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This report summarizes the most prominent events posted on the Jihadi online forums in the second half of November 2009:

New publications

Audio and video tapes:

- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's media institute published a video clip documenting the Mujahideen's activity in the Nuristan Province.¹
- The "Al-Malahim" institute, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media branch, published the first part of a movie clip entitled "the Death of the Traitors".²
- Several Jihadi forums published a clip by the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement in Somalia dealing with the swearing of allegiance to Al-Qaeda. The clip was also distributed on CD's and given to the worshippers during "Eid Al-Adha" ("the Festival of Sacrifice").³
- A video clip, made on behalf of the Jihadi "Mujahideen Al-Masada" media institute ("the Mujahideen's Lion's Den"), documenting the launching of a "Qutb 2" rocket towards the town of Sderot in Israel.⁴ It should be emphasized, that the shooting was carried out by Global Jihad activists from the Gaza Strip.
- The "Al-Tahadi" Islamic network published a video clip documenting the burial of Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi, leader of the Salafi movement in the Gaza Strip, eliminated by the Hamas on August 2009.⁵

¹ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=33115>

² <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=53338>

³ <http://alflojweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94038>

⁴ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=33336>

⁵ <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52545>

Magazines:

- The Jihadi media institution "Sariyyat Al-Sumud Al-'Ilamiya" ("The Resistance's Media Company") published the second issue of the new Jihadi magazine "Al-Mushtaqun Ila Al-Jannah" ("Those Yearning for Heaven").⁶ The magazine's name exemplifies the importance given by Global Jihad organizations to the encouragement and promotion of suicide acts, as a leading strategy in the campaign against the West.



- Issue no. 42 of the monthly magazine published by Afghanistan's Islamic Emirate, "Al-Somood" ("The Resistance"), was published on several Jihadi online forums.⁷

Books:

- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published a 60 page book, entitled "The Global Plan for the Proliferation of the Shia: its Dangers and the Ways of Coping with it". The book was written by Muhammad bin Zayd Al-Muhajir.⁸ From the book's table of contents, it appears to deal, amongst other things,



with the role played by the various governments and organizations in spreading the Shia, including that of Iran and the Hezbollah, in the dissemination of the Shia in the Persian Gulf, in the attempts to turn the Sufis into Shiites, and in the ways the Sunnis cope with these challenges. We do not have details on Al-Muhajir, except for the fact that he published another book entitled "The Media War over the Sons of Islam".

⁶ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93839>

⁷ <http://alsomod.info/phocadownload/42somoodmag.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?p=161061#post161061>

- The "Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya" group, one of Global Jihad's media institutions, which publishes video clips, books and other publications, published a book entitled "An Aid Missive from the Prisoners of this World to the Free Salafi Jihadists in the Moroccan Prisons", written by Sheikh Abu Ahmad Abd Al-Rahman Al-Masri, who has written many articles on the subject of Jihad.⁹
- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published a book by Abu Al-Nur Al-Maqdisi, leader of the Salafi movement in the Gaza Strip who was eliminated by the Hamas on August 2009, entitled "The True Path Following the Path of the Prophet".¹⁰

Other publications:

- A second publication by the "Jawal Al-Ansar" group ("Ansar Mobile"), containing a collection of audio segments, spectacular posters and books on the subject of Jihad for mobile phones.¹¹



- Global Jihad's "Technical Research and Studies Center" (TRSC) published a 36 page manual on wireless devices and their use.¹² It is apparent, that Global Jihad makes use of advanced western technology, in order to expand its circles of influence and recruitment, by sending appealing messages much like the western distribution patterns.



⁹ <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52444>

¹⁰ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=33236>

¹¹ <http://as-ansar.org/vb/showthread.php?p=50423>

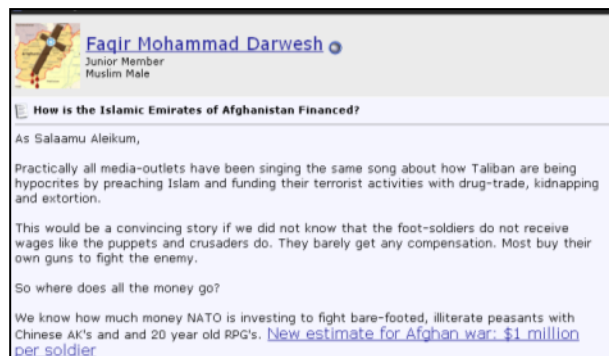
¹² <http://alflojweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93460>

