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This report summarizes the most prominent events raised in the Jihadi online forums in the first half of August 2010. The report contains the following main issues:

- Ayman Al-Zawahiri releases a third audio tape over the past month
- The no. 2 man in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula publishes a strategic action plan for bringing down the Saudi royal family
- Global Jihad organizations turn to the Muslim public for donations
- A publication by the "Al-Fajr" media institute about how to recruit activists to Al-Qaeda
- Three months after the killing of Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, notice of his replacement has not yet been published
- An increase in terrorist attacks in Iraq
- The leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb threatens France
- The "Abdullah Azzam Brigades" claim responsibility for the terrorist attack against a Japanese tanker at the Strait of Hormuz
- The Lebanese "Fatah Al-Islam" organization announces the death of its leader
- Explanations of how to attack western vessels, and calls to carry out terrorist attacks in the heart of Europe
- Why has the "Al-Falaja" forum been closed down?

## New publications

### *Ideology*

- In honor of Ramadan, the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum published a video tape from last year by Osama bin Laden, titled "The Explanation of Ka'b bin Malik Hadith".<sup>1</sup>
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published an audio tape (20 minutes long) by Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri, titled "A message to the Turkish people". In the tape, Al-Zawahiri demands that the Turkish government sever its ties with Israel, cease the dual policy it uses with Israel, and retract its recognition of the State of Israel. Furthermore, he demands that Turkey stops sending forces to Afghanistan. Al-Zawahiri also addresses the Turkish people in the tape, telling them "to prepare for the role of the Ottoman state which used to defend Islam". At the same time, he also refers to the siege on Gaza and blames the United States, Israel and the Arab regimes for taking part in this siege.<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that this is the third audio tape released by Al-Zawahiri over the past month. His latest statements have dealt mainly with Israel, Turkey, the Palestinians and the eulogizing of the Al-Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, after his death.<sup>3</sup>



- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece for Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), published a video titled "We shall not surrender: we shall win... or die", by Sheikh Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, the

<sup>1</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=25490>. Ka'b bin Malik was an Islamic poet from ancient times.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67357>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Aug\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Aug_2010_No_1.pdf), pages 2, 8.

organization's Amir.<sup>4</sup> It should be noted that from recently published materials in the Arab media, it seems that Abd Al-Wadud's leadership is controversial. In the past it has been reported that a member of the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb Shura Council, Abu Anas Al-Shanqiti, is a candidate for his replacement.<sup>5</sup> Later it was published that Abu Obeida Yusuf, one of the organization's leaders, is expected to be appointed to the position of Amir of the organization due to the deterioration of Abd Al-Wadud's health.<sup>6</sup>



- The "Sawt Al-Islam" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece of the Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP), published a video in Uyghur titled "The Madrassa". The video focuses on the indoctrination of students raised within an environment of Jihad. The video shows the students holding weapons.<sup>7</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi institute published a booklet titled "America and NATO, between the rock of the Emirate and the Al-Qaeda hard place" (20 pages long), by Sheikh Abu Sa'ad Al-Amili.<sup>8</sup> The booklet criticizes the

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23771>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.ennaharonline.com/ar/terrorisme/37389.html>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_April\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_April_2010_No_2.pdf), page 11.

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23443>

<sup>8</sup> His real identity is unknown, but he is credited with a great number of essays on the subject of Jihad. In January 2010 several Jihadi forums published a booklet containing a collection of questions by forum surfers and the abovementioned Sheikh's answers on various issues pertaining to Jihad.

mistaken conception of the U.S. administration and NATO that they could easily overwhelm the alliance between the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan and Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, which has existed for the past 8 years. The booklet refers to the wide battlefield against the Mujahideen, which is comprised of an alliance between the Western forces and the Arab and Islamic rulers, such as Karzai's regime in Afghanistan. However, the booklet stresses that the Mujahideen have succeeded in proving exceptional resilience, and are causing heavy losses to their enemies. Proof of the failure of the U.S. in the campaign raging in Afghanistan is shown by its helplessness in finding a solution that will lead to a resolution on the battlefield. This is demonstrated not only by the sending of a large number of American soldiers to Afghanistan, but also the Western public voicing its opposition to the war, and other examples. In addition, the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan has deepened its hold and gained a popular support base within Afghan society. The influx of Mujahideen from the neighboring regions, such as Pakistan, contributes to the strengthening of the Mujahideen's military strength and the pushing out of Western forces from Afghanistan.<sup>9</sup>

