

## Periodical Review: Summary of Information from the Jihadi Forums

### The Second Half of August 2011

This report summarizes the most prominent events brought up in the Jihadi online forums in the second half of August 2011. Following are the main issues raised in this report:

- The ideologist of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula attacks the Saudi regime.
- Attiya Allah encourages the Mujahideen to continue to fulfill the commandment for Jihad.
- Asad Al-Jihad2 claims that the revolutions in the Arab world will only be realized in a violent struggle.
- Mullah Muhammad Omar published an announcement in honor of Eid Al-Fitr, outlining the future of Afghanistan.
- The Jihadi forums concentrate their efforts on the events in Libya.
- Calls on the forums to increase the presence of global Jihad activists in the Sinai Peninsula.
- The Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement carried out extensive Da'awa activity in Somalia.
- A Jihadi forum manager is arrested in Spain.

**New publications***Ideology*

- The "Al-Malahem" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published an audio segment titled "They are destroying their houses with their own hands", by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rubaish, the ideologist of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>1</sup> Al-Rubaish complains about the Saudi regime's denial of the principles of the Islamic religion and about its policy harming the believers, motivated by narrow interests. According to him, although in the early days the Saudi state received wide public support, this stemmed from unawareness of its true conduct. Under the rule of King Fahd bin Abd Al-Aziz, the believers were exposed to the true nature of the Saudi regime when it began to significantly tighten its relationship with the West, and especially with the United States. Furthermore, Al-Rubaish attacks the Saudi royal family for the government's wishes superseding those of the religious clerics in the country. Al-Rubaish personally addresses Nayef, the Saudi Minister of Interior, asking him to mend the government's ways by taking several steps:
  - a. Exiling anyone who is not Muslim from the Arabian Peninsula.
  - b. Abolishing all laws which are legislated by man and constitute a blatant violation of the Sharia law.
  - c. Reinstating Sharia law.
  - d. Reinstating the mechanism responsible for commanding the right and forbidding the wrong.
  - e. Releasing all prisoners not convicted of criminal activity who were incarcerated for supporting the religion.

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f. Not placing any obstacles in the path of anyone wishing to help the Muslims in Palestine, Iraq etc.

Al-Rubaish addresses Nayef, saying that if he meets all of the above mentioned demands then the Mujahideen will leave him alone and allow him to move freely and securely. However, if he refuses to meet these demands his fate will not be good.



- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an article titled "The Christians of Egypt: the hammer of global crusading at the nation's body", by Sheikh Abu Abdullah Anis.<sup>2</sup> This publication is an updated version of an article which was published on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 in a Jihadi magazine called "Sada Al-Jihad". The article is mostly dedicated to discourse against the Christian minority in Egypt following the matter of Kamilia Shehata's conversion to Islam - an Egyptian woman who was allegedly abducted by the Coptic Church in Egypt due to her conversion. The author of the article attacks the Copts in particular and the Christians in general, for the attempts

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

to take over Egypt in various manners, detracting from Egypt's Islamic identity and stopping Islam from becoming stronger.



- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published an article titled "How to treat the released brothers", by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili, a Salafi Jihadi sheikh who is also a prominent writer on Jihadi forums.<sup>3</sup>
- The "Al-Jihad" media production institute published a visual publication titled "We Have Determined".<sup>4</sup>
- The "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website published another video titled "The Quran Directives", by Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi.<sup>5</sup>

#### Strategy

- The "As-Sahab" Jihadi media institute published a video segment titled "Tidings of Victory in the Month of Patience", by Sheikh Jamal Ibrahim Ashtiwi Al-Misrati, also known as Attiya Allah. He was one of Al-Qaeda's senior members, and is thought to have been killed by a drone on the Afghanistan–Pakistan border on August 29<sup>th</sup> 2011.<sup>6</sup> He addresses all of the Mujahideen, praising them for fulfilling the Jihad commandment. According to

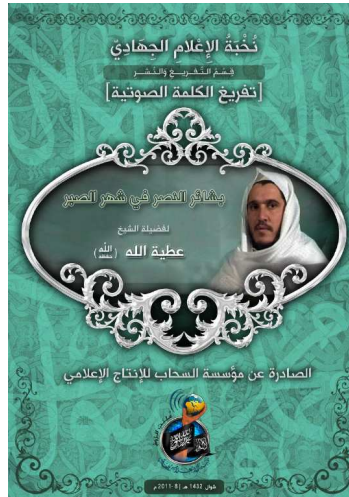
<sup>3</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>4</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>6</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

him, the Mujahideen's strong stand against their enemies is already bearing fruit, and this is manifested in the partial retreat of the American and European military forces from Afghanistan and in the harm caused to the West's economy.<sup>7</sup>



