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

New publications

Audio and video tapes

- An audio file by Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi, Al-Qaeda's leader in Iraq, which speaks out against the elections for the Iraqi Parliament, due to be held on March 2010. He describes them as illegal, issues a call not to participate in them and threatens to carry out terrorist attacks in order to prevent them from being held.¹
- The "Sawt Al-Islam" Jihadi media institute, which belongs to the Islamic Party of Turkistan (IPT), published a video in Arabic, Chinese and Uyghur, entitled "The Military Operations of the Islamic Party of Turkistan against Communist China in 2009."²
- One of the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Arabic forum supervisors published a video clip on Abdullah Azzam, entitled "Jihad in Afghanistan".³
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English forum posted a video clip entitled "The Real story Behind Israel's Invasion of Gaza". The video presents the claims made in the Goldstone Report, accompanied by photographs.⁴

¹ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102799>

² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12462>

³ <http://www.as-ansar.org/vb/showthread.php?t=15358>

⁴ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19141>

- The "Al-Balagh" (The Message) media institute, established in November 2009, published its first publication entitled "The Jihadi Media Continues on its Path". It is a 10 minute video dealing with Jihadi propaganda.⁵

Magazines

- The "Sariyyat Al-Sumud Al-Ilamiya" Jihadi media institute (The Resistance's Media Company) published the fourth issue of the Jihadi "Al-Mushtaqm Ila Al-Jannah" magazine (Those Yearning for Heaven). The issue, 103 pages long, is mostly dedicated to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). It should be noted that the issue has an attachment in the form of a 25 page long magazine called "Hafidat Al-Khansaa" (Al-Khansaa's Granddaughters),⁶ which deals with the contribution and the role of women in Jihad.⁷



- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published the 13th issue of its English magazine, "In Fight", 119 pages long. The "Al-Mosul" media institute published the fifth issue of its magazine in English, "Defenders of the Truth", 39 pages long. The magazine includes five articles involving issues of Islam, Jihad and the fight in different regions. The third article is actually an

⁵ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=38652>

⁶ Al-Khansaa is an Arab poetess and a contemporary of the Prophet Muhammad. It should be mentioned that "Al-Khansaa" was an online magazine published since August 2004 by a Saudi branch of Al-Qaeda which was aimed towards a female demographic.

⁷ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12427>

interview with a Mujahid of the Tareek-E-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Swat. The interview focuses on goals, current situation and alliances. The following are the main points of the interview:

- The main goal is breaking the US Pakistan alliance and imposing the rule of Allah on the region.
- The tactics changed from head-on resistance to guerilla warfare.
- TTP and TNSM (Tehrik-e-Nifaz-Shariat-e-Muhammadi) have the same goal, yet practice different ways to achieve it. While TTP believes in jihad, TNSM believes in more peaceful methods. Most of the current members of TTP were previously TNSM.
- TTP and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan are the same movement in two different countries. They both have the same Amir.
- TTP maintains good ties with all groups with the common goal of removing the US and NATO from Afghanistan and Pakistan including Al-Qaeda.
- TTP holds indirect contacts with groups outside South Asia who are fighting jihad.

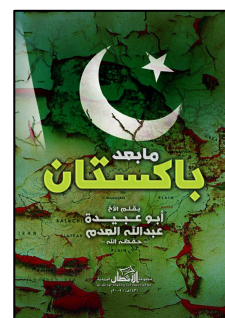
The fourth article discusses the battleground of Iraq as "The Post Graduate University of the Muslim Mujahid". The article mentions the phases Iraq went through since the US invasion and the reasons until the announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). The article also discusses the problems facing the Mujahideen, the control of the media and the experience gained by the jihad movements from the Iraqi battlegrounds.

- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published the 8th issue of the "Al-Waqi" weekly (The Reality), whose goal is to gather reports from the Arab and global media dealing in Jihad.⁸

⁸ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58712>

Publications

- The Al-Fajr” Jihadi media institute published a manifesto by the number 3 man in Al-Qaeda, Abu Yahya Al-Libi, entitled: “We are not Houthis...”. This manifesto was published following the war waged by Saudi Arabia against the Shiite Houthis in northern Yemen. Al-Libi at first chooses to emphasize the vast difference between the Salafi-Jihadi and the Houthis, as regards to faith, the theory and the objectives. In his view, both the Houthis and the Saudi regime are considered Muslims who have strayed. However, his words mainly criticize the hypocrisy of the Saudi regime in view of its renouncement of the Mujahideen and of the commandment of Jihad. According to Al-Libi, the Saudi regime and the Wahabbi establishment, succumbing to the former’s dictations, are quick to declare it an obligation to go on Jihad against the Houthis in Yemen, while in other arenas in the Muslim world, such as Iraq, they try to make it more difficult by way of Fatwas forbidding going on Jihad. This fickle policy stems, in his eyes, from certain interests of the House of Saud, such as the relationship with the United States.⁹
- The “Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya” group – one of global Jihad’s media institute publishing video clips, books and other publications – has published a 16 page booklet entitled “What after Pakistan”, by Sheikh Abu Obeida Abdullah Al-Adam.¹⁰
- The “Shumukh Al-Islam” Jihadi forum published Sheikh Abu Saad Al-Amili’s¹¹ responses in a 198 page long book, entitled “Observations and Educational Guidance: on questions pertaining to the movements and Jihad”. The Sheikh’s



⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12198>

¹⁰ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58620>

¹¹ His identity is unknown. In the book’s preface it is stated that at this time it is better to maintain the anonymity of Al-Amili and of other prominent writers on the internet, in light of the surveillance and the chase of the West on the Mujahideen.

answers were given to the questions posed by the surfers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam", the "Al-Tahadi" and the "Al-Faloja" Jihadi forums on November 2009. The book itself is divided into six categories, according to subjects:¹²

1. Questions on the essence of Jihad, as well as future trends, financing sources and more.
 2. The role of the Ulama and the stance that should be taken in their regard.
 3. Cooperation with supporters of the governments.
 4. Jihad's reality today and its future in the Islamic expanse, such as in Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and more.
 5. The role of the Jihadi media.
 6. Various questions on Islamic religious law.
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, operating in all probability from the Palestinian Territories, published links for downloading a virtual course on the manufacturing of grenades, by the "Al-Mujahideen" media institute.¹³
 - The "Minbar Al-Tawhid Wal-Jihad" website – identified with the Salafi ideologist Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi – published a new 63 page booklet entitled "The Book of Truth on Monotheism" by the Saudi Wahabbi Sheikh, Ali Al-Khudhayr. Sheikh Hamud bin Uqlaa Al-Shu'aybi, a Saudi militant sheikh, who was jailed in a Saudi prison in 1995 for declaring the Saudi government a heretic regime, wrote the preface to the booklet.¹⁴ It is not known exactly when the booklet was published, but it was clearly before 2002, as Sheikh Al-Shu'aybi died on January 2002.



¹² <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58215>

¹³ <http://69.162.81.124/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=38527>

¹⁴ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58413>

- The "Al-Ma'sada" Jihadi media institute published a five page booklet entitled "The Souls of Beloved in the Islamic State of Iraq" by Sheikh Abu Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Masri, known as a prolific writer in the field of Jihad.¹⁵
- The "Ansar Al-Sunna – Al-Hay'a Al-Shar'iya" group (The Supporters of the Sunna – The Religious Committee),¹⁶ a Jihadi organization in Iraq, published a four page manual dealing in the training of field commanders.¹⁷
- Booklet No. 40 in the "Martyr's Biography" series. This time the booklet focuses on Abu Anas Al-Janubi's biography, one of Al-Qaeda's fighters in Iraq.¹⁸
- The "Elif Medya" Turkish media institute published an official announcement in German, entitled "The European Union – The Ban on the Veil", by Amir Abu Ishaq Al-Muhajir, the Mujahideen's Amir of the German Taliban.¹⁹
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi English forum published a 463 page book entitled "An Incomplete Story: The Muslims of Spain Post 1492 in a Global Context and Its Relevance to Muslims Today". The book was written by Ibn Abi Hashim Al-Muhajir.²⁰
- The "Riyah" (Winds) Jihadi media institute published a missive in accordance with the Muslims' requests, wishing to clarify its belief and world view. The



