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

### **New publications**

#### Audio and video tapes

- A new audio recording by Osama bin Laden has been broadcasted on Al-Jazeera. In this recording, bin Laden warns the US not to execute the 9/11 planner, Khaled Sheikh Muhammad, as Al-Qaeda will execute any POW it will capture.<sup>1</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that Anwar Al-Awlaki, the American Islamic preacher currently in Yemen, whose name was tied to the terrorist attack carried out on November 2009 at a military base in Texas and the attempt to blow up an American passenger plane on December 2009, published an audio tape calling to carry out Jihad against the United States. In the tape, Al-Awlaki addressed the Muslims in the United States saying: "How does your conscience allow you to leave in peace with a nation that is responsible for tyranny and crimes against your brothers and sisters?"<sup>2</sup>  
It should be mentioned that according to several reports, the Obama administration has authorized the killing of Anwar Al-Awlaki.<sup>3</sup>
- The "Global Islamic Media Front" (GIMF) published a missive by Osama bin Laden's son, Khaled, "Regarding the Imprisonment of Some Members of the

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20605>

<sup>2</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162540>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/apr/07/obama-assassination-cleric-christmas-bombing>

Family in Iran". In the missive, Khaled bin Laden demands the Iranian authorities release immediately several members of his family held in Iran.<sup>4</sup>

- The "Manba Al-Jihad" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, published a new video titled "The Convoy of Heroes – Part Eight".<sup>5</sup>
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a couple of videos on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, titled "The launching of BM missiles on an air force base at the Khost Province" and "The destruction of a car belonging to Muslims seceding from Islam at the Zabil County", as part of the series titled "The Holocaust of the Crusaders and those Seceding from Islam in the land of Khorasan".<sup>6</sup>
- Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi, the Amir of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), published an announcement, titled "'The Axe of Abraham' Campaign for the shattering of the idols of democracy and the polytheist elections". The announcement apparently is meant to launch a journey of punishment meant to attack the democratic foundations in Iraq including the Iraqi parties' headquarters and their people.<sup>7</sup>
- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute published an audio segment by Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi, the Amir of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), titled "Stop them, do not kill them".<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, this media institute published a new video on behalf of the ISI, titled "The Prisoner Invasion 1".<sup>9</sup>
- The "Al-Malahim" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published a new audio tape, titled "The

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=15054>

<sup>5</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=58269>

<sup>6</sup> <http://124.217.247.149/vb/showthread.php?t=16911>,

<http://www.leyoth.info/vb/showthread.php?t=21370>

<sup>7</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57844>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.leyoth.info/vb/showthread.php?t=21364>

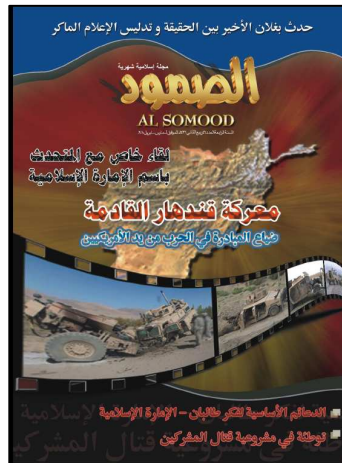
<sup>9</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16283>

Crusader attack on Yemen" by Sheikh Abu Al-Zubayr Adel Al-Ibab, who is known to be in charge of the organization's religious rulings.<sup>10</sup>

- The "Manba Al-Jihad" Jihadi media institute published a video, titled "The inferno of the Byzantines and those seceding from Islam 8."<sup>11</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published links to video segments documenting the activity of Al-Qaeda fighters in the Islamic Maghreb.<sup>12</sup>
- A video was posted on Al-Qimmah forum showing step-by-step instructions on how to build a car bomb. The instructions are very detailed and include preparing the vehicle, wiring, preparing the explosives and placing them in the car. Although in Arabic, the video is detailed enough for understanding by non-Arabic speakers.<sup>13</sup>

#### Magazines

- A new issue (no. 46), 56 pages long, of the "Al-Somood" Jihadi magazines on behalf of the Taliban movement in Afghanistan.<sup>14</sup>



<sup>10</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16239>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=15464>

<sup>12</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=164398>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=15119>

<sup>14</sup> <http://124.217.247.149/vb/showthread.php?t=16989>

- A new issue (no. 12) of the "Al-Waqi'" Jihadi newspaper, wishing to concentrate reports regarding the Mujahideen around the world and the burning issues on the global agenda.<sup>15</sup>
- A new issue (no. 9) of the Jihadi magazine in Kurdish "Rasta Rei".<sup>16</sup>