- A publication of the "Al-Tahadi" forum, by Sheikh Abu Al-Fadl Omar Al-Hadushi, on the life of Abdullah Azzam.¹³
- A nine page publication made on behalf of the Jihadi media institute, the "Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya" group, entitled "Allah is God and it is He that should be Worshipped" by Abu Ahmad Al-Rahman Al-Masri.¹⁴
- The military section of the Jihadi "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, published links to a virtual course on the operation of light weapons, mortar launching, the manufacture of mortars and more.¹⁵

Reports from the field

Afghanistan & Pakistan:

- The Jihadi "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" forum, published a missive by the "Amir of the Believers", Mullah Muhammad Omar, to the Mujahideen across the world in honor of the "Festival of Sacrifice".¹⁶
- One of the Islamic forums held a discussion on the subject of the sources of financing of the Taliban in Afghanistan. The discussion began with a question posed by one of the surfers, as according to many publications the financing comes from drug trafficking and crime, while the Taliban denies it. A veteran surfer answered that loot and plunder are indeed financing sources. Another surfer provides a more profound explanation and states that the war is a war of the people, so



¹³ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9780>

¹⁴ <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=53102>

¹⁵ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33774>

¹⁶ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33713>

that every citizen gives what he can, be it land, shelter, food etc. Another source of financing, according to him, is donations made by exiled Afghans and through the "Hawala" system.¹⁷ Regarding the provisions of weapons, he states that they arrive from China or former Soviet satellite countries. More advanced weapons reach the Mujahideen through loot from the fighting against the Coalition Forces, or via unsuccessful parachuting of weapons.¹⁸

- Correspondence endeavoring to clarify the difference between the Salafi-Jihadi movement and the Taliban.¹⁹

Iraq:

- An announcement regarding the establishment of a Shahidi Brigade for the Iraqi Jihadi group, "Dir' Al-Islam" ("the Shield of Islam").²⁰
- A propaganda effort to expose the surfers to the achievements of the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI), Al-Qaeda's branch in Iraq, accompanied by photographs.²¹
- Directing the surfers' attention to the economic ramifications caused by the attack on oil installations in Iraq.²²

The Arabian Peninsula:

- The Jihadi forums continue to deal with the position of the Mujahideen in view of the conflict between the Houthis and the Yemenite government.²³ A senior member of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Muhammad bin Abd Al-

¹⁷ An informal value transfer system based on the performance and honor of a huge network of money brokers, which are primarily located in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and South Asia.

¹⁸ <http://forums.islamicawakening.com/f18/how-islamic-emirates-afghanistan-financed-30373/>, <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52481>

¹⁹ <http://muslm.net/vb/showthread.php?t=366917>

²⁰ <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52525>

²¹ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=52912>

²² <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=53072>

²³ <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=51999>

Rahman Al-Rashed, called for a stand against the Shiites, "as they pose a danger to Islam, more than the Jews and the Christians".²⁴

- The "Al-Faloja" Jihadi online forum published an extensive selection of photographs and maps of American military bases in the Arabian Peninsula.²⁵



The Maghreb Region:

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that a court in Algeria has sentenced to death, in absentia, Abdelmalek Droukdal, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb and 48 others accused of terrorist activity.²⁶
- The leader of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Abdelmalek Droudkai, also called Abu Musab Abd Al-Wudud, asks that the organization's media committee respond to the bloody events, following the soccer game between Egypt and Algeria, as "Why do Muslims die for a ball and not for the Lord?".²⁷
- A security source in Mali reported that a French citizen was kidnapped by Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, on the night between November 25th and November 26th 2009.²⁸
- Reports of the kidnapping of four Spanish tourists in Mauritania. One of the surfers reminds that Spain has forces in Afghanistan, and therefore a campaign should be held against it until it retreats.²⁹

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

- The publication of the doctrine of the Salafi-Jihadi "Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" group, operating in the Gaza Strip.³⁰