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in Arabic published a 5-page booklet titled "A message from the land of Afghanistan to Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi". The booklet criticizes the heretic Muslim regimes and praises the aforementioned sheikh.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23693>

<sup>10</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=25555>



- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" media institute republished a booklet titled "The Christian and Orthodox Church – a war over Islam and the Muslims" (49 pages long), by Sheikh Abu Abd Al-Razzaq.<sup>11</sup> The booklet was first published at the end of January 2009.



- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a series of televised sermons in honor of Ramadan titled "Sermons for Ramadan", by Sheikh Khaled bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Husaynan (Abu Zaid Al-Kuwaiti), an imam and preacher in one of Kuwait's mosques who apparently currently lives in Afghanistan.

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23658>

Following is the list of the sermons: "Ramadan, an expedite course",<sup>12</sup> "The good of people",<sup>13</sup> "The glory of enthusiasm while praying",<sup>14</sup> "The mention of hell in the Quran",<sup>15</sup> "God's supervision",<sup>16</sup> "Follow the good sin"<sup>17</sup> and "Jealousy".<sup>18</sup>

- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum published a booklet (28 pages) with the answers of the Palestinian Salafi Sheikh, Abu Bakr Al-Ghazi Al-Ansari, to questions posed by surfers on the various Jihadi forums. These questions and answers were part of an open discussion held with the Sheikh on the forum towards the end of July 2010. Amongst the main issues the Sheikh referred to were the Salafi-Jihadi Palestinian movement and Hamas' position in the eyes of the Salafi-Jihadi movement.<sup>19</sup>

#### *Strategy*

- The "Al-Malahim" media institute published an audio segment titled "Together for the uprooting of the Saud Family" by Sheikh Abu Sufyan Al-Azdi, the no. 2 man in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). The main theme is the denial of the Saudi House of Islam and the Muslim nation, and the need to increase the efforts and Jihadi activity against the rule of the House of Saud. Saudi Arabia is accused of collaborating with the West, in particular with the United States, against the Mujahideen in Yemen and in other theaters. Furthermore, despite Saudi Arabia's economic strength from its oil income, it does not cope with the Jewish and Shiite threats who aspire to expand their

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67409>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67412>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67413>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=383912>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67485>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?p=384896>

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67643>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=24308>

influence in the region, including in the Arabian Peninsula. In face of this serious geopolitical reality, the Mujahideen's Shura Council convened in the Arabian Peninsula and outlined an action plan:<sup>20</sup>

1. An expression of willingness to unite the ranks and carry out Da'awa activity and Jihad for Allah. A plan of "establishing Da'awa groups that will recruit anyone who can help on the organizational level, the military level or the political level etc. In particular, those **in military aviation**, senior members in charge of weapons arsenals, senior members of the military, those in the Ministry of Interior, those in situation rooms and those in propaganda centers, so as to facilitate the downfall of the state of the Saud Family at a later point [...]". It should be noted that the attempt to infiltrate the army ranks, the police and the security forces is well known from the Yemeni theater of activity, where it is apparently done on a regular basis. In addition, this was the action strategy in Egypt of the organization Egyptian Jihad, which amongst other things murdered Anwar Sadat.
2. The establishment of operational cells for the gathering of information and defining of important targets that will help to bring down the presiding regime.
3. Muslims serving as guards to Princes, Ministers or the buildings in which Christians live, are supposed to strive for their murder.
4. Muslims working in the Ministry of Interior should supply useful information which may help the Mujahideen in formulating targets for elimination and operation, such as apartments, offices of senior members

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<sup>20</sup> <http://202.75.56.237/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=66663>

of the Ministry of Interior etc. This information should then be sent to the organization's military mail.

