

**Periodical Report: Summary of the information published on
the Jihadi forums**

The first half of December 2012

This report summarizes the most prominent events brought up in the Jihadi online forums in the first half of December 2012. Following are the main issues raised in this report:

- An old video tape in which Al-Zawahiri asks the Egyptian Salafi sheikh, Hazem Saleh Abu Ismail, to complete the revolution in Egypt.
- Sheikh Khaled Bin Abdel Rahman al-Hussainan, aka Abu Zayd Al-Kuwaiti, a senior member in Al-Qaeda, was eliminated by an unmanned aircraft shooting in Pakistan's tribal region near the Afghan border.
- Al-Rubaish, the Mufti of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, reproaches the Muslims for their submission and passiveness in face of the US aggression towards the Muslims and the occupation of their lands. This conduct contradicts Islam. According to him, the Muslims are duty bound to adopt an activist approach towards their enemies.
- Al-Wadud, leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, clarified that anyone taking part in an attack on northern Mali and anyone taking part in planning such as attack will be subject to severe retaliation at the hands of the organization. He addresses the African countries, asking them not to cooperate with France in its plans of invasion of north Mali as it cares only for its own interests and not theirs.
- A new Salafi Jihadi group called Ansar Al-Sharia was founded in north Mali.
- The Salafi Jihadi in Egypt call for the boycotting of a referendum for the establishment of Egypt's new constitution.

- Sheikh Muhammad Al-Tahawi, one of the senior members of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Jordan, calls to direct Jihad activities into Israel's territory and to carry out terrorist attacks within its borders at the fall of the Syrian regime.
- The three leading Jihadi forums, Shumukh Al-Islam, Al-Fada'a and Ansar Al-Mujahideen, stopped operating on the internet as of the beginning of December 2012, resumed operation on December 18th 2012 and a few days later, stopped operation again. According to the members of other Jihadi forums this is another component in the war of the enemies of Islam in the Muslims and Islam.

New publications

Ideology

- Operatives identified with Al-Qaeda distributed on Facebook an old video tape published at the beginning of December 2012, containing an appeal from Ayman Al-Zawahiri, Al-Qaeda's leader, to Sheikh Hazem Salah Abu Ismail, an Egyptian Salafi sheikh who was ousted from the list of presidential candidates in Egypt. In his appeal Al-Zawahiri calls to Hazem to complete the revolution in Egypt, to purge it of oppression and corruption and implement the Sharia.

Khaled Harbi, the General Coordinator of the Hazimun movement, supporting Sheikh Hazem Salah, claims that this is an old tape that was already released a year ago, and does not constitute a message from Al-Zawahiri to Sheikh Hazem only but rather to all the Egyptians. He added that this tape contains a short segment cut from another video tape by political power groups with the objective of warning the Egyptian people against the Islamists and as an attempt to depict Hazem as one of Al-

Qaeda's leaders.¹ It is probable that the timing of the tape's publication is due to the referendum due to be held on December 15th 2012 in Egypt so as to thwart the approval of a constitution, supported by most of the Islamists in Egypt.



In the photo from right to left: Al-Zawahiri and Hazem

Instructional and Guidance Publications

- A prominent writer in the Global Jihad forum called Al-Bara Al-Masri, characterized as “an inventor Mujahideen in military research”, posted links to video segments explaining how to manufacture poisons and poisonous gas.²



A segment from the clip

¹ <http://www.youm7.com/News.asp?NewsID=872322>

² <http://aljahad.com/vb>

Promoting the Myth of the Shahid

- The "Mujahideen in Egypt" blog, focusing on reports pertaining to the Salafi Jihadi movement in Egypt, announced the death of an Egyptian shahid called Abu Dujana Al-Masri, who immigrated to Syria in order to fight the Syrian government, where he was killed.³



Abu Dujana Al-Masri

Magazines

- New issues of Jihadi magazines came out in Arabic, English and Urdu, published by the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and dealing in the Jihad theater in Afghanistan: issue no. 79 of the Al-Somood magazine for December 2012;⁴ issue no. 47 for November – December 2012 if the In Fight magazine in English (165 pages);⁵ issue no. 47 in Urdu for December 2012 of the Nawai Afghan Jihad magazine (71 pages);⁶ and issue no. 9 in Urdu for the Shariat magazine (52 pages).⁷

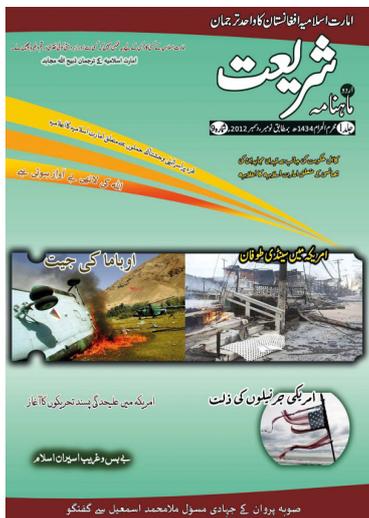
³ http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/2012/12/blog-post_9642.html

⁴ <http://aljahad.com/vb>

⁵ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=43633>

⁶ <http://nawaiafghan.blogspot.co.il/>

⁷ <http://theunjustmedia.com/>

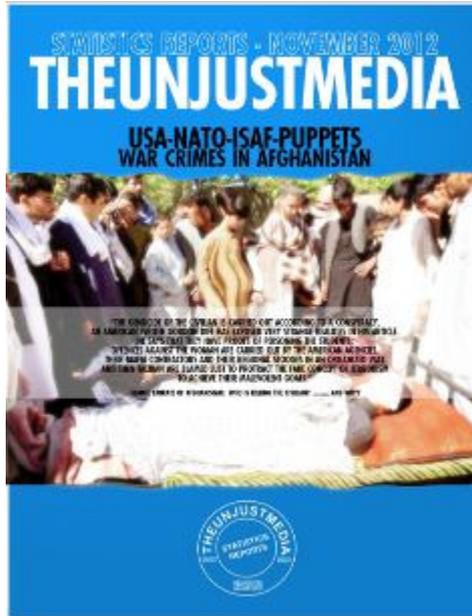


Reports from the field

Afghanistan – Pakistan

- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published a statistical report for November (20 pages) summarizing all of its activities over the month as well as the number of casualties and property loss amongst the ranks of its members and amongst enemy ranks, mapping the regions where terrorist attacks were carried out, their nature, and more. Apart from this report, the Emirate published another report (4 pages) referring to the war crimes

allegedly perpetrated by the US, NATO, ISAF International Security Assistance Force and the government in Afghanistan.⁸



From right to left: the cover page of the statistical report and of the report referring to the war crimes