- Asad Al-Jihad2, considered to be a very prominent writer on the Jihadi forums and especially on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, published a follow up article (second part) on the events in Syria, titled "The Syrians' Revolution: Syria's Enemies Overseas". According to him the enemies of the Syrian revolution, as well as of the other Arab revolutions, are the Muslim people themselves.

He says that both the Western and the Arab governments are struck with fear in face of the Arab revolutions. On the one hand, the Arab regimes do not wish to implement reforms as they fear that allowing liberties may threaten the government's stability. On the other hand, the West is afraid of losing its interests in the region and of a decline in its influence. Therefore they have both taken steps to thwart the revolution.

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

According to Asad Al-Jihad 2, the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia have succeeded via peaceful means and without violence. However, he believes these countries are an exception to the rule and that this is a course of action which is no longer effective. The writer contends that in order for the Arab revolutions to succeed in other countries such as Yemen, Libya and Syria, only violent armed protests are required.

According to him, all of the Arab and Muslim people express their support of the Syrian people, as well as of the Mujahideen themselves, who have fought the tyrannical governments at length. Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri himself has already expressed his support of the Syrian rebels.

Later on in the article the author lists several examples meant to illustrate the extent to which the Arab and Western countries wish to thwart the Arab revolutions so they can maintain their regional interest. He criticized the response of the Arab League towards the events in Libya, and wonders why the Arab League has determined that Gaddafi's government has lost its legitimacy, but has not said the same in respect of the leadership in Yemen or Syria. According to the writer, NATO's military involvement in Libya has been going on for a long time in order to deepen its hold on Libya. In view of all of the above, the Syrian people should not expect any help from the Arab League, as it is interested in hindering the revolution through propaganda, and the use of the Ulama, preachers and money. The author further notes that one must not forget that Israel also has some influence over the revolutions, which he mentioned in his previous article.

At the article's conclusion he stresses that the true enemy of the Syrian people is not the Alawi government of Bashar Al-Assad, but rather the governments of the Arab and Western countries.<sup>8</sup>

- Abdullah bin Muhammad, one of the most prominent writers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, posted correspondence that received high ratings from the forum's management, titled "A Strategic Protocol". Muhammad says that he had recently received several missives asking him to express his opinion on which is the most important theater of Jihad in the days following the revolutions in the Arab world. According to him, at first many feared that the revolutions may influence the course of Jihad, however with time it was understood that these revolutions contribute to the consolidation and reinforcement of Jihad. In order to clarify this issue, Muhammad notes that he wishes to share the contents of a message he wrote and sent to Osama bin Laden after the revolution in Egypt, which he did not receive before he was killed. According to him, the revolutions in their final configuration, as expressed today in the field, are akin to a fraternal war. However, what is important at this stage is to bring down the government. Yet in his opinion, the current events in Tunisia and Egypt prove that the Arab people are not suited to democracy. Although a government close to the democratic model exists in Lebanon, society there is subject to many political upheavals. He contends that in Tunisia, and especially in Egypt, a battle is waged between the various schools of thought, especially between the Islamist movement and the secular movement. However, he believes that the most important battle waged today is the one between the Islamist movement and the superpowers. The superpowers wish to thwart

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the rise of Islam to government in any way possible, and therefore are reinforcing their ties with these secular forces in Arab countries that can help them with this plan. In any event, according to Muhammad, the revolutions in the Arab world have changed, and continue to change, the balance of power in the region and in the world. The downfall of the governments surrounding Israel will inevitably lead to a popular confrontation with the Jews, just as that which occurred in the late 1960s when many *Fadayan* infiltrated Israel from Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon in order to carry out terrorist attacks. Overall, the existing situation is threatening the West's economic and commercial interests as well as the oil reserves, which could cause a rise in the world oil prices.

