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

### **New publications**

#### Audio and video tapes

- The Jihadi forums report of a new video by Ayman Al-Zawahiri, where he attacks the Turkish government for its role in Afghanistan. Al-Zawahiri accuses Turkey of committing crimes against Islam and the Muslims, due to its participation in the occurrences in Afghanistan alongside the Coalition countries. According to the reports on the forums, the video was prepared by the "As-Sahab" institute, but no links to download it were detected on the forums.<sup>1</sup>
- Almost one month later, the "As-Sahab" media institution published the official format of two audio tapes by Osama bin Laden: "The Way to save the Earth" and "From Osama to Obama", which were already published by the Al-Jazeera channel at the end of January 2010.<sup>2</sup>
- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a new video entitled "Holocaust of the Crusaders and Apostates in the Land of Khorasan". The video documents a suicide bombing of an American headquarters in the Khost Province, as well as the Shahid's will.<sup>3</sup>
- The "Al-Ghurba" Jihadi media institute published a video entitled "A Eulogy to the Hero Abu Dujaanah Al-Khorasani: the words of Abu Dujaanah live

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<sup>1</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=158820>

<sup>2</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103464>,  
<http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103273>

<sup>3</sup> <http://as-ansar.info/vb/showthread.php?p=62259>

amongst the living.”<sup>4</sup> It should be noted that Abu Dujaanah carried out the terrorist attack on the CIA base in Afghanistan on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

- The “Al-Furqan” Jihadi media institute, operating under the patronage of the “Islamic State of Iraq” (ISI), published a video entitled “Knights of the Shahada 7”.<sup>5</sup>



- The “Abu Bakr Army” in Iraq, one of the Salafi-Jihadi factions in Iraq, published a video reviewing the manufacturing process of short range missiles developed by the above mentioned group members and their launching against foreign enemy targets. According to the group, these missiles, named “Siddiq 1”, constitute another link in the guerilla war against foreign occupation and have the ability to accurately target the enemy’s bases.<sup>6</sup>
- The “Al-Ansar” Jihadi media institute published a video that documents a terrorist attack on one of the Iraqi Army’s centers in the western part of the city of Kirkuk.<sup>7</sup>
- The “Al-Malahim” Jihadi media institute published a video entitled “Toward a Dignified Life”.<sup>8</sup>
- Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb’s Jihadi media institute, “Al-Andalus”, published a video entitled “A Call to the Shanqit Lions Crouching Behind Bars”

<sup>4</sup> <http://shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59458>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13240>

<sup>6</sup> <http://alboraq.info/showthread.php?t=148780>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12904>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13309>

by Sheikh Abu Anas Al-Shanqiti.<sup>9</sup> Al-Shanqiti, of Mauritian origin, is known as a member of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb's Shura Council and as the organization's commissioner of the southern region.



- A video of an exclusive interview with Sheikh Abu Ibrahim Al-Ansari, member of the Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad – Bayt Al-Maqdis, Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi group.<sup>10</sup>
- The "Sawt Al-Islam" Jihadi media institute, belonging to the Islamic Party of Turkistan (IPT), published a video in Uyghur entitled "Disregard is the Way to Perdition and Awakening is the Way to Success."<sup>11</sup>
- The "Elif Medya" Jihadi propaganda institute in the Turkish language published a video entitled "Ezubakir Turki the Shahid has received blessings for the saintly death". It seems the Shahid Ezubakir Turki is a fighter of Turkish origin, who was a casualty in the Afghan region.<sup>12</sup>



<sup>9</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59238>

<sup>10</sup> <http://shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59395>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59239>

<sup>12</sup> [http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber\\_detay.php?haber\\_id=2351](http://www.sehadetzamani.com/haber_detay.php?haber_id=2351)

Magazines

- After a long absence, the 12<sup>th</sup> issue of the "Sada Al-Malahim" magazine, published by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, has come out. The issue (54 pages long) is dedicated, in the most part, to the attempt made by the Nigerian Omar Faruk Abd Al-Mutallab, to blow up an American passenger plane on Christmas Eve at the end of December 2009. In addition, the issue deals with the fighting in Yemen, with the situation of the Houthis and with the fate of those participating in the fighting against the Muslims in Yemen alongside the Americans.<sup>13</sup> It should be mentioned that Issue no. 11 was published in October 2009.
- The Jihadi forums published a new issue (no. 45) of the "Al-Somood" publication belonging to the Taliban in Afghanistan, for the months of February-March 2010.<sup>14</sup>



- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a new issue – number 16 – of the Jihadi "Talai' Khorasan" publication (70 pages long). The issue is

<sup>13</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103126>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12974>

accompanied by a missive entitled "The Night of the Martyr Attack: Al-Humam Abu Dujaanah Al-Khorasani the Lion".<sup>15</sup>

- New issues – numbers 9 and 10 – of the "Al-Waqi" (The Reality) Jihadi weekly publication, containing news compilations from Arab and global media on the subject of the Mujahideen.<sup>16</sup>
- A new Urdu language Magazine entitled "As-Haab-e-Kahaf" by Idara As-Haab-e-Kahaf was posted online.<sup>17</sup>

#### Publications

- The Jihadi forums report that Abu Yahya Al-Libi, considered to be the No. 3 in Al-Qaeda, strongly attacked the Yemen government and accused it of heresy. In an article published under the headline "Yemen Government to U.S.: We are Ready to Submit Our Neck for Slaughter Instead of Your Neck". He ruled (Al-Libi is considered Al-Qaeda's Mufti) that it is allowed to fight the Yemeni Army, which has begun cooperating with the United States against the organization's activists. However, he asks Al-Qaeda activists not to focus on fighting the Yemeni forces, as they should prepare to move the war to U.S. soil, by way of activities such as those carried out by Omar Faruk Abd Al-Mutallab from Nigeria.<sup>18</sup>



<sup>15</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=14562>,

<sup>16</sup> <http://124.217.251.48/~asansar/vb/showthread.php?t=15551>,  
<http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13172>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19388>

<sup>18</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=158822>

- The "Al-Tawhid" media institute announced its intention to publish an ontology of video clips, audio segments and essays by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi, in the near future.<sup>19</sup>
- The "Al-Faloja" forum published research on behalf of the "Historical Research and Strategic Recommendations Department" on the strategy of the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) in the near future.<sup>20</sup>
- Another publication – number 41 (10 pages long) – in the "Shahid Biography" series. This time, the publication is dedicated to the martyr Abu Husayn Al-Yusufiyya, from the city of Al-Yusufiyya in Iraq. He was initially involved in charity work when he arrived in Indonesia. Later on, he arrived in Palestine where he became acquainted with the idea of Jihad. Upon his return to his home town Al-Yusufiyya, he devoted himself to Jihad and became a prominent Jihad leader. He was killed during a fire exchange with the American forces, following the detonation of an explosives belt on his body.<sup>21</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published the words of Abu Muhammad Al-Iraqi, the Amir of the Abu Baker Al-Siddiq Army, in response to the recent speech given by Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi.<sup>22</sup> Abu Muhammad Al-Iraqi presents his organization's position in face of Al-Baghdadi's words regarding the continued operation of the Jihad organizations in Iraq.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59031>

<sup>20</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103457>

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13413>

<sup>22</sup> See:

[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), page 1.

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38946>

- The "Al-Ma'sada" Jihadi media institute published a booklet entitled "The agreement of the best Muslims on the judgment of the Emissary of God Almighty" (50 pages long) by Al-Asad Al-Himam, whose identity is unknown.<sup>24</sup>
- The "Al-Ma'sada" Jihadi media institute published a booklet entitled "The struggle between the Hamas and the Congregation of Truth (Salafia-Jihadi followers)" (8 pages long) by Sheikh Abu Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Misri.<sup>25</sup>
- The "Al-Somood" Jihadi media institute published a booklet entitled "Apostasy and its Punishment when there is no State of Islam" (31 pages long) by Sheikh Abu Ayub Al-Ansari.<sup>26</sup>
- The "Ansar Al-'Ilam" Jihadi media institute published an article entitled "Drawing the Mujahideen's Attention to the Reasons for the Clear Victory" (14 pages long). The publication itself tries to prove that the Mujahadeen's victory is assured and numerates the main reasons for that alongside Quran verses:<sup>27</sup>
  1. Loyalty to God.
  2. Belief in the religion and following the Prophet Muhammad.
  3. Unity amongst the ranks of Muslims.
  4. Preparing for battle.
  5. Giving over the reigns of government to the Muslims.
  6. Mentioning God's name often and praying.
  7. Complete secrecy regarding military activity.
  8. Strong partnerships between the leadership and the subordinates.
  9. A true Shura/Council.
  10. Putting faith in God while considering the circumstances.