- The spokesperson of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published on December 10th 2012 a clarification notice regarding the participation of two of the Emirate's members at a research conference in Paris, meant to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. According to him, this participation should not be viewed as a political decision or any type of negotiations with the occupiers and the government in Kabul, and to view everything broadcasted in the media as an exaggeration. Any attempt to depict this participation as negotiations or an attempt at reconciliation is a rumor and an attempt to cause concern.⁹
- The Afghan Taliban movement reported on a suicide attack perpetrated by one of its members against the head of Afghan Intelligence, Abdullah Abdullah, a member of Karzai's government, in the heart of the capital

⁸ <http://theunjustmedia.com>

⁹ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

Kabul. The latter was severely injured as a result. The attack took place while senior members of the Afghan government convened in Kabul.¹⁰



The head of Afghan Intelligence – Abdullah

- The Al-Sahab institute, Al-Qaeda's media branch, published an 18 minute video clip focusing on the bombing activities carried out by Al-Qaeda members against various American bases in Afghanistan.¹¹



The video's banner

Iraq

- The Ansar Al-Islam group, a Salafi Jihadi group with ties to the Al-Qaeda affiliate in Iraq, claimed responsibility over a terrorist attack carried out by a suicide bomber with a car bomb on November 25th 2012 against a training

¹⁰ <http://81.2.216.12/vb>

¹¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

camp of the Iraqi security forces in the Rabi'a region near the Syrian – Iraqi border. According to the group, the training camp also served as a departure base for Syria where Iraqi security forces fought alongside Bashar Al-Assad's forces. The group stressed that the suicide attack was carried out as an act of protest against the dishonoring of the female Muslim prisoners incarcerated in the prisons of the Shiite government in Iraq. As a result of this attack dozens of Iraqi security personnel were killed and others injured, and the training camp was completely destroyed.¹²

- The members of the Ansar Al-Mujahideen Jihadi forum denied reports surrounding the arrest of the emir of the Islamic State of Iraq by the Iraqi security forces. According to them, these are repeated lies meant to demoralize the Mujahideen.¹³

The Arabian Peninsula

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published via its media institute, "Al-Malahem", an audio segment titled "Do not blame America" by Sheikh Ibrahim Suleiman Al-Rubaish, the organization's Mufti.¹⁴ Al-Rubaish referred in the audio segment to the US involvement in Middle East affairs and to the attempts to oppress the Muslims in this region. He does so in various manners such as by reinforcing cooperating elements in the region. According to him, one should not blame the US but rather the Muslims themselves, who elect to do nothing and not respond to the US crimes against the Muslims. Thus for example, he claims that the Muslims are responsible for the on-goings in Palestine as they do not react to the backing the US gives Israel's aggressive policy towards the Palestinians. He wonders how one can raise any accusations against the US conduct towards

¹² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

¹³ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

¹⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

the Muslims when senior members in Islamic movements call for it to occupy Islamic lands to eliminate Al-Qaeda, when there are Ulama who condemn fulfilling the Jihad commandment and condition it on the ruler's permission, and when Muslim preachers condemn the killing of Christians as they condemned the elimination of the American ambassador in Benghazi while refraining from condemnation of the killing of Muslims in Myanmar etc. The Muslim's submissive behavior and the absence of an appropriate response on their part to the crimes against their Muslim brothers invites, according to him, the continuation of an oppressive policy on the part of the US against the Muslims. He believes that this passive stance contradicts the Islamic religion as the Prophet Muhammad displayed a rigid and activist approach against the pagans. Hence, Al-Rubaish emphasizes that the Muslims are duty bound to respond to these killings, their dishonor and the indignity shows towards the Islamic religion and towards the Prophet's honor.



A banner of Al-Rubaish's audio segment

- The "Madad" Jihadi news agency, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published its news report, no. 26, called "Madad" (8 pages) focusing mainly on reviewing the Jihad theater in Yemen.¹⁵



A page out of the "Madad" news report

- The "Haq" Jihadi news agency reported that the health of the Deputy to the Saudi consul in Yemen, Abdullah Al-Khaldi, held by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, is deteriorating, following a hunger strike he went on.¹⁶ Since he was taken captive by the organization, 3 video tapes were published, in which he appeals with the Saudi tribes to exert pressure on the Saudi for his release and for agreeing to the organization's demands to release the female prisoners in the Saudi prisons in return for his release.
- The "Haq" Jihadi news agency reported on the release of Sheikh Suleiman Al-Alwan from his prison in Saudi Arabia after having served 9 years there.

¹⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

¹⁶ <http://dawaalhaq.wordpress.com/2012/12/01/%D9%86%D8%A7%D8%A6%D8%A8-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%81%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D8%B9%D9%88%D8%AF%D9%8A-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%AA%D9%82%D9%84-%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%89-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%82%D8%A7%D8%B9/>

According to the news agency, Al-Alwan was imprisoned in the Saudi jail as he did not express support of the Saudi authorities' position on several matters, such as the occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq by the Americans after 2001.¹⁷



Suleiman Al-Alwan

Al-Sham

- In the course of the first half of December 2012 the "**Al-Nusrah Front**" published the following publications:
 - Message no. 174:¹⁸ claiming responsibility for a suicide attack perpetrated by a suicide bomber who drove a car bomb laden with 700 kilograms of explosives towards the Khan Al-Baker Barricade near the Al-Nayrab Airport on December 2nd detonating himself with the car. 50 soldiers were killed as a result. In order to ensure that the suicide bomber reaches said barricade with the car bomb, several Mujahideen confronted the barricade.

¹⁷ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

¹⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>



- Message no. 175:¹⁹ the continued siege on the 602 Air Defense Brigade in Handaraat near Halab. In the course of this siege several Syrian soldiers were killed and a number of rockets held by them were destroyed.
- Message no. 176:²⁰ claiming responsibility for the successful interception of a helicopter on November 27th 2012 and for the siege laid against the 111 Brigade (2 regiments), which began on November 20th 2012 in the Sheikh Sulayman region in Halab.
- Message no. 177:²¹ claiming responsibility for an ambush on the Jibrin Road against the military airport personnel on November 17th 2012 and for the elimination of a Shabiha member known for harming Muslims, on November 15th 2012.
- Message no. 178:²² claiming responsibility for 18 military operations in Halab and its surroundings.
- Message no. 179:²³ stopping an attack on the part Syrian army in the course of its attempt to cross the Asan Bridge in the Al-'Aziziyya region in Halab on November 25th 2012.