In view of these developments, Muhammad poses several questions: what is the role that the Jihadi movement must fulfill at this stage, what is the plan to take, and what are the chances of its success? In other words, Muhammad wishes to discuss the best strategy at this point for the Jihadi movement. As is evident already in some of the Arab countries such as Egypt and Libya, the entire region is about to enter a chaotic stage. He therefore contends that the Jihadi movement is required to define a political and economic plan that provides a response to all of the local, regional and international challenges, and not to settle for short term military plans. This means that focus could be placed on constructing and preparing the ground for the next stage – the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate.<sup>9</sup>

- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum published a video segment titled "The Mujahideen's repudiation in respect of shedding the blood of the Muwahideen"<sup>10</sup> (meaning – the Muslim believers). This video was apparently

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published following the criticism Al-Qaeda received for hurting innocent Muslims during the Jihad operations carried out by the organization's operatives.



الإصدار المرني  
{ براءة المجاهدين من سفك دماء الموحدين }



- The "Markaz Al-Islam" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Turkistan Islamic Party (TIP), published a message in Arabic by the party's emir, Sheikh Abd Al-Shakur Damala, following the terrorist attacks in eastern Turkistan.<sup>11</sup> In the message, the Emir claimed responsibility for the two attacks carried out by his party members in revenge for what he calls "Chinese colonialism", and the quiet oppression of the Muslim people of the Turkistan region by the Chinese government. Later in the message is a short biography of Muhammad Ali Rahim (1982–2011), the suicide bomber who carried out the terrorist attack against a Chinese police station which resulted in the deaths of four Chinese policemen.



<sup>11</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a message titled "The operative plans of the day-to-day life", by Sheikh Khaled bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Husaynan, a Salafi Jihadi sheikh from Kuwait. Al-Husaynan is a graduate of the Imam Muhammad bin Saud University in Saudi Arabia, and has previously held the post of imam and preacher at the Al-Albani Mosque in Kuwait.<sup>12</sup> The message is addressed to the fighting Muslim women (Mujahidat) and to the Muslims in general, and provides six pieces of advice regarding how to properly lead a religious life. This includes the recitation of certain Quranic verses with the aim of achieving enlightenment and gratification.

#### *Instructional and Guidance Publications*

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum published a message of gratitude to the forum from the Jaysh Al-Fatihin (Army of the Conquerors) terrorist organization in Iraq, thanking it for helping the organization with the planning and manufacturing of an unmanned drone.<sup>13</sup>

#### *Promoting the Myth of the Shahid*

- The "Al-Malahem" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published a third video segment in the series: "And he shall take shahids from you", titled: "The Shahid Hani Sha'lan".<sup>14</sup>
- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "Facts from the Deep".<sup>15</sup> The video focuses on the story of Abu Umar Al-Ansari, an Iraqi citizen who decided to join the ranks of the "Islamic State of Iraq"

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organization. The film's goal is to encourage other Muslims to join the organization's ranks in its fight against the enemies of Islam, and especially against the Americans and the Shiite Muslims.



### Reports from the field

#### Afghanistan - Pakistan

- The emir of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Mullah Muhammad Omar, published a benediction in honor of Eid Al-Fitr.<sup>16</sup> In the message, he refers to several issues pertaining to Afghanistan's future and the war against the occupying forces:
  - a. The state of Jihad: according to him, the enemies of Islam estimated that this will be the year of resolution when the Mujahideen will fail. However, this estimate is erroneous and their plan has not come to fruition. Furthermore, developments point to the upcoming victory of the Mujahideen. The rise in the solidarity of the Afghan people towards the Mujahideen, the Mujahideen's infiltration of enemy lines, the expansion of the scope of Jihad activity in the country, the success of the terrorist attacks against sensitive and important enemy centers, the assassination of vital and important people in the Afghan government,

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.alemara1.com>

and the decline in the enemies' morale, all point to an imminent victory for the Mujahideen.