<sup>24</sup> <http://shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59368>

<sup>25</sup> <http://shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59512>

<sup>26</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13483>

<sup>27</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12938>

## Reports from the field

### Afghanistan-Pakistan

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published an interview with the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's official spokesperson, Al-Hafiz Yusuf Ahmadi, regarding the American military activity in Helmand. In the interview, Ahmadi emphasizes the American failure in achieving concrete results in the fighting against the Mujahideen.<sup>28</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum reported that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's Media Committee published a video of two French captives held in Afghanistan.<sup>29</sup>
- Most of the Jihadi forums reported the capture of Mullah Beradar. The responses varied from dismissing the reports as western propaganda, shock, a discussion around cursing the families of those who helped and stating that the arrest won't interfere with the work of the Mujahideen.<sup>30</sup>
- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum supervisor announced that one of the Ministers of the Taliban's Islamic Emirate named Abdullah, will begin publishing content on the above mentioned forum.<sup>31</sup>

### Iraq

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published a scheme for the distribution of Jihadi publications on the streets of Iraq.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>28</sup> <http://69.162.81.124/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=39913>

<sup>29</sup> <http://69.162.81.124/~majahden/vb/showthread.php?t=39025>

<sup>30</sup> <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/afghan-taliban-leader-2-captured-karachi-pakistan-33366/>, <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19396>

<sup>31</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13437>

<sup>32</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=159471>



The Arabian Peninsula

- Abdullah bin Muhammad, identified as a senior writer on the "Al-Faloja" forum, writes on the state of affairs in Yemen and the American interference in the country. He mentions the words of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leader, who warned that all the sea vessels brought in by the United States to Somalia's shores, in order to supposedly deal with the piracy problem, are making their way to Yemen. Therefore, he calls upon the Mujahideen to exchange information and draw conclusions from the results of the conflicts with the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan, in order to be ready for a heavy military attack accompanied by intensive aerial bombings, which occurred in these two countries.<sup>33</sup>
- The military commander of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Qasim Al-Rimi, who was declared killed in the attacks by the Yemen Army, has published an article in the twelfth issue of the organization's magazine, "Sada Al-Malahim", where he threatens to attack the US, as it attacked the homes of the Yemeni people.<sup>34</sup> It should be noted, that previous threats made by AQAP, were directed in a more general manner against US targets abroad and this could be the first direct publicly made threat against the US mainland.
- Following an appeal made by the No. 2 man in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Said Al-Shihri, to attack western targets in the Arabian Peninsula,<sup>35</sup> surfers on the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published many details on the American bases in Saudi Arabia.<sup>36</sup>

<sup>33</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103763>

<sup>34</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19636>

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[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Feb\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_2.pdf), pages 8-9.

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=39506>

- A surfer on the "Al-Faloja" forum explains the importance of the Bab el-Mandeb Straights to the Mujahideen. He explains that this straight is used for the passage of oil tankers, as well as American Navy vessels and those of its allies, and the aid to Israel comes through this straight, aid it uses to kill the Palestinians and the Arabs. According to him, the Mujahideen in Yemen understand the importance of this straight and that is why they plan on making it unsafe, so as to reduce the export of oil and the passage of western aid to Israel. In this regard, he also emphasizes the words of the No. 2 man in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Said Al-Shihri, on the Straight and its importance to the Muslims.<sup>37</sup> He mentions that the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula cannot take over the Straight by themselves and therefore they need the help of the nearest Al-Qaeda branch in Somalia. He is sure that covert steps in the matter are being taken and shows the proximity between southern Yemen and northern Somalia on the map.



He issues a call to spread this message amongst the residents of southern Yemen via the forums on the internet where they surf, and states that even though the "brothers" in northern Somalia have less capabilities, they are still

<sup>37</sup> See:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG\\_Periodical\\_Review\\_Feb\\_2010\\_No\\_2.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_2.pdf), pages 8-9.

capable of planning actions to cause anarchy in the Straights region. He suggests hiding booby-trapped barrels, launching rockets towards oil tankers and sea vessels, using boats specifically designed for this task, which can even carry out suicide attacks.<sup>38</sup>

- Abdullah bin Muhammad, identified as a senior writer on the "Al-Faloja" forum, writes about the role of mosques in the Arabian Peninsula, in spreading messages of Jihad. He stresses the need for an effective tool to pass the message of Jihad on to the public, as the Mujahideen do not have satellite channels, radio stations and newspapers and the only tool at their disposal is the internet, which is less prevalent in the Yemen arena, where the Mujahideen have chosen to reactivate their operations and influence. The author explains that the media competition must not be lost and every possible venue must be utilized, such as giving improvised sermons at gatherings and rallies in southern Yemen, as the Southern Movement does or during the burial of casualties of the armed conflicts with the Yemen government.