¹⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²⁰ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²¹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²³ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

- Message no. 180:²⁴ claiming responsibility for a joint military operation with the "Liwa Al-Tawhid", the "Ahrar Al-Sham" and "Suqur Al-Sham" on November 28th 2012 against to barricades on the Salqin – Idliv Road. in the course of the operation 8 Syrian soldiers were taken captive.
- Message no. 181:²⁵ claiming responsibility for the detonation of a truck carrying soldiers on the Damascus – Halab Road.
- Message no. 182:²⁶ claiming responsibility for a suicide bombing using a car bomb at the Sherkas Barricade in Al-Qusair on December 1st 2012.
- Message no. 183:²⁷ claiming responsibility for a suicide bombing perpetrated by 2 suicide bombers at the Ministry of Interior building in Damascus on December 12th 2012.



The caption reads: "the two heroes preparing before the operation"

- A video titled "Halab: the Firece Campaign".²⁸ The video documents some of the main operational activities of the "Al-Nusra Front" in Halab, such as the terrorist attack against the officers' club building in the Saadallah al-Jabiri square, one of the most important centers of the

²⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

²⁶ <http://www.hanein.info/vb>

²⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb>

²⁸ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

Shabiha, the terrorist attack against the hotel where the Syrian government members were situated and more.



The video's banner

- The director of the "Al-Minbar" Jihadi forum posted a link to a video titled "A message from the Al-Nusra Front to the young men of the Islamic nation".²⁹ In the video, one of the Front members asks the Mujahideen for help in the war against the Syrian regime.



A segment from the video clip

²⁹ <http://alplatformmedia.com/vb>

- Surfers at the "Al-Minbar" Jihadi forum denied rumors on the internet regarding the death of Abu Muhammad Al-Jawlani, leader of the "Al-Nusra Front", in Syria. According to them, this is part of a propaganda campaign waged by the US and by Arab and Iranian collaborators against the Mujahideen in Syria, in which the Front's Twitter and Facebook accounts are shut down. According to them as long as no official confirmation on Al-Jawlani's death is issued, it must not be believed.³⁰
- The "Al-Sahaba Army in Al-Sham" (the Army of the Prophet's Followers), a Salafi Jihadi organization in Syria, expressed full support of the "Al-Nusra Front" and condemned the US resolution to include it in the terror organizations watch list.³¹ The "Al-Sahaba Army" was established in mid-October 2011.



The logo of "Al-Sahaba Army in Al-Sham"

- Dozens of armed and revolutionary groups in Syria published a joint message supporting the "Al-Nusra Front" in response to the US resolution to include the "Al-Nusra Front" in the list of terror organizations. The organizations called in the message to all of the Syrians to go out on December 14th 2012 on demonstrations supporting the "Al-Nusra Front"

³⁰ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

³¹ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb/>

and to raise signs with the saying "Thanks to the Al-Nusrah Front", "No to American intervention in Syria", "We are all together with the Al-Nusrah Front".³² Following the above, Asad Al-Jihad 2, a prominent writer on the Jihadi forums, protested the US's conduct in face of the events in Syria. On the one hand, it demonstrates indifference towards the massacre of the Syrian people, and on the other hand, it is showing willingness to become involved only when it is convenient and when it wishes to gain the sympathy of certain Syrian opposition groups.

The general director of the "Al-Minbar Al-Alami Al-Jihadi" Jihadi forum published in this respect over one hundred names of websites in Arabic, who posted a message supporting the "Al-Nusrah Front" and condemnation of the US resolution concerning it.³³



The banners: "No to American intervention" and "We are all together with the Al-Nusrah Front"

- A surfer on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that Sheikh Farahat Ramadan, one of the founders of the "Al-Da'awa Al-Salafiyya group in the Kufr Al-Sheikh Province" in Egypt, has joined the "Al-Nusrah Front". He added that upon his arrival in Syria he swore his allegiance to the "Al-Nusrah Front".³⁴ The Sheikh has a page on Facebook.³⁵ In response to this

³² <http://dawaalhaq.wordpress.com/2012/12/11/30-%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B8%D9%85%D8%A9-%D8%B9%D8%B3%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D9%88%D8%AB%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%B3%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%86-%D9%88%D9%82%D9%88%D9%81%D9%87%D8%A7/>

³³ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb/>

³⁴ <http://www.hanein.info/vb>

report, Sheikh Tareq Al-Bitar, head of the "Al-Da'awa Al-Salafiyya group in the Kufr Al-Sheikh Province" Board of Directors, noted that the connection between Farahat and his group has been severed three years ago and that his decision to join the fighting in Syria was based on an individual decision regardless of the group. He added that "The situation in Egypt today does not require internal Jihad as the Islamic Jama'a and the Jihadists have given up on the idea of using weapons and this idea has no meaning under the current regime".³⁶



Photographs of the Egyptian sheikh in Syria

- A surfer on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum posted photos of weapons that were seized by the "Immigrant Brigades in Syria" (Kataeb Al-Muhajirin), a Salafi Jihadi group, and of Syrian security personnel apprehended and executed by said group.³⁷

³⁵ <http://www.facebook.com/sh.fara7at>

³⁶ <http://www.elwatannews.com/news/details/95592>

³⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb>



On the right POWs from amongst the Syrian security forces. On the left another POW with an emphasis on him being Christian

- On December 12th 2012 five Syrian Jihadi groups in West Halab declared the founding of a new group called "The Caliphate Supporters Division". The new group undertook to fight the Syrian regime until it is eliminated, to turn Syria into an Islamic state ruled by the Sharia and to act for the reinstatement of the Islamic Caliphate. According to various Arab sources, this new group belongs to the "Al-Tahrir Al-Islami Party" (Hizb Al-Tahrir Al-Islami – the Islamic Liberation Party).³⁸

Hizb Al-Tahrir is an international Muslim organization, founded in 1953 in Jerusalem by Taqi Al-Din Al-Nabhani. The organization supports the return of the rule of the Muslim caliphate, ruled over by a caliph, who will be elected by all of the Muslims, via the implementation of Islamic law (the Sharia). This organization operates in over forty countries, mainly in Europe, north America, Australia, central Asia, north and east Africa, as well as in some of the Arab countries.