- b. The retreat of the American forces from Afghanistan: their retreat is not an overall solution for the Afghanistan problem. Jihad will continue more forcefully. According to him, the occupation forces will have to seek a convincing solution for the Afghan problem, alongside their rushed withdrawal of all of their forces from Afghanistan.
- c. The U.S. permanent bases on Afghan soil: the Afghan people are unwilling to accept any American military presence on its land and view it as occupation. If the U.S. continues to persist in its decision to keep these bases, it will suffer the consequences.
- d. The country's future and its form of government: according to him, there is evident desire to establish a true Islamic regime that receives the trust of all of the country's residents and that will have ties with all of the countries around the world.
- e. The negotiations: the solution to the Afghan problem lies in the establishment of a true Islamic regime. In order to achieve this goal, all legitimate methods can be examined. According to him, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has a defined and independent agenda on negotiations.
- f. The Bonn Conference: the Bonn Conference on Afghanistan, scheduled for the end of 2011, is the same as the first Bonn Conference which was held a decade ago. This is because the true representatives of the Afghan people will not attend it, and a true political solution to the problem of Afghanistan will not be discussed there. In order for a true solution to the problem of Afghanistan to be found, the world's

countries must stop interfering in its internal affairs as the Afghans can resolve their own matters by themselves, as history has proven.

- g. The government officials in Kabul: Muhammad Omar calls on the government employees in Kabul to stop aiding the occupiers, and instead help the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate in their opposition to the enemies of the religion and the homeland. Omar claims that by joining the Mujahideen, they will contribute in expediting the withdrawal of the occupiers from Afghanistan's soil.
- h. To the Mujahideen on the borders: 1) due to the sensitive circumstances the Mujahideen must demonstrate responsibility, now more than ever. Many regions in Afghanistan were liberated from the occupiers and this trend must continue; 2) obeying the Emir of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is considered to be one of the pillars of Jihad. Therefore, the senior members of the Jihad operating under the Emir are viewed as legal commanders who must be obeyed absolutely; 3) the tasks imposed by the commanders are to be strictly carried out; 4) the Afghan people must be treated well and with respect to gain their support; 5) a Mujahid may not act on his own accord but only in accordance with, and subject to, the orders of his commanders. This is due to the danger of detracting from the good name of the Jihad and the Mujahideen; 6) the members of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan must not take money by force; 7) the Mujahideen are ordered to carry out Da'awa alongside their Jihad activity. Furthermore, they are ordered to exercise frequently and carry out Jihadi instruction; 8) the supervisor of every province must ensure the Mujahideen completely understand the orders given by the Emirate.

- i. An address to the lecturers at the universities, the educated and the students in the country and overseas: all of them must work together and separately for Afghanistan's independence, and must protect the values of Islam and the homeland, and the unity amongst the Afghan people. At the same time, the western influence on the new generation must be eliminated and they are to be exposed to the values of Islam and be impressed with the need to strive for independence.
  - j. An address to the Afghan people and the world's nation: finally, Mullah Muhammad Omar thanks the Mujahideen for the Jihad they have been leading for a decade against the occupiers, and addressed the Muslims worldwide asking them to provide financial and moral support to the Afghan Mujahideen.
- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan published an announcement regarding the killing and injuring of 40 "enemy soldiers" in a suicide attack at the British cultural center.<sup>17</sup> The announcement reveals that a suicide bomber driving a Mazda laden with 500 kilograms of explosives, detonated the vehicle at the entrance to the site. This resulted in the destruction of the security barriers in the area and the injury of the guards. A short while later, three additional suicide bombers in a Corolla laden with 100 kilograms of explosives, entered the site and detonated the explosives close to the crowd which had gathered at the site of the first attack. The terrorists then attacked the officials and the rest of the center's employees. Over 40 people were killed or injured in this terrorist attack. According to the announcement, the attack took place over the course of six hours and was carried out on the 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Afghanistan's independence.<sup>18</sup>

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- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the Taliban-Pakistan organization announced a new strategy using female suicide bombers.<sup>19</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that 36 Pakistani soldiers were killed in a terrorist attack on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.<sup>20</sup>

### Iraq

- The Ministry of Propaganda of the "Islamic State of Iraq" sent greetings to the Muslim world on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr and praised the path of the Mujahideen against the tyrannical governments in various countries. It is interesting to note that there is no mention of Al-Zawahiri.<sup>21</sup> The Abdullah Azzam Brigades gave its salutations to Al-Zawahiri in their message to the nation in honor of Eid Al-Fitr.<sup>22</sup>
- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute published a video titled "Five Years to the State of Islam".<sup>23</sup> The video contains interviews with some of the leaders of the "Islamic State of Iraq" on their achievements and successes against the enemy on both an operational level and in the field of propaganda.