¹⁵ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58624>

¹⁶ The group was founded on September 2003 as an umbrella organization of several Jihadi factions.

¹⁷ <http://alboraq.info/showthread.php?t=147358>

¹⁸ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58517>

¹⁹ <http://www.cihaderi.net/EU-%E2%80%93-Burka-Verbot-haber-15561.html>,

http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber_detay.php?haber_id=2348

²⁰ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=18937>

missive emphasizes the belief in the uniqueness of God, as a leading indicator for the institute.²¹

Reports from the field

Afghanistan – Pakistan

- A surfer identifying himself as a member of Al-Qaeda in Khorasan, Afghanistan, explains why he swore allegiance and joined the organization. He writes of his eagerness to the idea of Jihad, of the Mujahideen's dedication to the idea of Jihad and their great sacrifice for the Islamic nation against the enemies.²²
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi English forum published a report according to which the Taliban have a new series of roadside explosive charges that cannot be detected by existing technological means.²³

Iraq

- A job opening at the "Al-Furqan" media institute belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). The job requirements are gathering materials appearing on the Arab and Western media on the Islamic State of Iraq.²⁴
- A surfer on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum predicts that just as the Taliban followed the path of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) and attacked government offices, Al-Qaeda activists in Iraq will follow the Taliban and carry out terrorist attacks at the ballots.²⁵ This correspondence came up in light of the upcoming elections in Iraq, which are due to take place at the beginning of March 2010.

²¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12364>

²² <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=101484>

²³ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=18980>

²⁴ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101559>

²⁵ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=155543>

- A writer from Iraq advises on how to prepare an effective blend for explosives to be used against the Americans.²⁶

The Arabian Peninsula

- Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institute, "Al-Malahim", published a 12 minute audio tape by the No. 2 figure in the organization, Sa'id Al-Shihri, on February 8th 2010, issuing a call to attack western targets and to prepare for the upcoming war against the organization in Yemen, with indirect American involvement.



Al-Shihri implied on the tape that the organization

is striving to take over the Bab el-Mandeb Straits, separating Asia (Yemen) and Africa (Djibouti, north of Somalia in the Africa Horn) and connecting the Red Sea and Aden Bay in the Indian Ocean. According to him, such a move "will tighten the suffocating grip on the Jews". In order to realise this objective, he calls upon the armed people in Yemen to make use of the fighters from Somalia.

Al-Shihri said that the state of the organization's leadership in the Arabian Peninsula, which was recently attacked several times in the Abyan, Shabwa and Mareb Provinces, is good. In fact, this tape is the first proof that Al-Shihri was not eliminated in the attacks carried out by the Yemenite forces on the organization's strongholds in December 2009.

Furthermore, Al-Shihri said on the tape that the organization's attempt to blow up an American passenger plane on Christmas Eve was done in coordination with Osama bin Laden, who even took responsibility for the

²⁶ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=101532>

event in an audio tape published at the end of January 2010, several weeks after the leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula announced it was behind the attempted attack.