5. Complete prohibition on helping the regime in its actions attacking the Mujahideen.
6. "Put your faith in Allah regarding the blood of the Muslims, and do not spill forbidden blood even if it is an entity that can delay one of your objectives."
7. Recruiting the Muslim masses and depicting the existing regime as a heretic regime.
8. Providing assistance to the Mujahideen.
9. It is preferable not to allow Muslims to leave the Arabian Peninsula unless in special cases, such as fear of imprisonment.
10. It is better not to be taken captive, but rather to strive for a martyr's death. Furthermore, one should purchase weapons to defend the religion, the soul and the honor.
11. No one may contradict Sharia Law, unless a fatwa is issued by the Mujahideen's religious clerics "as the rules of war are different to the rules of peace".
12. The Muslims, who continue to serve the government, should trust in God and beware not to heed the fatwas of religious clerics operating on behalf of the regime, as these contradict the Sharia. As a rule, one should avoid providing assistance to the government as it is "an agent of the Crusade in the region".

In the announcement, government officials, and especially the armed forces, are asked to disobey the regime when they are asked to forcibly quell Muslim protests against the injustices of the government. Furthermore, they are



asked to show initiative and attack Israel from the north of the Arabian Peninsula due to the geographical proximity of Israel to Saudi Arabia. For example, a suggestion is made: **"Who amongst you who is a pilot, should seek a martyr's death over the skies of Palestine, and who amongst you who is in the Navy, should point his weapons against the Jews where he will gain a martyr's death for Allah".**



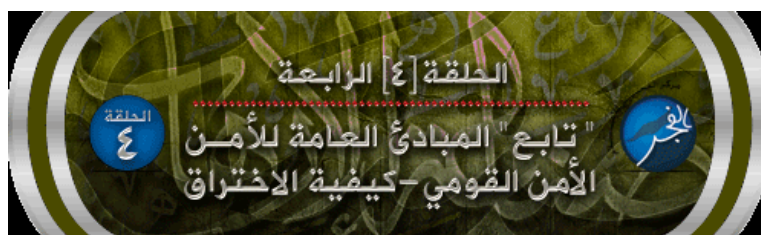
- The "Nukhbat Al-'Ilam Al-Jihadi" media institute published its first propaganda video as part of the campaign called "Equip Us". The video addresses the Muslim public, calling on them to donate money to the Mujahideen to help them in their efforts against the enemies of Islam, including the Crusader occupying forces. The video does not provide instructions on how to make the donations and does not state how the fundraising is conducted, or to whom the donations should be made.<sup>21</sup>

<sup>21</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=26383>



Guidance books and manuals

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a fourth audio segment as part of the series of publications "The Terrorism Industry: a Course in Security and Intelligence". This segment was titled "The Principles of Security, National Security, Mode of Infiltration", and is by Sheikh Abu Ubeida Abdullah Al-Adm, apparently a Salafi-Jihadi of Pakistani origin.<sup>22</sup>



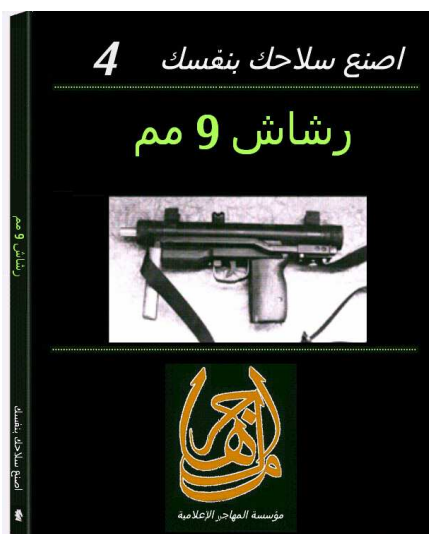
Furthermore, the "Al-Fajr" institute published the fifth segment in this series of publications, titled "The Way to Recruit Members to the Organization".<sup>23</sup>