³⁸ <http://www.syriatruth.org/news/tabid/93/Article/8785/Default.aspx>



A segment from the video tape at the moment of declaration of the founding of the new group

- A western source reported that the Salafi Jihadi movement announced on December 13th the appointment of a new emir to head the "Al-Nusrah Front" instead of Emir Abu Julaybib Iyad Al-Tubasi, who was brother in law of Sheikh Abu Musab Al-Zaeqawi, leader of Al-Qaeda in Iraq. According to the source, the new emir is called Abu Anas Al-Sahaba and comes from the city of Zarqa east of the capital Amman, like the previous emir. No further details were provided regarding the fate of the previous emir.³⁹

Abu Sayyaf, one of the senior members of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Jordan, denied this report before the Jordanian "Al-Sabeel" daily newspaper, belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood.⁴⁰ A day later, Syrian

³⁹ <http://www.alraimedia.com/Alrai/Article.aspx?id=399932&date=14122012>

⁴⁰ <http://www.assabeel.net/important-topics/119924-%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%88%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%A7%D9%81-%D9%84%D9%80-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D8%A8%D9%8A%D9%84-%D9%84%D8%A7-%D8%B9%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%82%D8%A9-%D9%84%D9%86%D8%A7-%D8%A8%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%AA%D8%B9%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%86-%D8%A7%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B1-%D8%AC%D8%AF%D9%8A%D8%AF-%D9%84%D9%80-%D8%AC%D8%A8%D9%87%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%86%D8%B5%D8%B1%D8%A9.html>

operatives reported that the Syrian army has succeeded in eliminating the religious leader of the "Al-Nusra Front", Abu Muhammad Al-Halabi, in Halab, following severe clashes with the rebel forces.⁴¹

- The Jordanian Salafi Jihadi portal, "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad", posted the seventh video clip in the series of publications on the life of Sheikh Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, a senior member of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Jordan, who is incarcerated in a Jordanian prison for supporting terror organizations.⁴²
- Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Tahawi, one of the senior members of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Jordan, promised Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, in a speech he gave on December 15th 2012, that after the fall of the Syrian regime Israel will experience suicide attacks: "The bearers of explosives in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan will come to you, and the campaign will be between us and you". He added that the "Al-Nusra Front" will conquer the entire Al-Sham region and will even reach Tel Aviv. He praised the members of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Sinai and the Gaza Strip for the persistent fighting against Israel. Furthermore, Al-Tahawi criticized the US decision to add the "Al-Nusra Front" to the list of terror organizations and stressed that the US itself is the mother of terror around the world and that it supports terror as is apparent in its support of Bashar Al-Assad's regime and of the Jews. Al-Tahawi gave this speech at the Al-Baqa'a refugee camp, in north east Amman, during a day of mourning dedicated by the Salafi Jihadi movement in Jordan to one of its members who blew himself up at the Syrian Ministry of Interior at the end of November 2012.⁴³

⁴¹ <http://www.syrianmasah.net/arabic/articaldetails22633.html>

⁴² <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb/>

⁴³ <https://www.facebook.com/ryahnasr>



Sheikh Muhammad Al-Tahawi

Sinai – the Gaza Strip

- A researcher and analyst at the “Dawat Al-Haqq Institute for Research”, called Muhammad Mahmud, noted that the Salafi Jihadi movement in the Gaza Strip and Hamas call for Jihad in the name of Allah. Therefore, the writer wonders why the two don't unite. Hamas carried out Jihad in Palestine and strives to liberate it and so do the Salafi Jihadists, so what is preventing them from uniting. According to him, the Salafi Jihadi movement as a whole has declared that it is willing to make concessions for other Islamic groups as long as they are determined to implement the Sharia, as is the case with the Taliban movement in Afghanistan and with the Ansar Al-Din movement in Mali. The writer asks and leaves the question unanswered, why does Hamas not openly declare its intention to implement the Sharia in order to please the Salafi Jihadists through this step?⁴⁴

Africa

The Maghreb

- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb published through the “Al-Andalus” media institute operating on its behalf a video clip titled “The invasion of Mali... a

⁴⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

French war through sub-contractors” by Sheikh Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.⁴⁵ In his introduction, Al-Wadud complained of France's intention and that of the crusading West to launch a war against northern Mali. This while they ignore the terrible massacre carried out by the Syrian government against its people. According to him, France wishes to sabotage the implementation of the Sharia in Mali and stop the rise of Islam and therefore it concentrates efforts in planning the occupation of northern Mali. He contends that this situation is similar to the one before the occupation of Iraq by the US, who justified opening a war with a blatant lie according to which chemical weapons were found in Iraq and that Saddam Hussein had close ties with Al-Qaeda in Iraq. Al-Wadud stresses that today, France takes the place of the US wishing to justify its going to war against Mali by spreading lies everywhere, especially amongst the African and Sahel countries.

Al-Wadud also criticizes the false propaganda campaign waged by the French media, spreading fear amongst its citizens through articles claiming that thousands of French Arab fighters who reached Mali, will return to Europe and place it in danger. In light of this situation and of historical accountability, Al-Wadud wishes to convey certain messages:

- a. France wishes to realize its interests in the region through sub-contractors who will carry out the job on its behalf. France wishes to launch a war in order get its hands on the natural resources in the region as well as on the uranium and oil, so as to transfer them to factories in France without paying their real price while exploiting the cheap work force in the area. Following Al-Wadud's statements, a

⁴⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

segment from a documentary on the exploitation of children in Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Togo and Benin in the cocoa industry was incorporated.

Al-Wadud stresses France's deplorable conduct towards the Islamic religion, expressed for example in the debasement of the Prophet Muhammad as in publishing caricatures ridiculing him and in preventing Muslim women from wearing a veil. According to him, France is motivated by hate towards Islam and the Muslims. It wishes to realize its interests in the region and implement its plan against Islam by reinforcing its military presence and employing sub-contractors in its behalf. Therefore, Mali is not the only one facing danger but its neighboring countries as well.

- b. Al-Qaeda was never and will never be any threat to Mali not to the countries in the regions or the Africans as claimed by France in its web of lies. The goal of the Mujahideen is one, to defend the Islamic religion and the interest of the Islamic nation. This it aims to do by hurting the Zionist crusader alliance until the occupation of Islamic lands and the intervention in their affairs ends. Al-Qaeda's intent is only to defend itself and therefore it will be better if the leaders of the countries neighboring Mali will not go on a war that is not theirs. They must learn from the mistakes of others and take into account that France wishes to protect its own interests and not theirs; it wants the leaders of the neighboring countries, their soldiers and their people to pay the price while the French people are protected and enjoy the natural resources of the Africans. Therefore, if the leaders in the region wish to protect the interest of their countries it is best they do not follow France.
- c. The people in Mali need to know that the old-new problem in Mali is internal between the Muslims. It can be resolved peacefully between the