The most important arena to spread these messages in Yemen is the mosques, where the local population – the village residents and the tribes-people can be reached. This way, the mosque will again fulfill its important role in guiding the nation, especially as there are thousands of mosques and the government is struggling to check them all, as this would exhaust its power and deflect its attention from its other objectives. It is important for these sermons held in mosques to be planned carefully and deal in the public's fields of interest while, at the same time, offering pragmatic religious solutions. In this way, the public can be enlisted to act against the

<sup>38</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=104964>

government and the religious clerics it recruits, in order to disprove the Mujahideen's claims.

The author also suggests that the mosques emphasize the attack on the Yemeni residents' honor by their government, following the invasion of their homes and the attacks on women according to the American model. The issue of honor is a sacred matter for the Arabs, and raising the subject of its attack, will help recruit the public to support and help the Mujahideen. He summarizes his suggestions as follows: "The correct equation in influencing the Yemenite public in our favor is in two important components: a successful propaganda tool – the mosque, and influential propaganda material. Whenever these two components are combined – a result is achieved." He calls for the establishment of propaganda cells that will include a sermonizer and security and lookout personnel, so that when matters are set in motion, more unarmed supporters will join, such as mosque imams and preachers, and thus Jihadi preaching groups will be created.<sup>39</sup>

#### The Maghreb

- A surfer wishes to pass on a message to Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb – According to him, over the past month, an American P3 plane has been flying espionage flights over the African coast, where the organization operates. The plane, also known by the name "Orion", leaves every day from an American base in southern Spain called Rota, enters Morocco's airspace via Tangier, and later takes off to Al-Rashidiyah and enters Algeria's airspace and then Mauritania's and Mali's. The plane flies for about 10 hours. He also published the airplane's area of operations:<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=104691>

<sup>40</sup> <http://202.71.102.68/~alfalof/vb/showthread.php?t=104493>

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- Under the headline "News from the Islamic Maghreb: France has Surrendered to Al-Qaeda", one of the surfers explains that the court in Mali has decided to release four terrorism activists, following Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb's threats that it would execute the abducted French citizen.<sup>41</sup>
- A quote from a Chinese news agency claims that the Spanish government will pay Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) 5 million dollars for the release of three Spanish citizens taken hostage on November 29th, 2009. A forum member responds that this is a victory for the Jihad.<sup>42</sup>

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

- One of the surfers on the "Al-Faloja" forum states that he has noticed many correspondents calling for unity amongst the Salafi groups in Gaza, and emphasizing the need for one group that will gather all the groups under one Emir. He explains that such a group exists and is the "Jamaat Al-Tawhid wal Jihad" led by Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi,<sup>43</sup> who is greatly respected by Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, who has appointed him a member of his website's religious law committee. This surfer issues a call to pledge allegiance to Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi and to join his group.<sup>44</sup> In the meantime, "Jaysh Al-Ummah", one of the Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi factions, announced its willingness to join other Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi groups, in face of the existing political situation. According to him: "We wish to fight with our

<sup>41</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103677>

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19579>

<sup>43</sup> For Abu Al-Walid Al-Maqdisi's reference to the subject of Jihad in Gaza. see: [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), page 13.