- The "Al-Muhajir" Jihadi media institute published the fourth manual of the series of publications "Build Your Weapons Yourself". This manual was titled "A 9 mm submachine gun".<sup>24</sup>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23559>

<sup>23</sup> <http://202.75.56.237/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=67086>

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23432>



- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum published the answers of Abdullah Dhu Al-Bajadin, known to be the author of the military encyclopedias for the Mujahideen. These were responses to questions posed by surfers on various military issues, including the preparation of homemade explosives devices.<sup>25</sup>

*Promoting the myth of the shahid*

- The "Al-Malahim" institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published Abu Musab Muhammad Umayr Al-Kalawi Al-Awlaki's book "Why did I choose Al-Qaeda?", with an introduction by Abu Basir Nasser Al-Wahishi, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>26</sup> Al-Awlaki was killed in an American bombing in Yemen in December 2009.<sup>27</sup> Umayr Al-Kalawi Al-Awlaki, (also known as Abu Musab Al-Awlaki), wrote the book before his death and the "Al-Malahim" institute has now decided to

<sup>25</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4229>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.faloojaa.net/vb/showthread.php?t=129073>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Jan\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Jan_2010_No_1.pdf), pages 6–7.

publish it with an introduction by the leader of AQAP and religious cleric, Anwar Al-Awlaki (also known as Abu Bara).

In the introduction, Al-Wahishi attacks the Yemeni religious clerics for taking the side against the path of Jihad, and also the Yemeni President. Anwar Al-Awlaki stresses that the battle against the United States will go on, he accused the Yemen government of easing the way of the American planes that bombarded Umayr Al-Kalawi, and threatened revenge against the West and against Yemen, not only for his death, but also the deaths of other Al-Qaeda activists. Furthermore, he states that the author of the book wrote parts of the book in his house, and other parts on his travels and on the battlefields where they prepared for attacks against American and Yemen entities.

The book's author, Umayr Al-Kalawi, called on the religious clerics to join Al-Qaeda's path, and he attacks the media for the distorted picture it paints of the Mujahideen. He clarifies that the organization is not waging a random war against the United States and its allies, but that it is a war based on fighting methodology, and that the war has several objectives, including severely hurting the U.S. prestige and gaining trust in the hearts of the Muslims. He states that the fighting methodology is based now on three stages: bringing down scattered blows so as to weaken the enemy and its allies; the second stage is an intermediate stage called "Management of Savagery" which is also the name of the book by the Jihadi ideologist, Abu Bakr Naji; and the third stage is the establishment of an Islamic state. Al-Kalawi emphasizes that without the organization's fighting methodology, it could not cope with the strongest superpower in the world.<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> [http://www.newsyeemen.net/view\\_news.asp?sub\\_no=1\\_2010\\_08\\_23\\_46649](http://www.newsyeemen.net/view_news.asp?sub_no=1_2010_08_23_46649)

From the book's table of contents we learn that Al-Kalawi chose Al-Qaeda for the following reasons:

1. It chose the path of Jihad.
2. It fights for justice and in accordance with Islamic law.
3. It is the Islamic organization that hates the Jews, Christians and the Hypocrites ("Al-Munafiqun" – a term taken from the Quran) more than any of the other organizations.
4. It has breathed life into the term "Religious clerics identifying with the government".
5. For the organization's morality, its Jihadi education and its fighting methodology which all instill terror amongst the enemies.
6. Because the book's author cannot see the Islamic world in this state without Al-Qaeda, as the path it has chosen pleases him more than any other path.