²⁴ <http://muslm.net/vb/showthread.php?t=366672>

²⁵ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93146>

²⁶ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=141774>

²⁷ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33190>

²⁸ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=144404>

²⁹ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94171>

³⁰ <http://www.shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52647>

- The "Shumukh" Jihadi forum published a review containing the names of sites where Israel is allegedly storing its nuclear bombs. The review was accompanied by maps and photographs.³¹
- The "Al-Tawhid W-Al-Jihad" group, a Salafi-Palestinian terrorist organization, published a formal announcement, taking responsibility for the launching of five rockets towards the Sufa post in Israel.³²
- One of the surfers states that many surfers from Gaza have stopped writing on the "Al-Faloja" forum and in other Jihadi forums, due to the events in Gaza following the declaration of an Islamic Emirate on August 2009. Some were killed and others were injured or arrested.³³
- The Jihadi "Hanein" forum reported that the trial of two Islamists, arrested under suspicion of incitement to terrorism, began in Jordan's State Security Court on November 22nd. The defendants are Abd Al-Qader Shhada Al-Tahawi, also called "Abu Muhammad Al-Tahawi", and Imad Abidat.³⁴ Surfers perceive these events, as well as the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel and King Abdullah's relatively moderate stance towards the Israeli-Arab conflict, as a "red line" crossed by the Hashemite Kingdom. The surfers call upon King Abdullah, to revoke the peace treaty with Israel and remove Jordanian soldiers from the U.N. forces.³⁵
- The "Fatah Al-Islam" terrorist organization, operating mainly in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, published a clarification completely denying everything written in the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya'

³¹ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=53034>

³² <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=53390>

³³ <http://alflojweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93499>

³⁴ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=142825>. On the arrests made by the Jordanian security forces and the outraged response on the Jihadi forums, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_Nov_2.pdf, page 7.

³⁵ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=143304>,

<http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33655>

online forum, from which it could be understood, that the Amir of "Fatah Al-Islam", Sheikh Abu Muhammad Awad, is active in this forum.³⁶

- The Arab "Al-Hayat" daily newspaper, published in London, published an article on June 29th 2009, on the development of the Salafi-Jihadi movement in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Some of the Palestinians from this movement are called "the new Zarqawis".³⁷

Egypt:

- Following the violence displayed by Egyptian fans towards the Algerian embassy in Cairo, surfers wonder why Muslims in Egypt do not attack the Israeli embassy in Cairo instead.³⁸

Africa:

- The Amir of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement in Somalia calls upon all the Muslims worldwide, to stand alongside the movement and come to Somalia.³⁹
- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement is concerned about the local farmers in Somalia and calls upon the U.N. not to distribute food sent from abroad, but to purchase produce from the local farmers. Surfers support this call and explain that the U.N. is an infidel entity that must not be allowed to operate in Somalia.⁴⁰
- One of the surfers comes out against Kenya's role in the war in Somalia. He claims that Kenya is helping the United States in banishing Muslims from Somalia, cooperates with it in the field of intelligence, not to mention the

³⁶ <http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?t=33447>,
<http://www.majahdenar.com/showthread.php?p=159640>. On this matter, see also:
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Nov_2.pdf
 f, page 7.

³⁷ http://www.aub.edu.lb/ifi/Documents/public_policy/pal_camps/pubs/AlShishani_alhayat_290609.pdf

³⁸ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=142946>
³⁹ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93161>

⁴⁰ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93750>

CIA's large headquarters in Kenya, which carries out espionage activities against the Mujahideen in Somalia. Kenya has even arrested several activists belonging to the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement and is training Somali refugees in its territory, so that they can operate in the regions ruled by the movement. According to him, Kenya helped the United States to assassinate Saleh Nabhan on September 2009.⁴¹ He reiterates Osama bin Laden's words, calling for the destruction of the American embassy in Kenya and explains that the border between Somalia and Kenya is 1,200 km long, a fact that may endanger "Kenya, the corrupt country based on secularism, including a Christian government and the oppression of Muslims", if an Islamic entity rules Somalia. Following these words, he calls upon the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" activists to surround themselves with their supporters and to explain even to the man-in-the-street, what and against whom they are fighting. He calls upon them to take precautionary steps and to build strong fortifications in the border cities. Furthermore, he calls for the establishment of armed Islamic groups comprised of Somalis living in Kenya, and suggests asking the Muslim religious clerics in Kenya for religious justification to such action and to secretly murder religious clerics who oppose this step.⁴²