#### Publications

- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" media group published a new electronic book incorporating all of Ayman Al-Zawahiri's essays, missives, speeches and statements.<sup>17</sup>



- The "Sariyyat Al-Somood" Jihadi media institute published a new booklet, titled "The Jihad movements and the sweet crop" (32 pages long) by Sheikh Abu Sa'ad Al-Amili.<sup>18</sup>
- Another publication, no. 42 (6 pages long), in the "Shahid Biography" series. This time the publication is dedicated to Abu Basir Al-Tunisi. He arrived in Iraq at the beginning of its occupation by the United States. Upon his arrival he joined the "Katibat Um Al-Muaminin Aysha" (The Aisha Believers Brigade),

<sup>15</sup> <http://124.217.247.149/vb/showthread.php?t=17104>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16178>

<sup>17</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=58518>

<sup>18</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=58227>



and was in charge, amongst other things, for the assembly of car bombs laden with explosives.<sup>19</sup>

### Reports from the field

#### Afghanistan–Pakistan

- The “Hanein” Jihadi forum reported that the Taliban movement claims its leader, Hakim Allah Mahsud, is still alive.<sup>20</sup>
- A senior member of the Taliban movement announced that the movement’s leader, Mullah Muhammad Omar, has appointed two deputies following the arrest of Mullah Abdul Ghani Barodar. The deputies are: Abd Al-Qayum Dhakir and Abdullah Akhtar Muhammad Mansur.<sup>21</sup>

#### Iraq

- The Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) published an announcement condemning the imprisonment of several members of the bin Laden family in prisons in Iran.<sup>22</sup>

#### The Arabian Peninsula

- A report from western media regarding a security threat to shipping in or near the Bab-el-Mandeb strait was posted on Ansar Al-Mujahideen English forum.<sup>23</sup> It should be noted that on February 2010 the “Al-Malahim” media institute, belonging to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), published a 12 minute audio tape by the no. 2 man in the organization, Said Al-Shihri, calling to attack western targets and to prepare for an upcoming war against the organization in Yemen, with an indirect American participation. Al-Shihri insinuated in the tape that the organization aspires to take over the Bab-el-

<sup>19</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=58574>

<sup>20</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162756>. For more information, see: [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Feb\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_1.pdf), page 5.

<sup>21</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=163557>

<sup>22</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=58571>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20488>

Mandeb Straights, separating Asia (Yemen) and Africa (Djibouti, north of Somalia at the Africa Horn) and connecting the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden in the Indian Ocean. According to him such a maneuver "will tighten the choke hold on the Jews". In order to achieve this objective, he calls to the armed people in Yemen to use fighters from Somalia.<sup>24</sup>

- As stated in the previous periodical report, the reports in the forums surrounding the events in Yemen have recently been on the decline. This trend is true of this report as well.

#### The Maghreb

- The Salafi-Jihadi Sheikh Abu Al-Mundir Al-Shanqiti, published a 62 page missive as a response to the attempts of the religious establishment in Mauritania to open a dialogue with the Salafi-Jihadi prisoners in the country, with the aim of convincing them to undergo a de-radicalization process. In the missive, the Sheikh severely criticizes this attempt.<sup>25</sup>
- On March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) published an official announcement, warning the Iranian rulers to immediately release Osama bin Laden's family from the Iranian prisons.<sup>26</sup>

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

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum launched a special page following the events in Jerusalem after the riots that erupted there recently between Israel and the Palestinians.<sup>27</sup>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Feb\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_2.pdf), pages 8-9.

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16400>,  
<http://www.aqlame.com/article908.html>

<sup>26</sup> <http://124.217.252.247/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=57863>

<sup>27</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162027>

- Following the inauguration of the "Hurva" Synagogue in Jerusalem, a surfer at the "Al-Faloja" forums calls to the multitudes in Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon to go on Jihad and protect the holy places and Jerusalem.<sup>28</sup>



A pamphlet calling for Jihad to save the Al-Aqsa Mosque

- The "Ansar Al-Sunnah" Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi group took responsibility for the rocket launching towards Ashkelon, which resulted in the death of a settler.<sup>29</sup> In actuality, as opposed to the claims made, a Thai worker and not a settler was killed.
- The "Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi group published an official announcement titled "The crimes of the Jews in Jerusalem and Hebron". The announcement came following the recent riots in Jerusalem, and a grudge is apparent in face of the lack of an appropriate response on the part of the Arab and Muslim world in face of the ongoing attack by the Israeli authorities against the places holy to Islam. Thus for example, the Arab rulers are

