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This report summarizes the most prominent events brought up in the Jihadi online forums in the first half of October 2010. Following are the main issues raised in this report:

- A discussion surrounding "Al-Qaeda's 7 point strategy" arose on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum. The discussion took place following the American withdrawal from Iraq.
- The Taliban threatens to carry out terrorist attacks in the Netherlands.
- Surfers call for the abduction of Americans in Islamic countries in response to the American aerial attacks in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- The Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula military commander declares the founding of the "Aden-Abyan Army".
- The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" leadership in Somalia denies that there are disagreements within the organization's leadership. This denial follows increasing numbers of reports on troubled relationships between the organization's leaders.

New publications*Ideology*

- The Abdullah Azzam Brigades published their first announcement in the series of publications called "May the Path of Criminals be Revealed" regarding the visit to Lebanon of the Iranian President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, between October 13th – 14th 2010.¹

The announcement contains criticism of the visit to Lebanon made by Ahmadinejad. The announcement claims there is an American-Iranian plan in which Iran will replace the United States upon the latter's leaving of Islamic lands, and will continue the role of oppressing Sunni Muslims. According to the announcement, there is a triple alliance between Iran, Syria and Hezbollah which is meant to harm Sunni Muslims. For example, Hezbollah, which is Iran's branch in Lebanon, promised the Jews that peace would be maintained at the Israeli border, due to its plan to takeover Lebanon. Therefore, the Abdullah Azzam Brigades claim that a campaign against the Shiites is forced on them. They call on all the Sunnis to confront the Shiites to ward off the Shiite danger.²

¹ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=14139>

² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=75906>



- The "Al-Andalus" institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published greetings in honor of Eid Al-Fitr on behalf of Sheikh Muhammad Abu Bakr bin Muhammad Al-Shakawi, the Amir of the "Ahl Al-Sunnah Group for Preaching and Jihad in Nigeria" (Jama'at Ahlus Sunnah lil Da'wah wal Jihad Nigeria).³ In his sermon, Al-Shakawi stresses his group's adherence to pure Islam and its renouncing of deviant groups such as seculars, democrats, Shiites and Christians. He also states that his group does not recognize the Nigerian government, "founded by Colonialists after killing Muslims". Al-Shakawi claims that the criticism made recently regarding the legality of Jihad is misleading and contradicts the sources sacred to Islam.⁴

³ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13819>

⁴ <http://216.95.249.110/~leyothin/vb/showthread.php?t=25366>

It should be noted that this is the first time a connection is seen between the media institute of one of Al-Qaeda's branches and this group operating in Nigeria.⁵



- The "Al-Shishan" (Chechnya) media center presented a video titled "This is the Caucasus of 2010". The video depicts the actions of the Russian forces and of their "agents" – rape, torture and the murder of Muslims – whilst on the other side is the grating silence of the Islamic world. It also shows suicide attacks carried out by the Mujahideen and their retaliation such as massive attacks and bombings against the Russian forces and their agents in the "Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus" (Chechnya, Dagestan, Ingushetia, Kabardino and Balkaria).⁶



⁵ For more information on Al-Shakawi, see:
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_July_2010_No_2.pdf, page 12.

⁶ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13869>

- The "Emirate's Jihadi Studio" media institute, operating on behalf of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan, published a video titled "Who are your loved ones?". The video focuses on several soldiers who collaborated with the enemy forces, held captive by the Mujahideen. In addition, it depicts the soldiers collaborating with the enemy forces as barbarians.⁷
- The "Al-Furqan" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI), published a video titled "The Awakening [Enraged] Snake – part 2".⁸ The video focuses on the importance of fulfilling the commandment of Jihad, and stresses it is a religious commandment every Muslim is bound to. The video calls on the Muslims to immigrate to Iraq and take part in the campaign against the enemies of Islam. Furthermore, the video contains criticism against those slandering and denouncing Jihad, as well as against the Ulama operating on behalf of the authorities.