Finally, Al-Shihri calls upon the Yemenite tribes to join Jihad, including the Houthi-Shiite rebels who disagree with Al-Qaeda's ideology, but at the same time fight a common enemy – the Yemenite government.²⁷

- A surfer from Gaza addresses Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to kill Jews in Yemen and prevent the Hamas government spokesperson, Islam Shahwan, from going around Yemen without fear. Shahwan is completing his studies at one of the universities in the country.²⁸

- Following the London Committee's meeting at the end of January 2010, which discussed the situation in Yemen, one of the surfers attacks it and calls it "London's plot against Yemen". He praises Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's activities, in the four years of its operations since its activists



succeeded in fleeing arrest in February 2006, and boasts of its achievements and influence in the international arena. At the end of the correspondence, he addresses the organization's leader and advises the following:²⁹

1. Coming out against the imminent attack against them in the ideological arena. That is why he suggests holding courses for the organization's activists in the religious field, to prepare them for the attempts to fault Al-Qaeda's activities.
2. To expand the "Jihad Hothouse", as far as possible, in the organization's areas of operation, in preparation for the breakout of a war against them.

²⁷ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38653>

²⁸ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101670>

²⁹ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102129>

3. To recruit additional members by spreading the ideology to as wide an audience as possible, both inside and outside its areas of activity, outside the cities and in remote locations.
4. Emphasize the idea of an enemy from the outside – Israel, the United States, the Jews and the Christians – instead of an enemy from within (the heretic governments), as was done by the Houthis, in order to recruit as many supporters as possible to fight the Yemenite government.
5. Raise the organization's prestige within the population, by attacking foreign military targets, especially American, in the Gulf countries. He reminds that it is especially easy to attack American bases alongside the Gulf shores, especially when the soldiers at these bases tour the markets and public places during their leave. He clarifies that he refers to Gulf countries where no terrorist attacks were carried out thus far.
6. Emphasize the economical aspect of Jihad and the idea of stealing the oil from the Muslims, while providing religious justification.
7. Send religious clerics to the tribe leaders, to explain the religious ban on supporting the Yemenite government. They should also be sent to the mosque imams and the preachers of the Friday sermons, to explain that it is forbidden to defend the Yemenite government and try to persuade them to join the Mujahideen.
8. The organization's activists should be deployed extensively outside the regions considered to be the organization's strongholds in Yemen, and should not stay attached to a specific area, but should conduct a guerrilla war.
9. The campaign should be delayed as long as possible, to give priority to the recruitment and training process, as well as the selection of dozens of

targets inside and outside. A deterring force should also be deployed, in order to carry out planned attacks immediately upon receiving the green light.

10. Come out against the anti-terrorist headquarters after receiving a signal from the organization's headquarters.
11. Agents should be deployed in order to help the Mujahideen inside the cities. This will help the cells with special missions who will also infiltrate the government's security forces.
12. The media center's capability should be improved and news of the Mujahideen's actions should be publicised constantly.
13. A plan should be prepared for each cell separately, in case they need to retreat or their communications are cut off, and medical centers should be set up to care for the injured Mujahideen.

In conclusion he issues a call to study Abu Musab Al-Suri's book "Da'wat Al-Muqawamah Al-Islamiyyah Al-'Alamiyyah" (The Global Islamic Resistance Call). One of the surfers calls upon Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to carry out "an attack against the Zionists", in order to help "the Muslims in Palestine".

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that Yemen will increase its security measures in light of the Somali refugees, following the repeated declarations made by the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement to send fighters over to Yemen.³⁰
- Following the reports that Muslims left the United States for Yemen, in order to carry out the commandment of Jihad, one of the surfers warns against FBI

³⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=157147>

agents whose job it is to intercept. In addition, he gives advice on how to recognize them.³¹