<sup>28</sup> <http://124.217.230.214/~alfaloj/vb/showthread.php?t=107926>

<sup>29</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57842>

accused of backing the "Jewish State" and of hypocrisy of the Muslim brothers in their attitude towards Israel.<sup>30</sup>

#### Africa

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports that unknown people shot to death the field commander of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, Sheikh Daud Ali Hassan.<sup>31</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement took over the radio stations in several cities.<sup>32</sup>
- It has been widely reported on the English speaking forums that a Toronto man has been killed while fighting in Somalia alongside the Al-Qaeda affiliated Al-Shabab group.<sup>33</sup> It was not, however, mentioned under what circumstances he was killed. A link to the man's blog was also posted, but at first glance only reveals the writers' connection to Islam.<sup>34</sup>

#### The West and the rest of the world

- The forums reported extensively on the double suicide attacks which occurred on the Russian subway system on March 29<sup>th</sup>.<sup>35</sup> The Islamic Awakening forum stated that this was conspiracy by Russian forces.<sup>36</sup> The Amir of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus, Dokka Umarov, took responsibility for the attack.<sup>37</sup>
- Following the reports in the international press on Britain's deployment in anticipation of the London Olympic Games in 2012 and the recent raise in the level of readiness on the part of the British, fearing large scale terrorist attacks by Al-Qaeda, one of the surfers calls out: "Al-Qaeda shall participate

<sup>30</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57985>

<sup>31</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162953>

<sup>32</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=164262>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=15090>

<sup>34</sup> <http://shadows15.wordpress.com/>

<sup>35</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20717>

<sup>36</sup> <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/moscow-metro-explosions-many-reported-dead-34344/>

<sup>37</sup> <http://124.217.253.94/~faaall3s/vb/showthread.php?t=109611>



in the Olympic Games in London 2012” and quotes a variety of articles on the subject.<sup>38</sup> The “Al-Jahafel” forum reminds of the British fear from an Al-Qaeda “dirty bomb”.<sup>39</sup> It should be noted that this is the first allusion detected for several months in the Jihadi forums, regarding the Olympic Games about to be held in 2012.

- A surfer raises the possibility of attacking the United States with biological and nuclear weapons, and suggests the oil-rich states in the US, the American bases around the world, the countries cooperating with the Americans and ships and submarines. Another surfer suggests carrying out suicide attacks in nuclear reactors inside the United States.<sup>40</sup>
- The “Sawt Al-Islam” media institute belonging to the Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP) published a clarification to the surfers, to refrain from visiting the www.tipislam.net website. This, as the website dares to publish materials in the name of the above Party and falsely and misguidedly attribute them to the Party. According to the Party, it is having difficulty launching an official website of its won due to the tight security cooperation between China and the United States.<sup>41</sup>
- The “Hanein” Jihadi forum reports that the Turkish authorities have arrested 12 Turks suspected of having joined Al-Qaeda.<sup>42</sup>
- The Mujahideen general headquarters in the Kabardino-Balkaria Province in the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus has published an official announcement on the death of Anzor Astemoriv,



<sup>38</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=108654>

<sup>39</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7358>

<sup>40</sup> <http://124.217.230.214/~alfaloj/vb/showthread.php?t=108383>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=16159>

<sup>42</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=164849>

Amir Sayf Al-Islam. He was the Amir of the above mentioned Province and headed the Emirate's religious authority.<sup>43</sup>

- The famous Salafi sheikh, Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, dedicates a eulogy to Sayf Allah, the Qadi of the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus.<sup>44</sup>



- A news piece from AP was posted on Ansar Al-Mujahideen English forum reporting that while visiting Indonesia, Anjem Chourday, a British Islamic extremist, praised Osama bin Laden.<sup>45</sup> He also declared the Indonesian president, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, was "an enemy of Islam who has allied with the United States". Chourday further claimed that the bombing of Western targets inside Muslim countries was justified by Islamic scriptures. Forum members praised the brothers in Indonesia and prayed for the success of their operations. It should be noted that the group recently led by Anjem Chourday, Islam4UK, has recently been banned (it has been banned before, but under a different name), yet this radical cleric is still allowed to preach his beliefs and travel freely. Chourday also represents Omar Bakri.
- An English translation of "There are Thousands of Mujahideen in the Caucasus", written by Dokka Abu Uthman, Amir of the Caucasus Emirate, was

<sup>43</sup> <http://124.217.247.149/vb/showthread.php?t=17280>

<sup>44</sup> <http://124.217.247.149/vb/showthread.php?t=17349>

<sup>45</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20724>

posted by Ansar Al-Mujahideen English Forum.<sup>46</sup> The statement, dating February 19<sup>th</sup> 2010, addresses the false allegations of the elimination of the writer. He further states that after liberating the whole of the Caucasus, they will move forward to liberate the rest of the lands occupied by Russia, Astrakhan and Volga. In his third point, Abu Uthman claims there anywhere between 10,000 and 30,000 Mujahideen, ready to perform Jihad.