<sup>19</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>20</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>21</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>

<sup>22</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

- The "Islamic State of Iraq" published a message titled "Leaving for the Invasion of Revenge over Bin Laden and the Great Leaders".<sup>24</sup> In the announcement the organization members declare the launching of the third stage that will begin in the middle of the month of Ramadan and is supposed to manifest itself in a massive and effective wave of terrorist attacks all over the country. According to the organization, this stage will be executed in accordance with the instructions of the Emir of the "Islamic State of Iraq" and the organization's Minister of War, who were killed in April 2010. The organization calls this stage "The Invasion of Revenge for Bin Laden and other great leaders who were killed".<sup>25</sup>
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that at least 70 people were killed and dozens were injured in a series of attacks in Iraq on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.<sup>26</sup>

#### The Arabian Peninsula

- Surfers refute the reports on a dispute within Al-Qaeda in the Abyan Province. A surfer from Abyan presents an opposing picture – what happened was a small disagreement with one of the clans, and Al-Qaeda virtually rules Abyan. Its operatives there move around freely, implementing the Sharia. The reports on the death of 300 people in Abyan are true, but these were mercenaries who were paid by the security forces and the army to fight the tribes, Al-Qaeda members, and those identifying with the organization. The surfer confirmed that the fighting continues in Zinjibar.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>27</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>



### The Maghreb

- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published the first article titled "The Libyan Revolution" (14 pages long) in a new series of articles called "Religious illuminations and clarifications surrounding the Libyan and Syrian revolutions", by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili, a very prominent writer on the Jihadi forums.<sup>28</sup> Al-Amili notes that the nature of the revolution in Libya is essentially Islamic and that one cannot ignore the presence of the Mujahideen in the fighting against Gaddafi's government. According to him, many field leaders from the former Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) can be found amongst the rebels, as well as many Muslims belonging to the Islamic movement in Libya.

He advises that the Mujahideen must conduct themselves wisely in the days following the revolution in order to maintain their achievements, thwart the plots of their external enemies, successfully control the infrastructure sites in the country, and ensure the people's support. In addition, he emphasizes that the Mujahideen must unite their ranks and as a first step establish a Shura Council that will represent all of the Mujahideen. Afterwards, they will have to ensure their weapons are secured and that they are well equipped so that their crusader enemies will not act against them under the pretense they wish to protect the revolution against extremists and eradicate terrorism.

Al-Amili asks the Mujahideen in Libya to take extra care and be prepared for anything from their crusader enemies, so that they do not find themselves in the same situation as the tragedy that occurred in Bosnia Herzegovina in the 1990s. However, Al-Amili believes that this is a remote possibility as the circumstances in Libya differ to those in Bosnia Herzegovina. Moreover, Al-

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Amili sees Al-Qaeda's presence in the Maghreb, and especially in Algeria, as a source of strength for the Mujahideen in Libya: "We must not forget that Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb has Mujahideen and commanders from Libya. It is time for the expansion of its affiliates on Libyan soil... and preparation for the declaration of the establishment of a large Caliphate in the region, thanks to Allah's power".

Al-Amili does not favorably view the Libyan National Transitional Council. He deems it to be a creation of the West, not to mention that most of its members are known for their affiliation with the secular movement and with allies of the West such as Mustafa Abd Al-Jalil, the former Minister of Justice in Gaddafi's government. They, so contends Al-Amili, have no connection to the religion and their concern in protecting the West's interests in the region manifests itself, amongst other things, in boasting of the adoption of democracy. Therefore, Al-Amili predicts that Libya will enter into a war between the two forces in the near future. In light of this, Al-Amili calls on the Libyan people to continue to join the Jihad leaders and help them push out the Transitional Council and the seculars who head it who have joined the West. This will mean that a strong future can be built in Libya.

Al-Amili also notes that the remnants of Gaddafi's government are an element that must be considered. According to him, the few Gaddafi supporters will try to take revenge against the rebels by assassinating their leaders and carrying out terrorist attacks to intimidate them. He contends that the West is exploiting this situation to exert pressure on the rebels and prevent them from acting of their own accord. Al-Amili believes that this pressure will be ineffective if the Mujahideen succeed in keeping their ranks united.

Al-Amili states that the NATO alliance has an important part to play in breaking down Gaddafi's regime, but that it is doing so for two reasons: (a) for economic reasons so that it can take over Libya's oil resources; (b) for security reasons, due to the fear of an Islamist expansion in the region. Establishing the Libyan Transitional Council was meant to block this trend. Therefore he believes that the members of the NATO alliance must be hit and driven out of Libya.