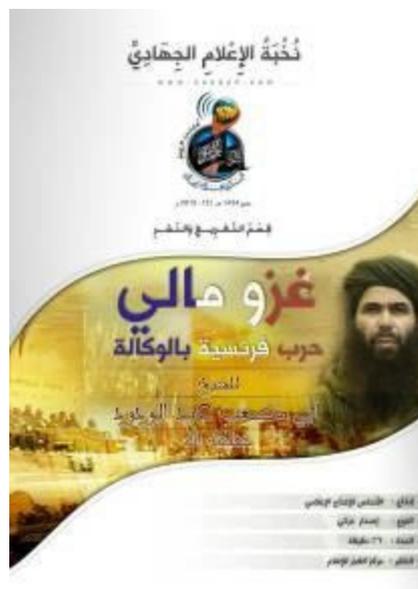
Muslims themselves without shedding any blood, and all of the Mali dignitaries are convinced of the fact. Therefore, what business does France have in Mali and why is it allowed to interfere in Mali's internal problems. "Since when did the global forces of arrogance and tyranny, who are amongst those shedding the blood of innocents and considered to be oil warmongers, become determined to protect the interest of the Muslims, if not for the lust for more oil mixed with the blood of the Muslims?" According to Al-Wadud, France is lying to Mali that it wishes to preserve its unity. Everything process otherwise, that it wishes to keep it divided as is apparent in its support of the Azawad Liberation movement in order to allow it to take over northern Mali and establish an independent state. The Mujahideen and the Islamist people of Mali in northern Mali are the ones who succeeded in foiling France's plan. Therefore, France wishes to intervene again in Mali by way of a military intervention and later divide it so as to subjugate it to its collaborators. The only guarantee to keeping the people of Mali united is the Islamic plan that will prevent the division, prevent the bloodshed, ensure justice and reinstate rights to all of the people of Mali.

Al-Wadud wishes to thank the people of Mali in southern Mali for their determination in defending the Islamic religion and for joining the Mujahideen. Furthermore, he calls to the Muslim people of Mali to encourage their Ulama, their preachers, youth, sheiks, dignitaries, scholars and all of their tribes to defend the Islamic plan by collaborating with the Ansar Al-Din movement, thus foiling the fate of separation facing Mali and stop the expected crusader invasion of northern Mali. In addition, Al-Wadud calls to all of the Muslims to help their brothers in Mali in every way possible.

- d. The people of Africa need to be aware of the fact that the campaign of Al-Qaeda and the Mujahideen against the West is not only to protect the interests of Muslims but also protect the exploited and the weak worldwide, "This is opposition to the exploitation reigning over all of mankind and especially the Africans", enslaved by the western lord and led as slaves in chain across the ocean in order to build their civilization at the expense of their own suffering and tragedy. Al-Wadud stressed that the aspiration is to liberate the people of the African continent from western hegemony and stop the exploitation. The victory of the Mujahideen over the West is a victory for the people of Africa and a great achievement for them.
- e. The French people should be aware of the fact that Hollande, France's prime minister, is trying to cover up his failing internal policy by escaping to foreign problems. He wishes to entangle the French people more that France' previous embroilment in Afghanistan. This he is placing the nation's honor, France's interests and the lives of the French people in grave danger, more than ever. Wars such as the one in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia cause not only heavy loss of lives but also economic damage to the European countries and drag them into an unprecedented economic crisis, threatening to bring them down. Therefore, the French people must foil Hollande's plan and remove him from office. If he launches such a war on northern Mali, it will be a war lost in advance and the determination of the Mujahideen to strike at French interests will only increase. Furthermore, launching a war on northern Mali also means the immediate execution of the French abductees held by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, so that in order to

save their lives the French people must launch an extensive propaganda and media campaign in this matter.

- f. This final message is directed to anyone with any interest in launching a war on northern Mali, first and foremost the French prime minister and some of the leaders of the Sahel countries collaborating with France. According to Al-Wadud, the Mujahideen welcome any wish for peace and security however if they mean to begin a war, the Mujahideen are ready and prepared to face it, and turn the region into a cemetery for enemy soldiers and siphon the enemy's funds. Al-Wadud stressed that the Mujahideen have extensive knowledge and experience in fighting, they are highly motivated and determined to defend the Islamic religion. Those whom he claims have succeeded in defeating the US and its allies in Afghanistan and Iraq can easily do so to France and its sub-contractors in the great Sahara.



A banner of Al-Wadud's audio segment

- The Sahara Emirate of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb has declared on November 28th 2012 the founding of a new brigade called "Youssef ben

Tachfine" after a famous Muslim leader who conquered Andalus. The brigade itself is comprised mainly of the Touaregs living in the Azawad region in northern Mali, and ruling over a significant part of north-east Mali near its border with Algeria.⁴⁶

- Muhammad Al-Amin Walad Ould Al-Hadrami (called Abdullah Al-Shankiti), was appointed emir of the Al-Furqan Squadron instead of Yahya Abu Al-Hammam, who was appointed the Sahara Emir. Abdullah Al-Shankiti is the official spokesperson for the Sahara region on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.⁴⁷ Abdullah Al-Shankiti was born in 1981 in Nouakchott. He was incarcerated for 14 years for belong to one of the Jihad groups and in 2006 was released from prison. The Sahara region is considered the sixth region reigned over by the organization and it includes northern Mali and the Great Sahara. Several divisions are operating in it, including the Al-Furqan.



Abdullah Al-Shankiti

- The Algerian daily newspaper "Djazair News" reported advanced negotiations between Mokhtar Belmokhtar, called Abu Al-Abbas, leader of the Veiled Brigade and former emir of the Sahara region on behalf of Al-

⁴⁶ <http://al-fidaa.com/vb/>

⁴⁷ <http://al-fidaa.com/vb/>

Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, and the Algerian authorities surrounding his extradition into their hands following his request for political asylum via mediators in northern Mali. According to the paper, Belmokhtar has decided to retire from the organization following internal disagreements regarding the organization's leadership.⁴⁸ In this respect, the Al-Jazirah website reported on the decision made by the Veiled Brigade belonging to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, to immediately suspend its membership in the organization, which according to the website points to its secession from the organization. It was further stated that the Brigade's leadership has notified that it intends to publish a new position regarding its future. This resolution follows the intention to go to war against north Mali.⁴⁹

These reports contradict the publication in the Sahara Media website. This website published a video tape in which Abu Al-Abbas declared the founding of a new Mujahideen brigade called "Those Who Sign With Blood". He promised on the tape that anyone taking part in the fighting against northern Mali and takes part in planning it will be subject to harsh retaliation and severe harming of their interests. He called to the Ulama and the religious clerics in Mauritania to declare a duty to provide assistance to the Muslims in the Azawad region. Abu Al-Abbas also referred to Algeria joining France and the US and the conspiracy they hatched against Azawad. It should be noted that in this tape Abu Al-Abbas appears as the emir of the Veiled Brigade, contradicting and refuting the contentions of some of the Arab media that he intended to turn himself in to the Algerian security forces or that he no longer serves as the emir of the Veiled Men Brigade.⁵⁰

⁴⁸ <http://www.djazairnews.info/national/42-2009-03-26-18-31-37/48213-2012-12-04-16-42-35.html>

⁴⁹ <http://www.aljazeera.net/news/pages/fd9d73e7-ca2c-43d6-8601-fef826e7d19c>

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<http://www.saharamedias.net/%D8%A8%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D9%8A%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%86-%D8%AA%D8%A3%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%B3->

The Veiled Brigade is considered one of the most prominent armed groups in Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. There are two brigades operating in the Sahara region, the Veiled Brigade and the Tareq bin Ziyad Brigade as well as two units: the Al-Furqan unit and the Al-Ansar unit. With them there are several more armed groups in the Sahara such as the "Ansar Al-Din" movement and the "Uniqueness of God and Jihad in West Africa" movement.