- The Deputy Manager of the "Ansar Dawlat Al-Iraq Al-Islamiya" Jihadi forum published a two-part video titled "The Lost Publication: The Campaign of Honor in Bosnia".<sup>29</sup>

<sup>29</sup> <http://ansar-dawlat-aliraq-alislamyah.net/vb/showthread.php?t=4665>



### Magazines

- Issue no. 22 (26 pages long) of the "Al-Waqi" Jihadi magazine. The magazine presents the reader with a collection of reports dealing with the various Jihad arenas around the world, as well as with the international news which is at the top of the international agenda. The current issue discusses, for example, the tension between the Israel Defense Force and the Lebanese Army, the killing of two Italians specializing in the disarming of landmines in Afghanistan, Al-Qaeda's success in Iraq, as well as other issues.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>30</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23964>

## Reports from the field

### Afghanistan – Pakistan

- Three months after the May 2010 elimination of Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, the Al-Qaeda leader in Afghanistan,<sup>31</sup> the general leadership has yet to publish an announcement about his replacement. This matter raises certain questions, as the Afghan theater is Al-Qaeda's main fighting arena with the United States' and NATO forces.
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported that Taliban fighters carried out a suicide attack on Kandahar Airport, where there is a large military base belonging to the Coalition Forces.<sup>32</sup>

### Iraq

- In recent weeks there has been a marked increase in the number of terrorist attacks in the Iraqi arena, a fact that may be linked to the retreat of the American forces from Iraq, or the position taken by the Al-Qaeda leaders in Iraq. With regards to this, one can mention the terrorist attack on the offices of the Al-Arabiya Network in Baghdad at the end of July 2010,<sup>33</sup> as well as the terrorist attack in August 2010 on a police station in the Baghdad area.<sup>34</sup> As previously mentioned, in April 2010 the Al-Qaeda leadership in Iraq was eliminated; a new leadership was appointed several weeks later, in May.<sup>35</sup> After the appointment, which was announced by the Shura Council of "the

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<sup>31</sup> [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_June\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No_1.pdf), page 8.

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=3820>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/07/29/115133.html>

<sup>34</sup> <http://international.daralhayat.com/internationalarticle/175730>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_May\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_May_2010_No_2.pdf), page 11.

Islamic State of Iraq" (without the publishing of an official notice on the subject on behalf of Al-Qaeda's general leadership),<sup>36</sup> surfs on the Jihadi forums called for a strengthening of the Jihadi activity in Iraq, whilst others complained about the poor activity of the "Al-Furqan" media institute which operates on behalf of the "Islamic State of Iraq".<sup>37</sup> Abu Yahya Al-Libi referred to the matter and in a video he published he encouraged the Mujahideen in Iraq and called for the continuation of the fighting.<sup>38</sup>

- A report on the suicide attack on a recruitment center in Baghdad was posted on the forums<sup>39</sup>, as well as in all Arab media. The attack claimed the lives of close to 60 men who were enlisting to the Iraqi military, and was carried out by a militant posing as an Iraqi officer. Al-Jazeera also reported on the increase of deaths in recent months at the hands of militant groups.<sup>40</sup>

#### The Arabian Peninsula

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement titled "A raid on the military post of the Central Security of the Shabwa Province and the killing of everyone there."<sup>41</sup> According to the announcement, one of the "Shahid Sheikh Muhammad Umayr" Brigades succeeded in infiltrating one of the army posts of the central security at the Shabwa Province, killing the six soldiers staying there. It was also stated in the announcement that the organization wishes to attack the Yemeni president, his government, his

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<sup>36</sup> <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=172233&pagenumber=&p=1328404>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_July\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_1.pdf), page 2.

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=25713>

<sup>40</sup> <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/08/20108175569660499.html>

<sup>41</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23700>



soldiers and anyone collaborating with the Americans against the Muslims. Furthermore, it was declared that the organization will fight until it succeeds in implementing Sharia.<sup>42</sup>

- Al-Sharq Al-Awsat quoted Yemeni officials who claimed that Jamaan Safian, who was responsible for the activities of AQAP in the Al-Jawf province, has surrendered to authorities.<sup>43</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported that three Yemeni security officers at the British Embassy in Sana'a were injured when armed men fired shots at the embassy from a passing car.<sup>44</sup> It should be noted that at the end of April 2010 there was a failed assassination attempt on the life of the British ambassador to Yemen.<sup>45</sup>