<sup>44</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103717>

brothers the Mujahideen in the Salafi groups under the flag of one group and the leadership of one Emir as our God loves and wants."<sup>45</sup>

- The "Ansar Al-Sunna" group, one of the Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi factions, took responsibility for the launching of a missile towards Kibbutz Kisufim on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2010,<sup>46</sup> and towards the Re'im Settlement on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2010.<sup>47</sup>
- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum held an exclusive interview with Sheikh Abu Ubeida Al-Ansari, one of the "Ma'sadat Al-Mujahideen" leaders, which is one of the Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi factions. Amongst the issues addressed by the Sheikh in the interview: surveying the principles of the Salafi faith, the commitment to the fight against the "Jewish Conqueror" in order to liberate the occupied lands, the reasons for the animosity towards the Hamas movement, the attitude towards other Salafi-Jihadi groups in Gaza and more.<sup>48</sup>

#### Africa

- A message to the tribes of Yemen from a Mujahid named Abu Zubayr Al-Somali in Somalia was posted on the Ansar Al-Mujahideen English forum. The message starts off as a show of support to people of Yemen, in light of the recent attacks they have suffered, but continues in an attempt to rally them behind Osama bin Laden in the fight against the west. The writer further mentions the tribes of Somalia, Kenya, Abyssinia, and the sons of Sudan and Nigeria who have already joined the fight and that the tribes of Yemen have no excuse for not joining as well. The writer declares the Strait of Bab El-Mandeb, as the rally point for the tribes of Somalia, along with the tribes of

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<sup>45</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59182>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59019>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=59149>

<sup>48</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=12716>

the jungles of Kenya and Abyssinia, the people of Sudan, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, and all the people of Africa.<sup>49</sup>

- Following the recent events in Nigeria which caused the death of many Muslims, a senior surfer on the "Al-Faloja" forum, writes that the Muslims there should be helped by way of terrorist attacks: "Wait, Crusaders of Nigeria, wait, Crusaders of Ethiopia and wait Crusaders of Denmark! You and your brothers who have hurt the Prophet! Wait, Communists of China... Al-Qaeda is coming and you know who Al-Qaeda is. It is enough you know that the nineteen, God have mercy on them, are his sons" (refers to the 19 terrorists from the September 11, 2001 attacks).<sup>50</sup>
- A surfer identifying himself as Abu Khabab from Nigeria writes under the title "News from the Islamic Maghreb soon..." He states that this is his first posting on the "Al-Faloja" forum. He mentions that an announcement will soon be made regarding the founding of Al-Qaeda in West Africa (Nigeria). The responses on the forum swing between supporters and skeptics. The supporters hope the Mujahideen in the Islamic Maghreb will be able to open a front in Western Africa, the third one on the Continent, while the skeptics want to wait for an official announcement from Al-Qaeda's general leadership and Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. They stress that "the situation in Nigeria is difficult now and the brothers in Nigeria need more time to announce an organization. A declaration on an organization means a war waged by the entire world against it. They will not declare an organization until they have a significant foothold."<sup>51</sup>
- The Religious Panel on Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's website responds to a question posed by a surfer on whether it is allowed to attack Nigerians of

<sup>49</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19483>

<sup>50</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103312>

<sup>51</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=104438>

Christian origin in his country and kill them in retaliation for killing Muslims in Nigeria. The Panel answers that its advice to the young people is to never choose easy or weak targets or targets without value and not chose those who are not fighters, as these targets will make the Muslims and the Mujahideen pay a high price with no benefits. Therefore, the Panel's advice to the surfer is to seek the advice of others with experience and knowledge and that of Jihadists in his country, regarding the religious authorization of the action and whether it serves the Muslims and the Mujahideen.<sup>52</sup>

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

- The surfers on the "Al-Faloja" forum view the crashing of the light plane into the IRS building in Texas on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as being the result of the influence of Al-Qaeda's messages on the United States and on the American people, who are angry with their government for the harsh financial situation. According to them, the idea of using planes to attack government buildings stems from Al-Qaeda. They call upon U.S. citizens to continue using this method and call upon the European people to follow this path as well.<sup>53</sup>
- A summary of an interview conducted with Caucasus Emirate Amir Dokka Abu Usman (a.k.a Dokka Umarov) at the beginning of January 2010, was posted on the Al-Qimmah forum. In the interview, Umarov vows to spread his attacks from the North Caucasus into the Russian heartland.<sup>54</sup>
- An interview with MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) leader Sheikh Salamat Hashim to "Nida'ul Islam" was posted on Ansar Al-Mujahideen. The first few paragraphs of the interview are a biography of the Sheikh that also mentions the two most influential intellectuals of his ideology, Sayyid Qutb and Syed

<sup>52</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103171>

<sup>53</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103583>

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=14272>



Abul A'la Maududi. The interview continues to mention the history of the MILF, its methodology, strength and objectives.<sup>55</sup>