Khaled Abu Al-Abbas on the video tape where he is depicted as the emir of the Veiled Brigade

- The "Al-Murabitin" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Uniqueness of God and Jihad in West Africa" movement, posted a video tape containing the will of a suicide bomber called Abdul Sami'a al-Ouargli, aka Abu Sinan, as well as a documentation of the suicide attack he perpetrated using a car bomb driven by him towards the National Gendarmerie at the Ouargla Province in east Algeria.⁵¹

http://aljahad.com/vb/%D9%83%D8%AA%D9%8A%D8%A8%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%88%D9%82%D8%B9%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AF%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%A1-%D9%88%D9%8A%D8%AA%D9%88%D8%B9%D8%AF-%D9%85%D9%86-%D9%8A%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%B1%D9%83-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%B1%D8%A8_a17178.html

⁵¹ <http://aljahad.com/vb>



A segment from the video tape

- The Ansar Al-Sharia group in Libya announced the opening of a clinic for women, children and for dentistry in Benghazi in Libya.⁵²



On the right a banner for the Ansar Al-Sharia clinic and on the left the equipment found at the dental clinic

- The Ansar Al-Sharia group in Libya posted photographs of operatives who distributed in its names pamphlets in its ideology after having dealt with the problem of the flooded roads following rains on December 5th 2012.⁵³

⁵² <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

⁵³ <http://al-fidaa.com/vb>



A child distributing pamphlets of the Ansar Al-Sharia group

- The "Prisoners without Borders" Society, belonging to the Ansar Al-Sharia group, launched a propaganda campaign for the release of Libyan prisoners incarcerated in Iraqi prisons. To that end it called for a solidarity demonstration in Tripoli and Benghazi on December 16th 2012.⁵⁴

⁵⁴ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>



A banner calling to come to the solidarity demonstration

Mali

- The Ansar Al-Din movement, ruling today over north Mali (Azawad) alongside other Salafi Jihadi groups, published a message regarding the political state in Bamako, Mali's capital. The Mali Prime Minister, Modibo Diarra, announced his resignation from office on December 11th 2012 after being arrested by the rebel army when trying to flee to France. The ruling military junta in Mali did not like the fact that Prime Minister Diarra neglected the urgent problems of the country in favor of building his political strength and therefore had him arrested. Diarra was appointed prime minister on April 2012 after the army has officially passed on the rule to civilian hands. However, towards the end of November 2012 onwards,

the tension between Diarra and the army officers increased following the novice politician's eagerness to build a political basis for future elections.

The Ansar Al-Din movement welcomed his resignation. According to it, the Bamako rulers began to understand that they are walking an erroneous path characterized by an aggressive policy towards the people in Azawad under the rule of the former Mali prime minister. According to the movement, this resignation was not enough and more similar steps are required, especially in light of the ignoring of the dangerous crises in the region. In light of the above, the Ansar Al-Din movement calls to the Bamako leaders to act according to the following steps:

- a. Stop the repeated barbaric aggression against the Muslim people in Azawad.
- b. Silence the voices of racial aggression calling for foreign intervention in northern Mali.
- c. Display earnestness in the current negotiations, change the traditional perception of the governments who view the people in Azawad as a means for extorting funds from overseas while ignoring the rights of the people in Azawad, and first and foremost the right to leave free and with dignity under the shade of the Sharia.
- d. All of those involved in Mali's political affairs must remember that all attempts to realize western interests in the region have failed. Action must be taken to bring down all of the tyrannical regimes who surrender to the dictates of the colonial forces.
- e. Ways must be found for a peaceful solution that does not contradict Islamic principles.⁵⁵

⁵⁵ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

- Ahmed Ould Aamir, aka Ahmed Al-Talmasi, the emir of the Osama bin Laden brigade and member of the "Uniqueness of God and Jihad in West Africa" movement's Shura Council, granted a first interview to the Al-Akhbar Mauritania news agency. He noted that he viewed the international threat on Mali today as an existential threat and stressed that there is no escape from fighting and pushing back this threat through fighting, Jihad and encouraging the Muslims to fight. He accused the countries neighboring Mali of being unwilling to implement the Sharia and of collaborating with the crusading enemies of Islam. He added that the Mujahideen view them as a near enemy and as an important target that must be fought. He noted that his movement is still demanding from the French government to agree to its demands in return for the release of the French citizen Rodriguez held captive by the movement. He stressed that his movement will never give up its demand to release their brothers imprisoned in Algeria, Mauritania and other countries and said that his movement will act for their release.⁵⁶
- The Al-Akhbar Mauritania news agency reported on the establishment of a new armed movement in the city of Gao in north Mali called "**Ansar Al-Sharia**". Most of the new group's commanders belong to the Barabish Tribe in the Timbuktu region. Amongst them are the cousins of the Ansar Al-Din's official spokesperson, Senda Ould Bouamama.⁵⁷ As of now there are a number of Salafi Jihadi groups operating in north Mali: **Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Ansar Al-Din, the Uniqueness of God and Jihad in West Africa and the Veiled Brigade**. It is difficult to estimate what effect the founding of this new group will have on the dynamics between these groups.