#### The Maghreb

- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, which serves as a mouthpiece for AQIM, published an announcement titled "Oh righteous, you have done well and won and your heretic traitorous enemies have failed" by Sheikh Abd Al-Rahman Abu Anas Al-Shanqiti, a Salafi-Jihadi sheikh from Mauritania, and member of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb's Shura Council. In the announcement he expresses his condolences on the deaths of six fighters from the organization after a French attack. Furthermore, he criticizes those who collaborated with the French attack and addresses the tribes' people, calling on them to avenge their deaths. Finally, Al-Shanqiti warns Sarkozy that he

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23741>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.aawsat.com/english/news.asp?section=1&id=21968>

<sup>44</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=3201>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_May\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_May_2010_No_1.pdf), page 15.

and France will bear the consequences.<sup>46</sup> Shanqiti published a further announcement in which he wished to show support to the Mujahideen operating mainly in the Maghreb and the Sahara region and called for the avenging of the deaths of the fighters killed by the French forces.<sup>47</sup>

- The Moroccan authorities announced the capture of a 24 man terrorist cell connected to Al-Qaeda, which planned to carry out terrorist attacks against foreign targets in Morocco and the Moroccan Security Forces.<sup>48</sup>

#### The Al-Sham region

- The "Abdullah Azzam Brigades" published an official announcement claiming responsibility for the suicide attack on a Japanese oil tanker at the end of July 2010. The suicide bomber, Ayyub Al-Taishan, carried out the attack on behalf of the Squadron of Sheikh Yusuf Al-Uyeyri (a senior Saudi Al-Qaeda member killed in 2003) which operates as a part of the Abdullah Azzam Brigades.<sup>49</sup>



- The Lebanese "Fatah Al-Islam" organization, which identifies with Al-Qaeda in Lebanon, published an official announcement on the death of the organization's Emir, Abu Muhammad Awad. Awad was killed on August 15<sup>th</sup>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=24264>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=24263>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=188007&pagenumber=>

<sup>49</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=23532>. For details, see: [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG Japanese Oil Tanker.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG%20Japanese%20Oil%20Tanker.pdf)

2010 as a result of an exchange of fire with forces from the Lebanese Army.<sup>50</sup>

After this event, the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published new photographs of Awad.<sup>51</sup>



- The "Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" Salafi-Jihadi group, which operates in the Gaza Strip, published a new video titled "Blood under the Flag of Tawhid". The clip is dedicated to the organization's activists killed by Hamas at the Ibn Taymiyyah Mosque in August 2009.<sup>52</sup>



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

- Explanations as to how to attack sea vessels belonging to Western entities:<sup>53</sup>
  - The arming of boats with 82mm mortars. Mortars have a range of up to 4km, and therefore this option should be used to attack the target ship.
  - Shooting from the coast towards a ship.

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?t=397371>

<sup>51</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67684>

<sup>52</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=25789>

<sup>53</sup> <http://alfalajaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=128623>

- The arming of boats with Katyusha rockets which can be used to attack a ship directly.
- The manufacturing of floating charges for the water which can be detonated remotely against the ship. The manufacturing of other charges that can move towards a ship docking at the port.
- The establishment of a unit that uses speedboats to attack ships with RPGs.

Another surfer suggests establishing a unit of divers that specialize in the laying of mines.

- Calls to the Mujahideen, the leaders of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and the Islamic Maghreb, and the "secret soldier in Europe", Rakan Ben Wilyamz, to carry out terrorist attacks in the heart of Europe.<sup>54</sup>
- Following President Obama's announcement that he will send 30,000 additional soldiers to Afghanistan, there are calls to attack the U.S. embassies in Syria, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco.<sup>55</sup>
- A surfer called Yaman Mukhdeb is writing a four-part research paper titled "The period following America or the one preceding the Caliphates". He is also basing his work on foreign research on the matter. All the parts are found via the link.<sup>56</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported the appointment of Saifullah Al-Ghubadini as Amir of the Mujahideen in Dagestan and as Qadi of the Emirate of the Caucasus.<sup>57</sup> He was killed several days later.<sup>58</sup>

<sup>54</sup> <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=128309>

<sup>55</sup> <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=126877>

<sup>56</sup> <http://alfaljaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=128967>