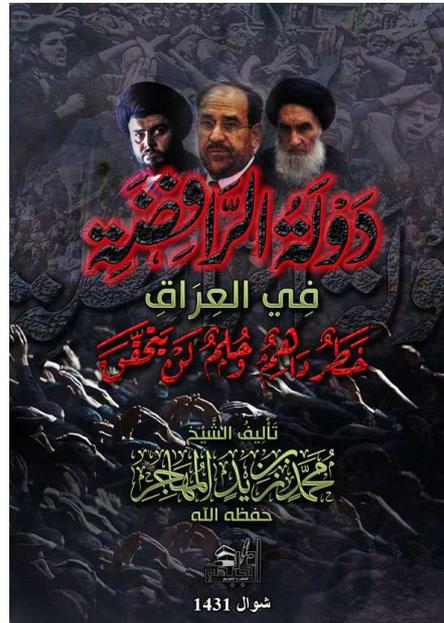
The video contains the speeches of several members of the "Islamic State of Iraq", extolling the importance of participating in the Jihad war. For example, one of the members, Abu Haydar Al-Libi, calls on the Muslims in Libya to immigrate to Iraq and take part in the Jihad campaign.

- The Jihadi GIMF media institute published a booklet titled "The Shiite State in Iraq: an imminent danger and a dream that will not be realized" (64 pages long), by Sheikh Muhammad bin Zaid Al-Muhajir. The booklet is a polemic essay against the Shiite community in Iraq and in general. According to the author the Shiites in Iraq together with outside partners, especially Iran, have a well prepared and set plan to take over every part of the country and establish a Shiite state. Amongst other things, the booklet refers to the

⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=75093>

⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=75291>

Shiites' methodical purging of Sunnis living in Iraq. In view of this trend, the author calls for a show of strength against the Shiites in Iraq.⁹



- The "Al-Aqsa" Jihadi media institute published a 12-page booklet titled "The Islamic State of Iraq: a flag that shall not be removed", by Sheikh Abu Hajir Al-Libi, apparently a Salafi sheikh member of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG).¹⁰

In his book, Al-Libi praises the "Islamic State of Iraq" and wishes for the defeat of its Crusader and Jewish enemies. He also expresses concern over the increased influence of Iran and the Shiites in the region. He claims that all over Iraq there are armed Shiite militias, most of them operating within the state's security forces, which are methodically purging Sunni Muslims in the country. He also mentions the characteristics of the "Islamic State of Iraq", as well as the substantiation of the Sharia, and calls on Muslims to support it.

⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74199>,

<http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?t=1959>

¹⁰ <http://almadad1.com/vb/showthread.php?p=4852#post4852>

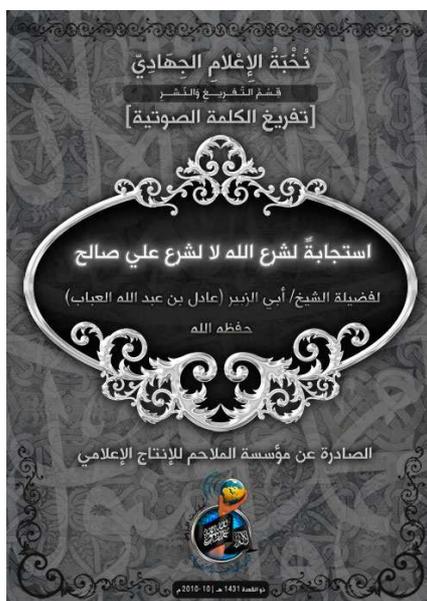
Strategy

- The "Al-Malahem" institute published an audio tape made by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's military commander, Qasim Al-Rimi. He announces that they are close to laying the "first bricks of the Aden-Abyan Army". He expresses confidence in his organization's move towards "instilling Allah's law in the Arabian Peninsula" following the organization's recent success against the Yemeni security forces in the south and east of the country.¹¹
- The "Al-Malahem" institute, operating on behalf of "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula" (AQAP), published an audio tape made by the organization's religious leader, Abu Al-Zubayr, speaking out against the Yemen president.¹² The tape titled "We answer to God's law, not Ali Saleh's law" was published following the statement made by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, claiming that implementing Sharia is the solution to all existing ailments. Al-Zubayr condemns Saleh's corrupt use of the Sharia to present himself as a believing Muslim, and states it is merely a pretense. According to Al-Zubayr, the Sharia that Saleh speaks of is not the Sharia set by Allah, but rules and regulations set by Saleh through which he tries to promote war against the Mujahideen – a goal which received President Obama's blessing.¹³