The Maghreb

- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute published an official announcement made by the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, regarding the state of the Muslims in Nigeria and their war against the Christians there, following the events during which 500 Muslims were killed in January 2010. He announces that the organization is prepared to help train people in weapons and provide fighters, equipment and ammunition.³² Surfers ask that this announcement be translated and posted on Nigerian websites. The announcement was even translated into Hausa, spoken in Nigeria.³³
- In a special interview with the Al-Jazeera network, Sheikh Muhammad Al-Hassan Walad Al-Dado, head of the Ulama Training Center in Mauritania, who also heads a committee, comprised of 17 Mauritanian religious clerics, to conduct a dialogue with the Salafi imprisoned in Mauritanian jails to change their ways, stated that he has succeeded in persuading 68 of them to renounce the path of terrorism and weapons, after discussing certain religious issues with them.³⁴
- Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb (AQIM) announced that it has extended the ultimatum given to France and Mali until February 20th 2010, relating to the abducted French citizen which it is holding. The organization announced a 25

³¹ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=100549>

³² <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=57981>

³³ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?p=718572#post718572>,
<http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58353>

³⁴ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/0F351CFC-46AA-44E5-ADF5-F120021ADB2F.htm>.

See also:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 11-12.

day extension for the release of the kidnapped Italian citizen, in exchange for the release of prisoners.³⁵

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

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, operating in all probability from the Palestinian Territories, published the response of the Religious Committee on the website of the Salafi ideologist, Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, to the question on how the Islamic Emirate in the Palestinian Territories should behave after its Amir was killed in the conflicts with the Hamas on August 2009. The Committee member, Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi, responds that all the Salafi groups must unite and operate under one leadership. In addition, they must operate in secret and kill Jews, so that more people would join them.³⁶ The forum published another answer given by the Religious Committee to the question as to whether it is allowed to immigrate to other Jihad countries, owing to the Mujahideen's inability to carry out Jihad in Gaza, because of the rule of Hamas. The Committee member, Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi, advises the Mujahideen not to leave Gaza and remain on this blessed land that the Mujahideen from other countries wish to liberate. According to him, Gaza is the Jihad arena that needs the Mujahideen, possibly even more than other arenas.³⁷ Furthermore, he is asked what is the fate of the Egyptian Army soldiers, and especially that of the soldiers posted on the border with Gaza. Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi answers that they – like the entire Egyptian Army and the Egyptian government – are heretics as they help the Jews.³⁸

³⁵ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102038>

³⁶ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=37855>

³⁷ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38372>

³⁸ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38373>

- The "Jama'at Al-Tawhid Wal-Jihad – Bayt Al-Maqdis" Group, one of the Jihad organizations active in the Gaza Strip, takes responsibility for the launching of a rocket towards the Israeli "Nirim" post.³⁹
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports that the "Jama'at Amsar Al-Sunna" Jihadi organization, operating in the Gaza Strip, took responsibility for the launching of a rocket towards the Israeli town Sderot.⁴⁰
- A surfer, probably Palestinian, reveals that lately Shiite groups have begun appearing in Gaza, disparaging the Prophets entourage and the Prophet's wife, Aisha. They are called "Imam Hussein's Path – the Islamic Jihad".⁴¹ Furthermore, a new group called "Jama'at Al-Takfir Wal-Hijra" appeared, led by Muhammad Jouda, also supporting Shiite ideology. The group operates in Rafiah and has its own mosque. The Hamas government even allows them to operate and print books criticizing the Prophet's followers.⁴²
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, reports that a group belonging to Al-Qaeda was arrested in the West Bank.⁴³
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, operating in all probability from the Palestinian Territories, reports that one of its members, "Abu Khalil Al-Muhajir", was injured by a land mine.⁴⁴

³⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12026>

⁴⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=157056>

⁴¹ Hussein was the third Imam and is the symbol of a martyr death and of withstanding the oppression of the Shiite Muslims by the Sunni.