⁵⁶ <http://www.alakhbar.info/27520-0-ACCBBF-FFAB--FC-F0FC0C50-B-F-F.html>

⁵⁷ <http://www.alakhbar.info/27664-0--F-F-F-FC-FF-5FB-5A--FC.html>

Egypt

- The "Al-Bayan" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Fighting Salafi Vanguard – Ansar Al-Sharia in Egypt", published several publications in the course of the first half of December 2012:
 - An article by the group's leader, Ahmad Ashush, called "Response to the Salafi and Muslim Brotherhood's Yasak Laws" [pagan Mongol laws from the time of Genghis Khan].⁵⁸



The article's cover page

- An article by the group's leader, Ahmad Ashush, called "The Rationalization and Warning of the Evil Seculars". Ashush criticizes in his article the attempts of the seculars in Egypt to sabotage the efforts to make Egypt into an Islamic country ruled by the Sharia.⁵⁹
- A fatwa by Ahmad Ashush forbidding participation in the referendum on the constitution, whether to vote for or against it.⁶⁰
- An article titled "The Constitution and Voting for It" by Abu Osama Al-Salafi. The article discusses the reasons why the constitution does not comply with the Islamic religion.⁶¹

⁵⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

⁵⁹ <http://www.muslim.net/vb/>

⁶⁰ http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/2012/12/blog-post_4458.html

⁶¹ http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/2012/12/blog-post_10.html

- Muhammad Al-Zawahiri published an article explaining why the Egyptian constitution in its current format contradicts the Sharia and contains mistakes.⁶²
- The "Mujahideen in Egypt" blog, focusing on reports on the Salafi Jihadi movement in Egypt and in the Sinai Peninsula, published an article titled "Egypt's constitution between American hegemony and the ignoring on the part of the Muslims". The author's identity is unknown but he used the nickname Al-Muwahhid, meaning – the one believing in the uniqueness of God.⁶³
- The Sunni movement for the Saving of Egypt published an announcement regarding the events surrounding the ratification of the Egyptian constitution. According to the announcement, what is happening now is a surprise to those who did not understand the recent events in Egypt. The new forces operating according to the spirit of the previous regime that has ruled Egypt for 30 years are fighting for their survival as the people have not accepted them and the slogans they automatically declared. The new government, despite it being the Muslim Brotherhood, has united with the secular forces, rejecting Islam and is going on a crusade against Islam. The new government has made a mistake in thinking that this is a country whose people are not zealous concerning their religion, and claims that the constitution barely 'tickles' the Muslims' feelings and that such a constitution cannot be supported in God's name. The author calls the government the "Cruel Gang" and claims they panicked in face of the opposition and began threatening to harm Egypt. The writer accused the government of wishing to eliminate the religion, as he claims it has a permanent lack of trust, and therefore calls to oppose the secularism and

⁶² http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il/2012/12/blog-post_11.html

⁶³ <http://ansarsharia.blogspot.co.il>

liberalism found in the country's institutions, to respond to the government's armed attacks, to refuse to take part in the referendum motivated by external forces opposing Islam and suggests that the Sunni Muslims unite against the constitution and the attack on Allah and on Islam.⁶⁴

- Sheikh Aboud Al-Zomor, member of the Al-Jama'a Al-Islamiyya's Shura Council, who was released from prison following the revolution in Egypt, noted that in the event Morsi is ousted following the increasing popular opposition amongst the liberal forces, no one else will be able to stay in government after him, not even for one hour. He called to the representatives of the liberal forces such as Al-Baradi to open a national dialogue in order to prevent Egypt's deterioration to a dangerous place. Furthermore, he condemned the attempts of some of the political forces in Egypt to sabotage the new constitution.⁶⁵
- Sheikh Ali bin Haj, deputy of the Islamic Front for Rescue in Algeria, called to the Egyptian people in the Friday sermon held on December 7th 2012 to oppose the establishment of two constitutions, a secular one and an Islamic one. According to him, this matter should be left to the people's decision.⁶⁶

Somalia

- The "Al-Qimma" Jihadi forum, serving as a podium for the Somali Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement, published the first part of the answers given by Sheikh Hasan Husein Al-Abi Salman Al-Somali, member of the Al-Shaba movement, to the questions posed by the forum surfers in an open forum held by the site.⁶⁷

⁶⁴ <http://www.i7ur.com/vb>

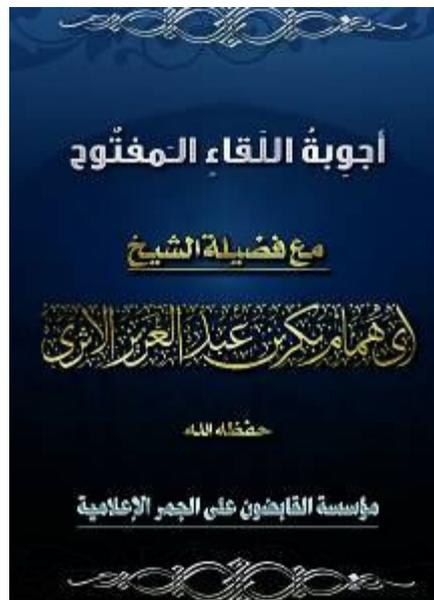
⁶⁵ <http://www.muslim.net/vb>

⁶⁶ <http://www.hanein.info/vb>

⁶⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/ryahnasr>



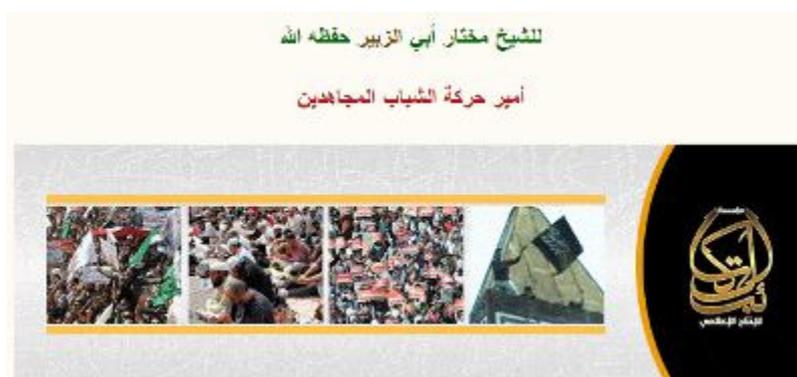
- The "Qabidun 'ala Al-Jamr" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Sinam Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, published the answers given by Sheikh Abu Humam Al-Athari, member of the Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad Jordanian Salafi Jihadi portal's Shura Council, in Swahili, to the questions posed by the forum surfers.⁶⁸



- The Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement posted a video clip through its media institute, "The Al-Kataib Media Foundation", titled "The Nation... and the way of firm standing" by Sheikh Mukhtar Abu Al-Zubayr, the

⁶⁸ <http://snam-s.net/vb>

movement's leader. In the video, Al-Zubayr mentions the Zionist crusading campaign against the Islamic nation in various places around the world such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Syria, Burma and more. He praised the firm standing and determination of the Muslims in fighting these enemies.⁶⁹



The video clip's banner

- The Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement published a report (six pages) detailing all of its military activities in Somalia on October – November 2012.⁷⁰

STAKEHOLDER REPORTS

CRUSADERS LOSSES OF MEN AND MATERIAL						
Approximate	Killed	Injured	Religion	Assets	Ships	Facilities
Crusaders	40		11			
Ships	1					
Religion	2		1			Destroyed 1
Ships-transfers	4					
Total	54		12			1