<sup>57</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4193>,

<http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4923>

<sup>58</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=5482>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported that contrary to recent reports, the Amir of the Emirate of the Caucasus, Dokku Abu Usman, has remained in his position.<sup>59</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported the death of the Amir of the Islamic movement in Uzbekistan, Taher Yuldashev, who has been called the "Uzbek bin Laden".<sup>60</sup>

#### General reports

- Ubada bin Samit, a surfer whose name made headlines after making threats to carry out terrorist attacks at the World Cup Games in South Africa in July of this year, raises a series of questions, all of which are under the headline "Are you ready for the next September 11 events?". He raises further questions such as "Is a blow to be expected, will it be crushing? Does the United States need another blow or is what she has sustained enough? Are you ready to spread the culture of global Jihad? Should we expect an important publication by the 'As-Sahab' institute, as well as a taped speech by Osama bin Laden declaring a new stage? Is there an expectation of an Al-Qaeda attack that will make the earth tremble all over the world in honor of this date?"<sup>61</sup>
- The GIMF Jihadi media institute published an announcement on behalf of the "Voice of Jihad in Nosantara" examining "the arrest of Sheikh Abu Bakr Ba'asyir and regarding Jihad today in Indonesia". According to the announcement, the Indonesian police force arrested Sheikh Abu Bakr Ba'asyir

<sup>59</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4182>

<sup>60</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=5038>

<sup>61</sup> <http://alfalojweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=130074>

after he gave a sermon on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The announcement stated that the sheikh's arrest was meant to placate the United States and Australia as part of the Crusader war against Islam and the Muslims, with the participation of Indonesia itself. The announcement further stated that the Mujahideen in Indonesia will continue the Jihadi war, despite the arrests and the killings.<sup>62</sup>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported on the arrest of Abdul Ela Sha'i, a Yemeni journalist with close ties to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>63</sup> It should be noted that in the first half of July 2010, Sha'i was abducted by masked men and released several days later.<sup>64</sup>

### Miscellaneous

#### Excitement at the leading Jihadi forum – Al-Faloja:

- From the point of view of global Jihad organizations, media is of the utmost importance. The Jihadi forums are full of discussions surrounding the importance of Jihadi propaganda, and surfers are continuously finding ways to improve it. Only a few weeks ago the prominent forums of global Jihad organizations crashed, including: "Al-Faloja", "Shumukh Al-Islam" and "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya".<sup>65</sup> After these forums managed to come back up, a tumultuous discussion began at the "Al-Faloja" forum surrounding its expected closure, and indeed several days after this discussion the forum did close down and is now inactive. The reason for this is

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<sup>62</sup> <http://www.almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?p=1963>

<sup>63</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=5156>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_July\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf), page 9.

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_July\\_2010\\_No\\_1.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_1.pdf), page 17.

unknown but it has been seen previously that forums shut down, or are brought down by foreign parties around September 11<sup>th</sup>. Following is a summary of a dialogue that occurred at the "Al-Faloja" forum with regards to this issue:

- The "Al-Faloja" forum General Supervisor announced on August 13<sup>th</sup> 2010 that the forum will close. Surfers wondered whether it was a temporary step or a permanent one, and wish for the forum's return as they view the closure as a harsh blow to Jihadi propaganda. On the other hand, some emphasize that there are other forums that will serve the messages of Jihad. Some surfers view it as a tactical and not a strategic decision. Others ask for a formal announcement from the forum managers recommending another reliable forum to replace the Al-Faloja forum. Following this correspondence, the forum's general supervisor says that it will operate for another week. However, later on an announcement is given stating that the forum will shut down on August 14<sup>th</sup>.<sup>66</sup> Another supervisor calls on the forum's surfers to only become active members in forums approved by the "Al-Fajr" media center.<sup>67</sup>
- A forum supervisor explains that over recent years Jihadi forums have stopped working and shut down, but that does not mean an end has come to Jihadi propaganda. This fact merely serves as an incentive to increase efforts to raise the prestige of Jihadi propaganda. He calls on the surfers to show determination and continue helping Jihad and the Mujahideen, and even to join the battlefield. As expected, the surfers show him support, but one surfer dares to come out against the closing of the forum. He claims that the forum supervisors do not have the right to shut it down as it is not their property, and if they cannot fulfill their duty (which is their right), they must place the