⁴² <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101739>

⁴³ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38578>

⁴⁴ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38661>

Africa

- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement announced that it is joining Al-Qaeda⁴⁵ and the merging of the movement with the "Ras Kambuni" organization, one of the largest Jihadi movements in Somalia, led by Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Harsi. The announcement itself was first published on January 28th 2010, containing the following points:⁴⁶
 1. Striving for unity of all the Muslims in general and the Jihadi factions in particular.
 2. Striving to establish an Islamic state with Sharia rule.
 3. Striving to help the deprived Muslims in the African Horn and the Muslims persecuted by the Crusading countries in the region.
 4. Coming out against the Crusader campaigns and tying Jihad in the Africa Horn to global Jihad, led by Osama bin Laden.
- Following reports in the British press that thousands of Somalis trained in Kenya will soon enter Somalia, in order to begin a large scale operation together with the foreign forces, the surfers respond with rage and issue a call to carry out terrorist attacks in Kenya and especially in the tourist centers there.⁴⁷ In this regard, The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement has declared an all-out war in Somalia.⁴⁸
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports that the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement has completed road paving projects in various regions in Somalia.⁴⁹ This report shows the movement's desire, much like that of other

⁴⁵ This announcement is a little strange as two months ago the movement published a video clip swearing allegiance to Al-Qaeda. See: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Dec_2009_1.pdf, page 1.

⁴⁶ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?p=336487>

⁴⁷ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102128>

⁴⁸ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=157569>

⁴⁹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=156429>

Jihad organizations in other regions, to constitute an alternative, in all aspects, to the existing government.

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reports bloody conflicts between Muslims and Christians in Guinea. These reports resulted in enraged responses from the surfers against the Christians.⁵⁰

The West and the rest of the world

- The Jihadi forums report informatively on the terrorist attack in West India on February 13th 2010, in a coffee shop in the city of Pune.⁵¹
- One of the surfers issues a call to try and estimate when Al-Qaeda will attack the United States, and where, following the CIA's estimations that the United States will be a target for an Al-Qaeda attack in the upcoming six months. Another surfer refuses to cooperate with the matter and asks the forum managers to prevent the posting of such correspondence which may hurt morale if the estimates are not fulfilled. Furthermore, he states that such correspondence helps the "enemy's" intelligence services.⁵² This is in addition to correspondence, where surfers suggest which targets to attack in the United States: strategic and financial targets such as trade and entertainment centers, banks, financial companies, the Stock Exchange, media networks, power stations, NASA, trains, bridges, centers for nuclear research, oil wells and refineries, government targets, such as the White House, other government offices or military targets, such as airports and military bases. Some suggest attacking American targets elsewhere, such as aircraft carriers in the Gulf or non-American targets, but targets that will push the United States into a conflict with China or Russia. The suggestions are to use explosives (even a biological attack) or suicide bombers, or to carry out an

⁵⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=156666>

⁵¹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=157573>

⁵² <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101851>

attack such as the one carried out in Mumbai at the end of November 2008.

One of the surfers mentions the Jews in the United States as a target.⁵³

- A female surfer named "Bint Muhammad" is interested in the security measures taken at Heathrow Airport in Britain. According to her, she heard that the United States has increased the security measures at its airports, and explains that in two weeks she is supposed to fly to the United States via Heathrow, but she is worried by the scanners and asks if she can refuse the security check for religious reasons. Other surfers note that, sadly, no sheikh has taken the time to deal with the matter. They suggest that the woman look at the computer screen and see the results of the scan. They remind her that even a pregnant woman can ask for a manual exam. Another surfer responds to the correspondence and states, incidentally, that "whoever wishes to go to Paris can do so by the La-Mansh Canal using the 'Eurostar' and from Paris go to any other country as the security measures at the Paris train station are still lenient." He asks the forum managers to delete the correspondence shortly afterwards for security reasons.⁵⁴
- Following the U.S. announcement that it will deploy missiles in the Gulf – Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the Gulf Princedoms – one of the surfers advises the Mujahideen in these countries and everywhere else to view them as a target for a terrorist attack.⁵⁵
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" English Jihadi forum reports the recent events in southern Thailand, including the detonation of explosive charges placed by the Mujahideen against military personnel.⁵⁶