APOSTATES LOSSES OF MEN AND MATERIAL						
	Killed	Injured	surrendered	Vehicles	Ships	Facilities
Army leaders	1					
Government	2					
Army commanders	1					
Intelligence	2					
Ships	1					
Religion	52	1	6		2	
Ships	10					1
Religion-transfers	2					
Total	71	1	6	1	1	

A page from the news report

⁶⁹ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

⁷⁰ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb/>

The Caucasus

- The "Valiat Dagestan" website posted a demand from the "Mujahideen Leadership" to journalists covering the events in the Caucasus. This demand contains criticism on the use of the term "terror" on the part of these journalists when describing the Mujahideen's activity. According to them, the forests of the Caucasus are filled with complaints of simple Muslims who read newspapers, listen to the radio and watch the news, and feeling that the reality is depicted in a distorted manner. The Mujahideen leadership understands that the journalists are working through sources belonging to the "heretics" who bring them a distortion of the truth, but this state of affairs cannot continue. The demand ends with the statement that the Mujahideen leadership did not wish to write this demand, but following the recent erroneous publications by journalists on the Jihad in the Caucasus, they were left with no choice but show their anger and warn the journalists not to continue in this way.⁷¹
- The "Valiat Dagestan" website summarized in two articles the reference of bloggers from the Caucasus to the activity of a "heretic" brigade called "the Death Convoy", allegedly murdering innocent Muslims and even burning them alive. It seems that these publications began after a series of raids of the Russian forces and the arrest of Muslim citizens for suspicion of having ties with the Mujahideen.⁷² After many responses where the surfers called for violent retaliation against the murderers, the website published a call to take part in a demonstration and mass protest against the brigade's activity.⁷³
- The "Valiat Dagestan" website published an opinion paper by a Muslim citizen of the Caucasus named Abdullah Derbenski, on the subject of "The

⁷¹ <http://vdagestan.com/?p=8227> (Russian)

⁷² <http://vdagestan.com/?p=8334> (Russian)

⁷³ <http://vdagestan.com/?p=8347> (Russian)

structure of the armed Jama'at". In Derbenski's opinion it is the duty of every Muslim to be able to carry out violent activity in the name of Jihad, even if he is alone and cannot contact the local Mujahideen. In the event this person finds other likeminded people, they must join together and select an emir from amongst them according to the laws of Islam. Later on they must form an armed Jama'at according to the following structure: first an emir must be chosen, who will have extensive authority but also important responsibilities (training others, planning operations, setting rules of conduct), therefore the man elected for this position must be the most experienced one. Second, a deputy emir must be selected, who will function as the emir in the absence of the emir himself. Third, the emir will select the fighters who will go out on the operations he planned. Four, the couriers and liaisons must be selected. Five, a distribution of responsibilities between the logistics personnel must be carried out according to their areas of expertise. Finally, the spies that will be sent behind enemy lines must be chosen, and they will be personally selected by the emir.⁷⁴

- The "Echo of the Caucasus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus, referred to the report published by Amnesty International regarding the torture of Muslim prisoners in the prisons in Tajikistan. According to this report the torture is not only meant for obtaining confessions but also in order to intimidate the families of the prisoners so as to extort them for money. This torture is expressed in the pouring of boiling water on the prisoners' bodies, putting out cigarettes on their bodies, rape, use of electro shock and more.⁷⁵

The Indian Sub-Continent

⁷⁴ <http://vdagestan.com/?p=8265> (Russian)

⁷⁵ <http://echokavkaz.blogspot.co.il/2012/12/blog-post.html>

- Abu Ddhar Azzam Al-Burmi, the Mufti of the Islamic Uzbekistan movement, protested in an audio tape the persecution waged by the Burmese authorities against the Muslims in the country. He further called to attack Burma, China and Germany for their support of the oppression of Muslims.



The West and the rest of the world

- The "Der Spiegel" German magazine reported on December 11th 2012 on the arrest of two Somali Muslims suspected of leaving a bag filled with explosives at the Bon train station in Germany. The two are known to the security authorities in Germany as radical Islamists.⁷⁶

Women and Jihad

- The "Al-Minbar Al-'Ilami Al-Jihadi" Jihadi forum published a video clip containing a message of support of the "Islamic State of Iraq" and of the Sunni women incarcerated in the Iraqi government prisons.⁷⁷

Miscellaneous

⁷⁶ For more information on this affair, see:
<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/bag-containing-explosive-material-shuts-down-bonn-train-station-a-872176.html>

⁷⁷ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

- Members of the Jihadi forum asks the forum management to provide answers regarding the cease of activity of the "Al-Fada'a" and the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forums, which stopped operating since the beginning of December 2012.⁷⁸
- The "Fursan Al-Balagh" Jihadi media institute published the transcripts of a series of audio segments published in the course of 2011 – 2012 on religious matters by Sheikh Khaled bin Abdel Rahman Al-Hussainan, aka Abu Zayd Al-Kuwaiti, a leader of Kuwaiti origin in Al-Qaeda.⁷⁹ At the beginning of December 2012 Al-Qaeda notified that Al-Hussainan was killed by an American unmanned aircraft while having dinner after a day of fasting.⁸⁰



⁷⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

⁷⁹ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb>

⁸⁰ <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb>

Facebook

- The "Ansar Iran" movement, a Sunni group identified with the idea of global Jihad, criticized the Facebook administration for closing down its Facebook account on November 26th 2012. This action did not succeed, according to the movement, as within 24 hours it constructed a new Facebook page. It stressed that any attempt to erase its Facebook page is an attack on the freedom of speech and points to the hypocrisy of anyone wishing to remove them from the social network.⁸¹

The movement's new Facebook page's address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Harakat-Ansar-Iran/442994285750337>.



A photo produced by the movement against its removal from the social network on Facebook

⁸¹ <http://ansariran.blog.com/2012/12/01/a-sign-of-success-for-our-jihad-on-the-media-front/>

- A surfer on the "Al-Minbar" Jihadi forum noted that the Facebook administration has shut down on December 11th 2012 an account belonging to the Taliban Pakistan movement. The movement itself clarified that it uses Facebook as a platform for the publication of Jihadi material and to draw in journalists to review its site and the new Jihadi magazine it is publishing called "Ayat Al-Khilafa".⁸²

Twitter

- On December 4th, the "Uniqueness of God and Jihad in Egypt" movement opened a Twitter account. The movement is led by Sheikh Muhammad Al-Zawahiri, one of the senior members of the Salafi Jihadi movement in Egypt and the brother of Ayman Al-Zawahiri.⁸³



⁸² <http://www.alplatformmedia.com/vb> ;
<http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/12/11/254482.html>

⁸³ <https://twitter.com/shababtawhidand>