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<sup>66</sup> <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=129941>

<sup>67</sup> <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=130046>

responsibility in the hands of others. He chastises them: "Where is your perseverance? Where is your determination...?".<sup>68</sup>

- The storm at the "Al-Faloja" forum continues: in a manner atypical to the forum, one of the forum supervisors announces on August 15<sup>th</sup> that the forum will continue to operate regularly. According to him, thanks to the great effort and collaboration on the part of all "the honest people", and everyone's wish to overcome the difficulties – "we have decided to continue on the path... until victory is achieved...your brothers at the Al-Faloja forum management". The surfers welcome this announcement but some demand clarification regarding what has occurred, especially in view of the conflicting announcements – according to them "this is not befitting a Jihadi propaganda entity such as Al-Faloja". Other surfers speak of "upheavals" in the forum's management and of the deposing of the General Supervisor. Another supervisor responds and chastises the surfers: "You do not need to know everything that goes on here – at the forum management... there are enough problems and things happening between us, and you criticize us and make false statements... have you forgotten what we have done for you and how we hastened to warn you when the forum was breached recently?! Have you forgotten or were you made to forget?!... Whoever said these things, even if he is a registered member – the required steps will be taken against him".

Other surfers quote the words of "Asad Al-Jihad 2", who attacked the forum supervisors asking "When have the Al-Faloja forum's supervisors fulfilled their duties and warned the surfers about what you well know and the forum surfers will know soon?... You have made up a great libel."

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<sup>68</sup> <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=129989>



Following the words of "Asad Al-Jihad 2" the surfers attack him. Even though there are some who do not believe that "Asad Al-Jihad 2" is indeed the person behind them, some surfers say that he displays hatred towards the forum and emphasize: "Get away from here! The current stage of Jihad does not need people like you!" They call on him not to hold a grudge towards the forum for the omission of a past criticism he made against the forum supervisors. The General Supervisor himself joins the criticism against "Asad Al-Jihad 2" and refers him to the "Shumukh Al-Islam" forum, telling him that also there the "Al-Fajr" center does not publish its publications under that name, but has a representative from the forum in charge of the publications on the forum.

The General Supervisor reproaches Asad Al-Jihad 2: "Your words are false... there are things you do not know... this proves that you do not follow the Jihadi forums and are not conversant with what goes on there".

After a lengthy discussion, the General Supervisor decides that the discussion has exceeded the boundaries of good taste. On the night of August 15<sup>th</sup> he announces the closing of the discussion, following the slurs against "Asad Al-Jihad 2", and admits that he too went too far with his criticism.<sup>69</sup>

- One of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum surfers suggests that the "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute should open a news website "like the news agencies' websites" that will focus on and provide news reports about the Mujahideen around the world. The website should also constitute a database for all their reports, books and publications. The role of the Jihadi forums will remain intact and they will quote materials on the main website and allocate their platform to the surfers' discussion regarding these materials. According to the surfer, this initiative is meant to provide a response to the attempts to

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<sup>69</sup> <http://alfalojaweb.info/vb/showthread.php?t=130106>

bring down and infiltrate the Jihadi forums, and to ensure the survival of the sources that will continue to provide reports on the Mujahideen in an ongoing manner.<sup>70</sup>

- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum asks its surfers to offer congratulations in honor of the inauguration of several new chat rooms within the forum, which deal with individual issues, including: the Islamic Maghreb, Muslim prisoners, Shahids, a chat room in Spanish, a room in English, a chat room in French and a chat room in German.<sup>71</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reports that it has opened three Facebook pages which can be used to follow news relating to the Mujahideen.<sup>72</sup>

<sup>70</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=67408>

<sup>71</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=24208>

<sup>72</sup> <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=4880>