Al-Amili also directs attention to the Arab governments which are another element with a connection and interest in Libya's future, due to a concern that the events in Libya may also reach them. According to him, the Arab people must emulate the Libyan model and act against their governments.



- The "Al-Murabiteen" Jihadi media institute published a video segment praising the rebels in Libya. This is the first time that an official publication has been made on the part of the Islamist rebels in Libya. As is well known, many of the rebels who succeeded in taking over Tripoli and Gaddafi's

compound were members of the Jihadi LIFG group (Libyan Islamic Fighting Group).<sup>29</sup>



- One of the writers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum posted correspondence that received high ratings from the forum management, titled: "The great international conspiracy against the Mujahideen in Libya. What are its reasons and what is required to thwart it?". According to the writer, the West and NATO (as its military arm) will never agree to the establishment of a Jihadi Islamic country, as is evident in their action against the Taliban state in Afghanistan. This is due to the knowledge that the Mujahideen will never stop their fighting until Palestine is liberated, and until they reach the borders of the Philippines and Eastern Turkistan, Andalusia, France, the Balkans and the southern Sahara. Even when the U.S. withdraws from Afghanistan, other superpowers such as Iran, India, Russia and China will take its place and continue fighting the Taliban. This is the state of affairs in Iraq where the Islamic state is under siege from the Shiites, the Kurds, Turkey and Iran. However, the author believes that the situation in Libya is different. If an Islamic state is established there, it will not have to contend

<sup>29</sup> <http://www.atahadi.net/vb>

with larger forces that surround it for the simple reason that there are no such forces in its region. Although the Egyptian army is an exception and is considered to be a powerful force, it is moderate and is reluctant to confront Muslims. Not only that, it is also busy with the situation in the Sinai Peninsula.

According to the writer, Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb may be considered to be a force and an ally of Islamic Libya, especially in view of its success in taking over parts of Mali, Algeria, the Sahara and other areas. After the establishment of an Islamic Libya and ensuring the subjugation of its neighboring regions to the Mujahideen, the second phase of the war can begin. This second phase involves expediting the collapse of the Mauritanian government, as well as the toppling of the Algerian government. With the Mujahideen's takeover of Mauritania, a war of attrition can be launched against the Maghreb governments, starting with the Western Sahara. He believes that Tunisia also constitutes an easy target for a takeover, due to the feeling of insecurity that is prevalent in the country following the revolution. The author points to other countries in the region that could be taken over with relative ease, such as Mali, Niger, Chad and other countries in the south of the Sahara.

However, the author stresses that Sudan is a more urgent objective than the ones he had previously mentioned. According to him, today the Muslims in Sudan suffer from a new reality forced upon them – the establishment of Southern Sudan, which operates under the crusading forces and receives Israel's support. He contends that for this reason it is better to concentrate the efforts in this arena in order to amend the situation, particularly as Libya shares a border with Sudan. He views the Horn of Africa as another more

difficult target due to Ethiopia which is a powerful ally of the West. However, the author believes that with the expansion of the influence of the Somali Mujahideen in the region and the turning of the Maghreb into an Islamic Maghreb, Ethiopia will be under siege and will eventually fall. The author predicts that in a few years, half of African continent will be under Al-Qaeda's flag.

For this plan to work, the author makes several suggestions for coping with the enemies' plots and to try to undermine them. Firstly the Mujahideen in Libya are strictly forbidden from giving up their weapons, especially in view of the fact that they are the most significant force in Libya and can use this to their advantage. All they have to do is to try and enlist the support of the Libyan people. However, they must be vigilant and cautious with the Libyan Transitional Council and the secular forces collaborating with the West and its plans. The author further suggests that the Mujahideen should not publicly tie their name to Al-Qaeda and instead should call themselves "Ansar Al-Sharia" (Supporters of the Sharia). He says that the people must understand that the campaign waged today is between the Islamic religion and the "religion of democracy". In other words, focusing on propaganda is very important for winning the support of the people. At the conclusion of his statement, the author notes that turning the African continent into an Islamic continent is a stage towards the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate, and that the banishment of the Crusader-Zionist enemy is feasible.<sup>30</sup>

