for the Americans, i.e. engage the Americans psychologically and morally in Sudan, thus decreasing the American pressure on Afghanistan and Iraq. An Al-Qaeda presence in Sudan will be of significance towards expanding to the great lakes in Africa, as well as Lake Victoria, Ruanda, Burundi, Congo and Tanzania, which will bring about a direct unification with the “Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen” movement. The distance between Darfur in the Sudan and the north of

Nigeria and Niger, where there are Al-Qaeda activists, is very short, with only Chad separating these regions, where too there are activists after having realized the importance of the country's position in the heart of Africa. The activity in Sudan is of importance also in Ethiopia who is acting against the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen in Somalia.

One of the surfers suggests the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" attack the Al-Sailiya American base in Qatar, where there are, according to him, a thousand airplanes, by contacting the residents living around the base and ensuring their loyalty.<sup>36</sup>

- The "Al-Kataib" Jihadi propaganda institute, operating on behalf of the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, has published an announcement titled "On that same day the believers shall rejoice" from the movement's general leadership. The announcement refers to the "crusade" still led by the United States against the Mujahideen and to the movement being an



organic part of global Jihad wishing to support the Muslim nation.<sup>37</sup>

- A suggestion that the Mujahideen in Somalia choose "the enemy's ships" as a target as they have a potential for loot. The ship's crew can also serve for purposes of prisoners exchange with Muslim prisoners around the world. Maps of the shipping lines are on the internet and anyone with knowledge in the field can locate them without difficulty.<sup>38</sup>
- On April 9<sup>th</sup> 2010, the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement has succeeded in bringing down the BBC radio transmissions in several districts in Somalia and

<sup>36</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109826>

<sup>37</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17219>

<sup>38</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=111748>

in confiscating its equipment, following the alleged tendentious broadcasts against it and against the idea of Jihad.<sup>39</sup>

The West and the rest of the world:

- Following the publications calling to attack the World Cup games in South Africa, surfers call to wait for an official announcement via the "Al-Andalus" media institution.<sup>40</sup> Some state the objective of the publication is psychological – increasing the expense on security and arouse terror with the future spectators, which in turn will exert pressure on the countries participating in the games to leave the Muslims alone. A surfer reminds that Spain is not amongst the targeted countries.<sup>41</sup>
- The terrorist attacks in Russia were naturally discussed extensively in the forums. For example, on the Al-Faloja forum, surfers congratulated the Emir of the Caucasus who took responsibility for the attacks, photographs of fighters in the Caucasus were published and the list of the terrorist attacks inflicted in Russia in the past years was also published, and the terrorist attacks and the female terrorists who carried them out were praised.

Surfers claim that the Jihadi forums do not mention the events in Chechnya and even ignore them, and any reference to the events there is done mainly in blogs and various websites, compared to the ongoing reports of the events in Afghanistan and Iraq. They call to the Jihadi forums to dedicate attention to the events there and plead for support to the fighters there with "material and moral support". Another surfer criticizes the comparison between the American Army and the Russian Army in the various Jihad arenas, and

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<sup>39</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=111176>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Threat\\_World\\_Cup\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf)

<sup>41</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110853>

stresses that the fight against the Russian Army is by far more difficult and the conditions in which the Mujahideen are fighting in Chechnya are very hard compared to those leaving for the Afghanistan and Iraq arenas. He calls for the arrival of Mujahideen to Chechnya.

Surfers justify the terrorist attacks against the citizens in Russia as quid-pro-quo for the "Russian crimes" and with the justification of self defense and legitimate Jihad. They bring as proof photographs from the horrors committed, according to them, by the Russian government against Muslim citizens, as well as religious justifications from Islamic sources and Fatwas issued by religious clerics such as Sheikh Ibn Uthaimen.<sup>42</sup>

- In response to a new article claiming that the Moscow attack was planned and trained for in Pakistan, as a broader plan by Al-Qaeda for East Asia, the forum members stated that the reports were bogus and an excuse for the Russian upcoming retaliation. A forum member presents his opinion that Khorasan will be the new starting point for the Jihad.<sup>43</sup>
- In response to the reports that the British army erected 4 mosques on a firing range, forum members have shown great outrage. It should be noted that within a few days of the news, the British army has apologized and promised to disassemble the mock mosques.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>42</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109583>,  
<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109408>,  
<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110291>,  
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<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110290>,  
<http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109174>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20791>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=21026>