- On one of the English Jihadi forums, an announcement was posted by the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization, regarding the award-giving radio contest on the subject of Jihad. The contest was directed towards a younger audience – children up to the age of 18 – and the subject of the contest was current and historical Jihad and missions of self sacrifice

⁴¹ He was a 28 year old senior Al-Qaeda member, wanted by the FBI under the suspicion of planning and involvement in several terrorist attacks, including the attack on American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998 as well as the combined terrorist attack in 2002 which included an explosion at an Israeli owned hotel in Mombasa, Kenya's capital, and a launching of a missile towards an "Arkia" airplane taking off from the airport in the city.

⁴² <http://alflojweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93272>

(Istishhad). The announcement stated that many have registered for the contest, and that the prizes were distributed as follows:

- First prize: A Kalashnikov rifle in excellent condition including enough ammunition, two hand grenades, a computer and office equipment for the study of Jihad and its dissemination.
- Second prize: A Kalashnikov rifle in excellent condition, including some ammunition, a computer and some office equipment for the study of Jihad and its dissemination.
- Third prize: A Kalashnikov rifle in mediocre condition with no ammunition, a computer and no office equipment for the study of Jihad and its dissemination

The announcement stated that the weapons would be provided on the condition that they are used in the Jihad for Allah.⁴³

- A surfer, probably from Sudan, addresses Osama bin Laden and the Mujahideen in general, on behalf of the people of Sudan. He asks for their help against the current government, owing to the assistance which it is providing to the United States and its actions against Islam. According to him, it is acting with the aim of turning Sudan into a Christian state and making it secular, especially after the signing of the agreement with the popular movement in southern Sudan six years ago. He adds that the government extradites Mujahideen to the United States, arrests many of them for belonging to Al-Qaeda and has even sentenced three youths to death, for killing an American diplomat and an "infidel" Sudanese. He claims that in the south, the situation is even worse, as more and more mosques and Muslim

⁴³ <http://ansarnet.info/showthread.php?t=14714>

schools are being shut down and Christian and Jewish organizations infiltrate the area wreaking havoc.⁴⁴

- A surfer urges taking advantage of the opportunity to obtain official Algerian passports, after Algeria announced it would enable the application for such passports for a limited period of time (until November 17th), following the soccer match between Algeria and Egypt in the capital of Sudan. The surfer stated that this would also enable entry into Sudan, and one of the surfers reminds that Sudan is the "Spark for taking action".⁴⁵

The West:

- The English section of the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum published an announcement supporting the terrorist attack carried out by Nidal Malik Hassan at the military base in Texas. The announcement proclaimed him a hero, who should be emulated by other Muslim soldiers in the American Army.⁴⁶
- Joyous responses from surfers on the Jihadi forums following the killing of four policemen at the Internet café in Washington state on November 29th 2009. One of the surfers mentions Nidal Hassan, who carried out the terrorist attack at the American military base, and explains that he was the one who "set this year as a good year and is the one who gave it life in the land of the infidels".⁴⁷
- In Belgium, reports were made of a Muslim arrested in the country, who was forced to speak out against the Prophet Muhammad. According to the reports,



⁴⁴ <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93090>

⁴⁵ <http://al-faljaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=92628>

⁴⁶ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?p=51693#post51693>

⁴⁷ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94147> ;

<http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94146>

this is not the first time that Muslims receive humiliating treatment in prison. Following this report, one of the surfers stated that the Islamic nation has grown accustomed to hearing slanderous remarks against the Prophet and his wives in Europe, and has even demonstrated and made denouncing announcements and called for the boycotting of goods, "but this is not enough!". He calls upon his "pure believing brothers in Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands and especially everywhere the Prophet and his wives are vilified, to decapitate those slandering, throw their heads in the streets and carve on them: this is the punishment of whoever curses our prophet", just like Muhammad Bouyeri did in killing the Dutch film director, Theo Van Gogh, on November 2004, due to his beliefs opposing the Prophet and Islam. It should be noted that at the beginning of his correspondence he writes: "Belgium's dogs! The next strike will be in the heart of Brussels!".⁴⁸