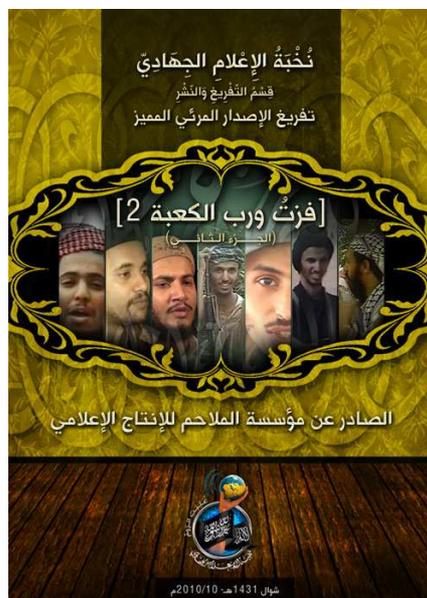
¹¹ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=14044>

¹² <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=14003>

¹³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=75225>



- The "Al-Malahem" institute published the second part of the publication called "By the Lord of the Ka'bah, I have succeeded – Part II".¹⁴



¹⁴ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13866>

Instructional and Guidance Publications

- The "Al-Fajr" Jihadi media institute published an audio segment titled "Security Measures While Traveling and Security Measures While Using Transportation". This segment, 13th in number, is published as part of a series of publications called "The Industry of Terrorism: A Course in Security and Intelligence" by Sheikh Abdullah Adm.¹⁵



Promoting the Myth of the Shahid

- The "Al-Malahem" institute, operating on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published a video clip containing a eulogy for Sheikh Zayed Al-Daghari Al-Awlaki by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rubaish, the organization's Mufti in the Arabian Peninsula.¹⁶

The video briefly relates Zayed Al-Daghari Al-Awlaki's path as an Al-Qaeda activist who decided to join the Jihad campaign during his studies at the "Dar Al-Hadith" in the Mareb Province, following a meeting with Sheikh Muhammad Umayr Al-Kalawi. Al-Kalawi himself was killed in an American attack in Yemen

¹⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74809>. For previous audio segments, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_2.pdf, page 6.

¹⁶ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13866>

in December 2009, and the "Al-Malahem" institute published a book he wrote before his death titled "Why I Chose Al-Qaeda".¹⁷

Zayed Al-Awlaki is praised and mentioned as someone who stressed at all times that "the role of religious students is not reduced to issuing Fatwas, and it is wrong to reduce oneself to encouraging people to go to war and it is their duty to lead the fighters, and the front line of the Mujahideen". Al-Awlaki, who headed a Mujahideen cell, was killed during a raid on a Yemeni army post.

Finally, the video calls on all of Al-Awlaki's acquaintances to follow in his path.¹⁸



- The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadi media institute published a booklet titled "Al-Baghdadi and Al-Muhajir, the two witnesses and two shahids" (8 pages long) by the Salafi Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili.

This is the third booklet in the series called "Longing for the Islamic State in Iraq". The booklet eulogizes the deaths of the Amir of Al-Qaeda in Iraq and his Minister of War, who were killed in April 2010, and stresses that even

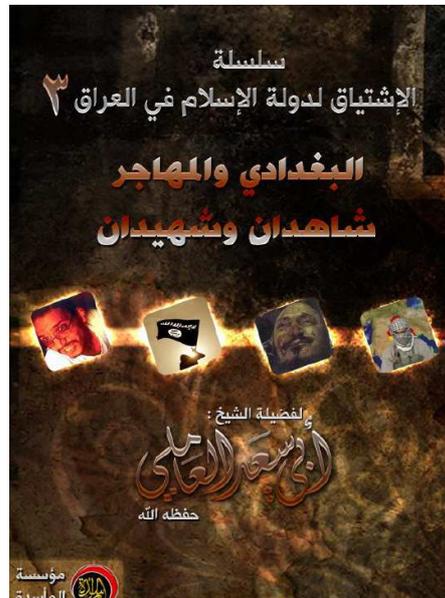
¹⁷ More on the subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_August_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 11-13.