- A surfer presents American documents proving the Americans fear Al-Qaeda terrorist attacks especially before the American Independence Day on July 2010.<sup>45</sup>
- A member of the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum brought to the attention of his fellow members the portraying of the prophet Muhammad on the South Park TV show. The author of the post asks that news of this be made to all Muslims, especially the Mujahideen, and he wishes that they, the Mujahideen, kill more westerners in response.<sup>46</sup>
- A surfer interrogated for suspicion of supporting Jihad in one of the European countries addresses a message to the supporters in the Jihad media, eager to help in any way possible: "Refrain from 'negative enthusiasm' that has caused some of your brothers to fall captive. I mean your brothers who support Jihad in Europe, as they suffer from persecution and arrest... Many of our loved ones in Europe undergo torture in prisons in Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Denmark and all the heretic European countries. Our brothers were exposed due to their zeal in aiding Islam and protecting the honor of the Mujahideen. The ones who raised and still raises the discussion are brothers who went bankrupt (i.e. – retracted)... with the objective of exposing the ideology of our dear brothers so they serve as easy prey for the dogs of the European Intelligence planted in the mosques. I warn the dear brothers supporting the Mujahideen in Europe to prepare for the future and not get into futile arguments with the enemies of the Muslim religion. The mosques have become a trap for supporters of the religion all across Europe, after the authorities there banished and imprisoned all those of a Salafi-Jihadi ideology – religious clerics and preachers... I do not mean that the mosques should be

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<sup>45</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110110>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=21261>

abandoned, but I do say that one must guard oneself and be careful, as the enemy has declared war on the supporters and even on the Mujahideen sympathizers. Our brothers in Rome – beware and prepare for the Jihad before the dogs of Intelligence will visit us... I write to you, as I know the enemies are awaiting me, as I have spent a great deal of time inside the interrogation rooms in one of the European countries fighting Islam... they asked me many questions about the brother Abu Qandahar (former supervisor at the “Al-Ikhlaas” forum and former general supervisor of the “Ansar Al-Mujahideen” forum who left for Jihad in Afghanistan),<sup>47</sup> and therefore I ask all you dear brothers who were in contact with Abu Qandahar to be extra careful.”

He tells of the interrogation techniques he underwent in Europe and states that he was released not because not enough evidence was found, as claimed, but so as “to hunt others in hiding, but they will not succeed in reaching anyone.” He addresses the Mujahideen in the Maghreb and asks for their help in including the release of women held prisoner in Europe, in any future prisoner exchange deal. he also mentions that among the detainees in Europe are members of the Al-Faloja forum and other forums, such as brother “Qurtubi 99”.<sup>48</sup>

- Joyous responses on the death of the Polish leadership in a plane crash on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Surfers mention Poland’s role in the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan and the presence of polish soldiers in Afghanistan today.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=9668>

<sup>48</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110279>

<sup>49</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=111130>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum reported that German Intelligence holds a list of 100 Germans who have joined Al-Qaeda's training camps on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border.<sup>50</sup>

### General Reports

- A surfer suggests publishing a fatwa by a known religious cleric from among the Muslims and the Mujahideen alike, alongside signatures of additional religious clerics from other countries that will determine the duty of "banishing the occupier from the Muslim lands in the Arabian Peninsula, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and any other Muslim land and to fight those aiding it from among the heretic rulers – the President of Yemen and the Saudi King and the soldiers participating in the vicious Crusader attack in the name of the fight against terrorism." To that end, he also calls for the establishment of a restricted Shura Council whose members will include amongst others, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Maqdisi. The surfer asks of the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leadership "to put him down for a suicide attack."<sup>51</sup>
- The beginning of April showed the start of several threads regarding the truth behind Anwar Al-Awlaki and Osama Bin Laden. In these threads, the legitimacy and true meaning of Jihad in the eyes of these two Al-Qaeda members is questioned. While some forum members actually discuss this point, most of the members are outraged and show blind support for the Sheikhs.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=42675>