⁵³ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101628>

⁵⁴ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=101671>

⁵⁵ <http://alflojajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=101405>

⁵⁶ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=13256>

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum announced a campaign to aid the Muslims in Chechnya.⁵⁷

General reports

- The "Al-Faloja" forum announces the death of two of the forum members, one of whom was wanted by Saudi authorities. No details were provided as to where they died and the cause of death.⁵⁸

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Details of one of the surfers and his photograph as it appears on the Saudi Ministry of Interior website

- An Egyptian citizen, who held a senior position in Al-Qaeda in the Caucasus, was killed on February 2nd 2010 in Dagestan. His name - Muhammad Muhammad Sha'aban - Sayf Al-Islam". He served as advisor to the Emir of the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus, as well as being a member of its Sharia Committee.⁵⁹

⁵⁷ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=37558>

⁵⁸ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?p=718676#post718676>

⁵⁹ [http://202.71.102.68/~alfalof/vb/showthread.php?t=101957,](http://202.71.102.68/~alfalof/vb/showthread.php?t=101957)
<http://www.cihaderi.net/Komutan-Seyful-%C4%B0slam-%C5%9Fehadete-kavu%C5%9Ftu...-haber-15544.html>



"A brave leader and a man who dedicated his life to the struggle... we will not forget you"

- An announcement relating to one of the surfers on the "Al-Faloja" forum, regarding his leaving for Jihad in Afghanistan.⁶⁰
- The "Al-Faloja" forum General Supervisor is concerned that Sheikh Abu Abd Al-Rahman Al-Yafi'i, who used to write extensively on the forum, has ceased to do so due to illness.⁶¹

Miscellaneous

- The publication of links for downloading Islamic literature. Amongst the links one can find essays by Anwar Al-Awlaki, an American religious cleric of Yemenite origin, in addition to various manuals, including American airport security measures.⁶²
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum continues to upload manuals for the preparation of explosives.⁶³ Amongst other things, one can

⁶⁰ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102850>

⁶¹ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102011>

⁶² <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/lot-free-books-download-32856/>

⁶³ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_1.pdf, page 17.

find instructions for the preparation of Potassium Nitrate⁶⁴, improvised black powder⁶⁵, PETN⁶⁶, explosive paper⁶⁷ and more.

- A surfer on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum posts explanations and links for downloading software, so that "the Intelligence services in your country will not know you are surfing in Jihadi forums."⁶⁸
- One of the surfers wishes to point out a website called Dada.net as an additional arena for Jihadi propaganda. According to him, this website is similar to Facebook and YouTube and receives a large number of hits. He therefore requests "invading" this website and views it as "a new front for Jihadi propaganda".⁶⁹
- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum supervisor announces the opening of a time-limited window for the submission of applications for the position of forum manager.⁷⁰
- A surfer poses a question to Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, considered to be one of the most prominent Salafi ideologists today: is it permissible to shave the beard or cover up some Muslims marks of identification, in order to carry out Jihad? One of the surfers refers him to a similar question he has been asked and to his response regarding the state of affairs in Iraq, where he permitted such conduct if the objective is Jihad, but advises such Muslims to immigrate from regions controlled by the Shiite and the infidels, to regions controlled by the Sunni and to hoist the flag of monotheism (Tawhid) and Jihad from there. The surfer is not satisfied by that and says he lives in a

⁶⁴ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38113>,

<http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38133>

⁶⁵ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38231>

⁶⁶ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38582>

⁶⁷ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38577>

⁶⁸ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38825>

⁶⁹ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=58496>

⁷⁰ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12025>

Muslim country with a heretic ruler, which does not have fighting groups, and where the public is only interested in "food and drink". He therefore asks for a fatwa on the matter.⁷¹

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum reports that there are 5,600 websites spreading AL-Qaeda's ideology, with 900 new websites appearing every year.⁷²

⁷¹ <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=102726>

⁷² <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38700>