¹⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74794>

after their death the duty to continue with the Jihad campaign continues.

Furthermore, a martyr's death is stressed as a virtue one should aspire to.¹⁹



- The "Jund Allah" Jihadi media institute, operating on behalf of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, published a video in Arabic titled "The Flag of Jihad: on the Shahid Muhammad Tahir Al-Faruq".²⁰ Muhammad Tahir was the Amir of the Islamic movement in Uzbekistan, and was killed over a year ago by an American attack near the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. In the meantime Usmon Odil was appointed as his replacement.²¹

¹⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74197>

²⁰ <http://www.as-ansar.net/vb/showthread.php?t=30314>

²¹ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 18-19.

Magazines

Publication of the second issue of the "Inspire" magazine

- The "Al-Malahem" Media Foundation, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media outlet, has published its fall issue of the English language "Inspire" magazine.²² This is the second issue of the publication - the summer issue was released at the beginning of July 2010. The two issues share a similar format and structure although the second issue is more colorful and geared towards a younger, digital media-orientated audience.

The magazine is divided into several sections starting from an editorial, through current global events related to the fight between the West and Islam, as well as the Arab-Israeli conflict, a feedback section, and older transcripts of recordings from Osama Bin Laden. The magazine also includes the second installment of "The Jihad Experience" by Abu Musab Al-Suri.

The fall issue also includes several featured interviews and articles translated from Arabic. It should be noted the many of the articles published in the magazine have been made public prior to the publication of 'Inspire' online on Jihadi related forums and websites.

With that being said, a new article by Anwar Al-Awlaki was published in the current issue. The article was written as a refutation of the New Mardin Declaration, issued after the meeting of a group of scholars which took place in March 2010 in the city of Mardin, Turkey.²³ It should be noted that this is the first publication by Anwar Al-Awlaki in over six months. It should also be noted that the refutation was actually written by Awlaki back in April 2010, but only saw the light in October due to technical difficulties.

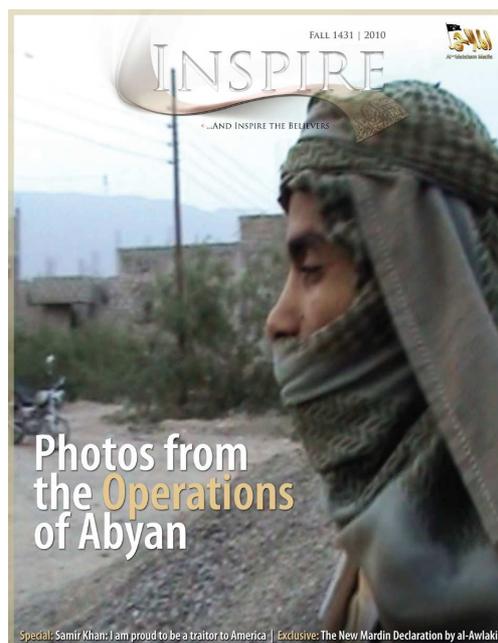
²² <http://www.as-ansar.net/vb/showthread.php?p=124475>

²³ On the subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_May_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 6-8.

While the cover story reporting on the attack in Abyan in Yemen (also published previously on Jihadi forums), transcripts and interviews are indirectly aimed towards the English-speaking western audience, a more direct approach is conducted through an article written by an American Muslim in the service of Jihad as to the reasons why he betrayed the United States as well as through the 'Open Source Jihad' section which gives instructions on the construction of devices of destruction as well as advice on how to conduct Jihad and avoid being captured.

After a review of the second issue of "Inspire" magazine, one can note that while the articles chosen for the publication are aimed towards the English reading audience, the interviews are conducted by "Al-Malahem" operatives and not 'Inspire' reporters. Furthermore, it would seem that the editing of the magazine is done by a single individual due to constant form, vocabulary and language throughout the magazine. This might also indicate that the decision on a seasonal issue is more a time constraint given the difficulty in acquiring exclusive material for the publications.