<sup>51</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109581>

<sup>52</sup> <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/brother-anwar-al-awlaki-contradicts-himself-34568/>

**Miscellaneous**

- A call to Jihadi propaganda entities and other senior surfers at the "Al-Faloja" forum, to publish ideological essays by religious clerics – visual and audio – as they are almost nonexistent. The surfer making this call stated that he has noticed there are many publications on explosions, landmines etc., but wonders what is the use derived by a religious cleric or someone immersed in religion from these publications. Therefore, he asks for publication citing Koran verses and statements made by Mujahideen religious clerics. He also identifies a shortage in audio and visual publications dealing with the issue of Jihad for someone immersed in religion, for someone taking his first steps and for someone who is ignorant. According to him, the public is exposed only to the government's religious clerics and does not know anything about the affairs of the Mujahideen.<sup>53</sup>
- One of the surfers criticizes the Jihadi forums claiming they are in a coma. He explains for example that he has learned of attacks against foreign targets from the foreign media and not from the forums. He blames the religious clerics for not doing enough to protect Islam and the nation. He pleads with them: "The Jihadi forums and their managers have opened unique doors for you to study religion... wake up! We need you so that you instruct us, teach us and extricate us from the abasement others live in".<sup>54</sup>
- A surfer wishing to know what the fate of the Iranian officers and Hezbollah activists aiding the Hamas in the Gaza Strip is – is it allowed to kill them, or take them captive so as to trade them with the Mujahideen held captive in Iran. The Religious Council at the "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website responds via Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi: It is a duty to fight the soldiers of the

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<sup>53</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109781>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.m3-f.com/forum/showthread.php?t=20128>

Iranian Army and its Security Forces personnel. But as far as fighting them in Palestine, taking them captive or carrying out suicide attacks against them, it depends on the ability of the Jihad activists in besieged Gaza. The disadvantages outweigh the advantages in the current state – Iran will not release the Mujahideen in exchange for the Iranians that shall be taken captive, but will encourage the Hamas government to fight the Jihad activists and even take part in it itself. First of all, one should open a front with the Jews and fight them, he concludes.<sup>55</sup>

- A blogger supporting Jihad calls to publicize the statement of the defense on the Mujahideen and the Jihad doctrine in every possible forum and not only on Jihadi forums, where in any case surfers support Jihad. He suggests using the Arab, Islamic and foreign forums, chat rooms and other internet tools.<sup>56</sup>
- A series of articles entitled “Counter Counter Terrorism” published by the Revolution Muslim website (this particular site operates from within the US and also accepts donation)<sup>57</sup> has been placed on Jamia Hafsa English forum.<sup>58</sup> These articles discuss the threats to the Jihad movement from a psychological warfare point of view, political and policy perspective. The articles also provide advice as to how to counter the effectiveness of these methods. It would seem that online Jihadi forums follow online monitoring groups,<sup>59</sup> and as mentioned in previous issues, some take measures in concealing their identities.
- An article entitled “Without Jihad, Islam Disappears” was posted on the “Al-Mojahden Electronic Network” forum, explaining the importance of Jihad and

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<sup>55</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109433>

<sup>56</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/%7Efaaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=110856>

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.revolutionmuslim.com>

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.jamiahafsaforum.com/forum/showthread.php?t=5202>

<sup>59</sup> <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/counter-terrorist-expert-jarret-brachman-pdfed-anwar-al-awlaki-thread-34717/>

its strong bond to the continuation of Islam. It should be noted that the article originated in Indonesia.<sup>60</sup>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published a missive on behalf of the Mujahideen in Chechnya addressed to the mothers of the Shahids, "The sisters immigrating for Allah", the wives of the Mujahideen and the daughters of the Shahids. The missive includes a list of tasks for the Muslim women. Amongst these tasks are:<sup>61</sup>
  - each woman must commit to Islam
  - women must nurture the sons to love Islam and Jihad
  - women must preach for Islam
  - collect money for the Mujahideen, the injured, the orphans and the widows
  - found women's groups that will constitute a support infrastructure for Jihad and the families of the Shahids
  - help in the Jihad arenas as much as you can
  - do not imitate the heretics in any way

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<sup>60</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=42681>

<sup>61</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=42412>