- A surfer asks that hackers crash the website of the Italian Parliament member, Daniela Santanche, who cursed the Prophet on a television show.⁴⁹
- German authorities warn against attacks on military or civilian installations, belonging to Germany in Afghanistan, carried out by a German citizen who converted to Islam.⁵⁰ Postings on one of the Jihadi forums advise Jihadi cells in Germany to carry out terrorist attacks on a small scale, until Al-Qaeda executes a large-scale attack.⁵¹
- Following the decision of the Swiss citizens not to allow the building of mosque minarets in the country, a surfer on one of the Jihadi forums writes

⁴⁸ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93111>,
<http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52547>,
<http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9741>,
<http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52414>,
<http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9655>

⁴⁹ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93081>

⁵⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=141804>

⁵¹ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33613>

that Europe's war on Islam goes on.⁵² We expect to see further responses on the forums relating to this decision in the next few days.

General

- On several prominent Jihadi forums, a posting was published entitled "Al-Qaeda and the Challenges of the Future". The posting was written by the veteran surfer "Dir' Li-Man Wahada", who has also written an outline plan in the past, for Muslims wishing to go on Jihad.⁵³ In the posting, he reviews the various aspects of the conflict between Islam and the "infidels", as he calls it, and he speaks of the ramifications of the Mujahideen fighting in the Jihad arena.⁵⁴
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Eletroniya" Jihadi forum, operating in all probability from the Palestinian territories and, at times, constituting a podium for Taliban leaders, published a message from Al-Qaeda to its supporters around the world. The message spoke of the successful Jihadi war being carried out by the Muslims in the various arenas against the "infidels". At the end of the message, it is emphasized that there is no difference between the Taliban movement and Al-Qaeda – "the Taliban is Al-Qaeda and Al-Qaeda is the Taliban".⁵⁵

Miscellaneous

- On one of the English speaking Jihadi forums, correspondence was posted warning against the use of social networks on the internet, specifically Facebook, as the Israeli espionage services use the internet for spying. One of the surfers stated that it is a fact that Israeli espionage services, headed by

⁵² <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94143>

⁵³ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Training_Jihad_Via_the_Internet.pdf

⁵⁴ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93339>

⁵⁵ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=33717>

the Mossad, track Islamic organizations and Islamic figures, and therefore one should beware of divulging identifying details. Notwithstanding, other surfers explained that there was no escape from using the social networks, such as Facebook, in order to pass on messages to various target audiences.⁵⁶

- One of the surfers stressed the importance of blogs, as another means for spreading Jihadi messages and addressing as wide an audience as possible, including surfers from the "countries of the Cross". He explains what blogs are, the way to create them, their components and every detail for the beginner blogger. Surfers provide links to Jihadi blogs, such as:⁵⁷
 - <http://qwafilelshuhda2.blogspot.com>
 - <http://abuelnoremqdsi.maktoobblog.com>
 - <http://slafya.maktoobblog.com>
- A warning on behalf of "Kataib Al-Rashid" ("The Watchdog Brigades") not to surf the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum, in light of the infiltration of western intelligence services.⁵⁸
- Detailed explanations of topography and navigation, accompanied by illustrations.⁵⁹
- The advantages of using a GPS device.⁶⁰
- A detailed and illustrated explanation on the assembly of shell detonators.⁶¹
- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) opens a channel to its surfers for posting questions, and advice on ways to streamline, via two Jihadi forums:

⁵⁶ <http://ansarnet.info/showthread.php?t=16165>

⁵⁷ <http://al-falojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=92693>

⁵⁸ <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52283>

⁵⁹ <http://www.alqimmah.net/showthread.php?t=11938>

⁶⁰ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=53068>

⁶¹ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=53184>

"Al-Faloja" and "Shumukh", or by sending an email via the blog:
<http://gimfmail.blogspot.com>.⁶²

- A program for personal messages management on the Jihadi forums, developed by the "Technical Research and Studies Center" (TRSC). The program was intended to help save private messages after they are posted on the forum, even if the forum is no longer active for some



reason. Furthermore, the program enables a search and tracking option of the surfer's messages without being online.⁶³

- A wanted ad: the "Kavkaz Center" website, reporting on the activity of the Mujahideen in the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasia region, is looking for translators from Russian to Arabic.⁶⁴

⁶² <http://shamikh.org/vb/showthread.php?t=52796>

⁶³ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?p=308375>

⁶⁴ <http://alflojajaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=93432>