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- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published its monthly message on its activity over the previous month, under the heading "The diverse actions of the Mujahideen – the killing and wounding of over 200 heretics, including many officers".<sup>31</sup>
- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published a message on the attack on a police station in Tizi Ouzou. The organization said that one of its operatives, Abu Al-Nasr, drove a car bomb towards a police station which contained approximately 40 policemen. He blew up a large part of the building, killing and injuring 35 people.<sup>32</sup>
- The "Al-Andalus" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published a message about the terrorist attack perpetrated by the organization's operatives at the Cherchel Military Academy in Algeria.<sup>33</sup>

#### Al-Sham

- The "Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" organization published an announcement offering congratulations on the terrorist attack near Eilat perpetrated on August 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.<sup>34</sup>
- The "Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad – Bayt Al-Maqdis" organization called on Muslims, men and women alike, to transfer money to the Mujahideen in Palestine. The Mujahideen are in dire need of aid in order to establish the path of the Oneness of God in Palestine, which is comprised of several stages. The group explains that the transfer of funds can be done via

<sup>31</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>32</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>33</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>, <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>34</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

correspondence using the "Asrar Al-Mujahideen" encryption program. The group notes its new code in the program and calls for people to contact it using a registered name and to take all the security steps.<sup>35</sup>

- The "Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad: Bayt Al-Maqdis" group, a Salafi Jihadi Palestinian group, published a video titled "The way of honor and the ways of turpitude".<sup>36</sup> The video begins with an attack on the Fatah leadership for establishing a pact with Israel. The group also criticizes the Hamas leadership for not implementing Sharia under its rule. Later in the video, the group addresses the Izz Al-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, reproaching them for their unwillingness to implement Sharia law and for refraining from leading a confrontation against Israel, and for the coalition they formed with Fatah. The video contains scenes of the group's military activity, mainly of rocket launches towards Israel. The video ends with a recording of Osama bin Laden swearing to never recognize the "Zionist entity".



<sup>35</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>

<sup>36</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>



- The "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" Salafi Jihadi website, founded by Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi who is currently incarcerated in a Jordanian prison, published a video focusing on the Salafi movement in Jordan as seen through the eyes of Al-Maqdisi.<sup>37</sup>
- A visual publication titled "Al-Haqiqa" was published in support of the Jordanian prisoners from the Zarqaa region.<sup>38</sup>

#### Egypt

- A surfer doubts message no. 1 by Al-Qaeda in the Sinai Peninsula, demanding that it becomes an Islamic Caliphate. He notes that if the message were real it would have been published via known Jihadi websites. The new organization's message reported attacks on police stations, but Al-Qaeda has not mentioned this in its previous messages.

Islamic organizations bearing the Al-Qaeda name do not go by this name unless they have fought the Crusaders in the international theater and have become a Global Jihad organization. This would mean that they have fought in the geographical arenas of several countries, in the same way as Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula or Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. Furthermore, there is some difficulty in this organization having a military approach towards the "Zionist-Arab pro-American alliance", unless it operates covertly, is not hunted by the security forces, and strengthens its alliance with the armed Bedouin tribes in Sinai after the revolution.

In addition, the new organization's message is not the same as Al-Qaeda's. The signing of the message with the phrase "Enough with ignorance" is not the signature of an organization claiming to be Islamic and demanding the

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<sup>37</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>38</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>

implementation of the Sharia. The flag hoisted by the new organization is not the flag of the Oneness of God hoisted by Al-Qaeda. The Quranic verses in the new organization's message do not point to any intention to implement the Sharia, which leads to the conclusion that the message's author is not familiar with this type of Quranic verse, despite the message calling for it.

A female supervisor on the forum disagrees with the surfer's claims; she calls on him not to be misled by the heretic media accusing the Mujahideen of harming innocent people, stressing that "the Mujahideen in Ard Al-Kinana (a name used for Egypt) have paved the right way for the implementation of the Sharia". Another surfer joins her and explains that the people of Sinai hate the government and see it as a collaborator. He wonders: now they are condemned for carrying out Jihad, and in the past they were accused of not lifting a finger for their Palestinian brothers?!<sup>39</sup>