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published information of the Philippine "Abu Sayyaf" group and on the Mujahideen there, so that "we do not forget them".<sup>56</sup>

### Miscellaneous

- One of the surfers approached other surfers on the Jihadi forums, requesting material and financial support for the families of those leaving for Jihad, as well as for Jihad fighters, to equip them for battle. As expected, the call is general and no details are provided on how to provide the support.<sup>57</sup>
- The Arabic Jihadi forum "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" held a flyer design competition on several subjects, for the benefit of the Mujahideen, such as: "The victory of the Taliban and Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and sending doomed soldiers there", etc. At a later stage, the surfers will be able to grade and determine what the best design is. The above mentioned forum supplied several examples to such flyers:<sup>58</sup>



<sup>55</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19515>

<sup>56</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=159128>

<sup>57</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103111>

<sup>58</sup> <http://as-ansar.info/vb/showthread.php?p=61968>

- One of the surfers requests the assistance of translators and experts in the computers field, to translate books and articles on military subjects. He clarifies that automated translation programs are not suitable for such a task due to their inaccuracy.<sup>59</sup>
- A new Jihadi website which wants to re-publish publications dealing with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>60</sup>
- The "Al-Faloja" Jihadi forum opened its gates to new surfers for a limited period of time.<sup>61</sup>
- The "Al-Tahadi" Jihadi forum supervisor announced that a new surfer named "Al-Harf Al-Natiq" had joined the forum, and describes him as the best writer in the above forum and depicts him as someone who has a flowing, sharp writing style.<sup>62</sup> In his first posting on the forum, the new surfer criticizes the groveling of the Arabian Peninsula rulers, in face of the Jews and Christians and their repudiation of Islam.<sup>63</sup>
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum published postings on the tangible threat posed by "online Jihad" on the West.<sup>64</sup>
- An Ansar Al-Mujahideen forum member posed an article about Jihad under the title "Jihad Fie Sabilillah Its Interpretation and Objectives". The article discusses the proper interpretation and context of Jihad under Sharia and lists the eight Sharia objectives of Jihad implementation.<sup>65</sup>

<sup>59</sup> <http://alfaloja.biz/vb/showthread.php?t=103455>

<sup>60</sup> <http://mm-mn.co.cc>

<sup>61</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13376>

<sup>62</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13417>

<sup>63</sup> <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13419>

<sup>64</sup> <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=39279>

<sup>65</sup> <http://ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=19558>

- The 5th edition of "Defenders of the Truth" was published by Al-Mosul Media.<sup>66</sup> An article written by Umm Muhammad under the title "A Glimpse into the Lives of the women Companion" tells of the place of women as supporters of Mujahideen, widows and of woman going on Jihad.

It should be noted that in the past few months, more and more articles written by women or regarding the role of Muslim woman, have found their way onto Jihad related forums. These articles include "O Women of the Ummah!"<sup>67</sup> and "Being a Mujahid's wife!"<sup>68</sup> which talks about the requirement of a wife to support her husband going on Jihad, "I Can't Leave My Beautiful Wife And Go For Jihad"<sup>69</sup>, which talks about the difficulty of leaving the wife behind, and also "Congratulating the Ummah on the Martyrdom of 3 of her sons in Bait-ul-Maqdis"<sup>70</sup>, which is more of a commendation of a mother who has lost her children in battle.

Another article, "The Acquisition of Knowledge in Islam" by Umm Ammaarah, talks about the importance of knowledge with an emphasis on the Quran. While the writer lashes out against the evils of the west, she still draws a distinction between the permissibility of general knowledge and acquiring a profession, to misguided knowledge of western society. She further states that without knowledge, one can not be part of Sharia. When one holds on to their faith, the world surrenders and one does not consider Hadiths. One interpretation of this could be a call to ignore recent Hadiths which were issued against extreme Jihad.

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<sup>66</sup>On the publication of this issue, see:

[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 2-3.

<sup>67</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=13736>

<sup>68</sup> <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=13941>

<sup>69</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=18959>

<sup>70</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=18051>

One can also mention the missive published by Ayman Al-Zawahiri's wife two months ago, addressed to Muslim women,<sup>71</sup> as well as the publication last month of a magazine intended for Muslim women written solely by women,<sup>72</sup> and the presence of forums intended for a female audience, such as ukht-benladn.net.

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<sup>71</sup> See:

[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 3-4.

<sup>72</sup> See:

[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), page 2.