#### General reports

- Britain and Canada began adding in the beginning of March the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement to the terrorist list. One of the surfers tries to analyze what is behind this decision. The analysis reminds that:
  1. The Somali in Europe, live mostly in Britain and own economic businesses such as houses of commerce and television stations. They are also very influential in the Somali economy.
  2. The Somali are a united people and that is why they maintain ties with their family members abroad.

Due to the weakness of the Somali President, his meager popularity and his weak reign over Mogadishu, this step was intended to serve as a life line for him, especially after he recently held a visit in Britain. This step was meant to exert pressure on the Somali people so that they surrender to the President's authority, while providing aid on the part of the Somali living in Britain. The same applies to Canada.

The surfer presents this analysis and predicts that in the near future the British will target merchants, media people opposing the Somali President, religious clerics and students if Islamic religion. All of these will be soon persecuted, arrested, charged and have their assets frozen.<sup>47</sup>

<sup>46</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=20713>

<sup>47</sup> <http://124.217.230.214/~alfalaj/vb/showthread.php?t=108513>

**Miscellaneous**

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports on an article that was published in the "Washington Post",<sup>48</sup> according to which the CIA has established a few years ago a Jihadi website in cooperation with Saudi Arabia, in order to expose terrorist activity within the Saudi Kingdom. However, senior American officials discovered in the beginning of 2008 that Jihad activists, who carry out terrorist attacks in Iraq, are in fact using this website. According to some of the estimations in the forum, the website is "Al-Hesbah", which indeed has no longer been active for over a year and a half.<sup>49</sup>
- A surfer at the "Al-Jahafel" forum reminds of the importance of embedding the values of Jihad at infancy by the child's parents, especially in current times where tyranny rules and not God's law.<sup>50</sup>
- A surfer warns his colleagues from attempts to embed spy files in their computers using electronic mail, apparently by use of a message from the Facebook website.<sup>51</sup>
- The "Al-Tawhid" Jihadi media institute announces the opening of "an Islamic website at the service of the Jihadi propaganda and the Jihadi Islamic forums", where one can upload and download quickly various files such as photographs, audio files and more.<sup>52</sup> The website's address: [www.up.twhed.net](http://www.up.twhed.net).
- An announcement on the opening of a new blog in English on the subject of "the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus".<sup>53</sup> The blog's address: <http://ahmad->

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<sup>48</sup> [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/18/AR2010031805464\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/03/18/AR2010031805464_pf.html)

<sup>49</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162928>

<sup>50</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7439>

<sup>51</sup> <http://124.217.230.214/~alfaloj/vb/showthread.php?t=108473>

<sup>52</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57916>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=15427>



jamaat.blogspot.com. The blog contains a forum, a video room, a photograph room, a room dedicated to shahids and a general information room.

- The "Al-Faloja" forum has been exposed in the past days to an unprecedented attack on the part of foreign intelligence services, as stated also by the forum's general supervisor.<sup>54</sup> The forum becomes inactive for several hours or days and tries to upload and operate with new links that are also brought down. Surfers at the "Al-Jahafel" forum warns against the new links, and explain they wrote new correspondence but it disappeared. They call to wait for an official announcement on the new links.<sup>55</sup> The meaning is that an implied fear is stated regarding foreign entities attempting to sabotage the forum and take it over.
- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum announces its return to the internet after it was crashed at the end of January 2010.<sup>56</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports that the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum has been hacked and has stopped working for a few days.<sup>57</sup>
- The Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya forum announced the opening of a channel on YouTube, at the following address:  
[www.youtube.com/user/majahden1#p/u.](http://www.youtube.com/user/majahden1#p/u.)<sup>58</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> <http://124.217.230.214/~alfalaj/vb/showthread.php?t=108480>

<sup>55</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=7330>

<sup>56</sup> <http://shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57820>

<sup>57</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=164558>

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=41852>