- One of the members on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum claims that there is an urgent need to increase Al-Qaeda's presence in the Sinai Peninsula, with the aim of preparing for a confrontation with the Jews and to directly threaten Israel's security. According to the writer, the Mujahideen in Sinai wish to stay in touch with Al-Qaeda and the fighting groups in Gaza so that they can coordinate their positions and operations. "The time has come to direct the machine guns and rockets directly at the Jews' faces. From this point onwards Sinai shall remain a Jihad region and if Al-Qaeda is not present there at the moment, it will flood it later". The author then calls on Ayman Al-Zawahiri to open an Al-Qaeda branch in Sinai to concentrate efforts in a direct front against the Jews.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

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- An Egyptian surfer invites the public to participate in an Eid Al-Fitr prayer at a mosque in Alexandria which includes the participation of sheikhs who advocate Jihad. Sheikh Ahmad Ashoush, who served time in the Abu Zaghal Prison, will deliver the holiday sermon.<sup>41</sup>

#### Africa

- The "Al-Kataib" institute, operating on behalf of the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement, reported on the conclusion of the consultation meeting between the movement and the leaders of the Absami Tribe which occurred in mid-August 2011. During the meeting, the state of Jihad against the "Crusaders" was discussed, as well as more mundane issues such as education, commerce and construction. The tribe swore its allegiance to the movement and undertook to help it to implement the Sharia and fight the Crusaders. The media institute further notes that over recent months a great number of Somali tribes swore their allegiance to the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement.<sup>42</sup>
- The "Al-Kataib" institute, operating on behalf of the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement, published an announcement on the opening of five water ducts in the Shabelle Province on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.<sup>43</sup> The institute also published an announcement on the distribution of aid to 3,000 needy people in the Jubba Province on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.<sup>44</sup>
- The "Al-Kataib" institute, operating on behalf of the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement, published an announcement on the killing of seven soldiers from

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<sup>41</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb>

<sup>42</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb>

<sup>43</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>44</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

the "heretic militias" in the Banaadir Province on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.<sup>45</sup> The institute also published an announcement on the death of 20 soldiers of the heretic militias in battles in the city of Busar on August 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.<sup>46</sup> In addition, the institute published a message about the explosion of a military truck belonging to the "African crusaders" in Mogadishu on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2011.<sup>47</sup>

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported on a terrorist attack carried out on August 26<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the UN headquarters in Abuja, the Nigerian capital. The Boko Haram group claimed responsibility for the attack, which resulted in the deaths of 18 people.<sup>48</sup> Meanwhile, the forum reported on confrontations between Muslims and Christians in Nigeria, resulting in the death of 22 people.<sup>49</sup>

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

- One of the members of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum called on the Muslims in the U.S. to cut off the tongue of the American TV personality, David Letterman, for his repeated mocking of the Mujahideen leaders.<sup>50</sup>

#### **General reports**

- One of the members of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum asked the forum members to express their opinion about which theater of Jihad should be prioritized for the concentration of effort – Afghanistan or Yemen? One of the members pointed to the Yemeni theater as preferable, as the Mujahideen

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<sup>45</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>46</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>47</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

<sup>48</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>49</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb>

<sup>50</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

in Afghanistan are on the verge of occupying Afghanistan, while in Yemen there is need for more manpower. Another surfer noted that the Jihadi theater should be chosen based on considerations of accessibility to a certain area. According to him, if it is relatively easy to reach the Yemeni front, then it should be the chosen one. Another member agrees with him, saying the Yemen front should be concentrated on due to the lack of manpower there. Another surfer noted that Mujahideen should be sent to the Jihad fronts in Yemen and Chechnya. Based on these responses and others, it seems the forum members agree that the Jihad front in Yemen should be prioritized due to a lack of fighters, and in preparation for a direct confrontation with the Yemeni government.<sup>51</sup>

- One of the members on the "Atahadi" Jihadi forum reported, quoting the Spanish media, corresponded on the arrest of one of the managers of the Jihadi "Al-Haqiqa" forum (<http://www.thetruthn.com/vb>). The manager, Abd Al-Latif Walad Sheba, was detained by the Spanish security forces. According to the writer, he was arrested on August 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 for calling for the poisoning of the drinking water in Spain and for managing a Jihadi forum. The writer recommended several precautionary steps to be taken following Sheba's arrest:
  - a. Anyone having any ties with the forum manager must delete the latter's email.
  - b. One should not enter the "Al-Haqiqa" forum.
  - c. Those Jihadi forums that Sheba participated in, using the name Abu Hudaifa Al-Mosuli, should immediately delete all of his correspondences.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>51</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb>

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