Reports from the field

Afghanistan - Pakistan

- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published a collection of new photographs under the heading "The Islamic State of Pakistan: burning a NATO gasoline convoy in Pakistan".²⁴



- *Asia Times Online* reported on the killing of a Pakistani named Muhammad Usman in a recent US drone attack.²⁵ According to the report, Usman's death was notable on the same level as Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid and Sheikh Fateh Al-Misri.²⁶ The Long War Journal went further and claimed that Usman was a senior aide to Osama bin Laden who served as a key link to Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and other Jihadist factions in Pakistan.²⁷ It should be noted that neither NATO sources nor Taliban/Al Qaeda sources have mentioned his death or position in the organization.
- The Al-Jazeera network in English reported that a senior military commander of the Pakistani Taliban, Qari Hussain – reportedly an expert in preparing suicide jackets and training bombers to carry out attacks, was killed during a suspected US drone attack at the beginning of October.²⁸

²⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74898>

²⁵ http://www.atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/LJ09Df03.html

²⁶ See:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_October_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 17-18.

²⁷ http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2010/10/senior_bin_laden_aid.php

²⁸ <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/asia/2010/10/2010101613368821202.html>

The "Al-Qimmah" English forum published a contradiction by the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan spokesman, Azzam Tariq, regarding the news reports about Qari Hussain's death in a drone attack.²⁹

- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the Taliban claimed responsibility for the explosion on a NATO aircraft in Afghanistan, killing 2 people. The cause of the explosion is unknown.³⁰
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the Taliban in Afghanistan threatened the Dutch government with terrorist attacks in the Netherlands, due to the statements made by the radical right wing parliament member, Geert Wilders. The organization's spokesperson, Dhabih Allah Mujahid, warned that if the Netherlands carries out Wilders' policy hostile to Islam, then the Netherlands will surely become a target for attack.³¹

Iraq

- The "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI) published an announcement titled "The new claims of the 'Green Zone' government are false". The announcement accuses the Iraqi government security forces of starting rumors that they have succeeded in capturing the two main operatives who carried out the recent series of terrorist attacks in Baghdad.³²
- The Al-Arabiya English news channel posted an article regarding the abduction of children born in Iraq to members of Al-Qaeda. According to the report, during and after the 2003 campaign, Iraqi women living in areas controlled by Al-Qaeda were forced to wed the organization's operatives and bear their children. In recent years, Al-Qaeda members have returned to

²⁹ <http://www.al-qimmah.net/showthread.php?t=20356>

³⁰ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=201648>

³¹ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=202647>

³² <http://202.149.72.130/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=75972>

kidnap these children and raise them as the next generation of Al-Qaeda. It should be noted that most if not all of these children, have no legal standing or record of existence in any governmental database.³³

- The Al-Jazeera English news channel reported on a roadside bomb attack targeting Fouad Al-Moussawi, a Deputy Minister of Science and Technology in Baghdad.³⁴

The Arabian Peninsula

- "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula" (AQAP) published an announcement titled "Claiming Responsibility for the Attacks in Lahej Province". The announcement states that the organization has carried out four terrorist attacks in the province:³⁵
 1. An attack against the Political Security Deputy Director.
 2. The assassination of Colonel Ali Abd Al-Karim Al-Ban, Director of Investigations and Political Security Acting Deputy Director.
 3. An attack on the Political Security building.
 4. Explosions at the General Security building.

³³ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/10/01/120891.html>

³⁴ <http://english.aljazeera.net/news/middleeast/2010/10/20101047561492898.html>

³⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.net/vb/showthread.php?p=123739>

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التاريخ: ١٤٣١/١٠/٢٤ هـ
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لإبداء الله
قَالَ اللَّهُ الْخَبْرَاءُ
فِي حَيْزِ الْكَيْبِ

بيان تبني عمليات في ولاية لحج

الحمد لله القائل: ﴿وَقَاتِلُوهُمْ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فِتْنَةٌ وَيَكُونَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَبَّةً قَائِلًا أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يَكْفُرُ بِاللَّهِ عَمَلًا وَنَسْوًا وَالصَّلَاةَ وَالسَّلَامَ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ، وَبَعْدُ:

ضمن عمليات "نفي الخبيث"، قام المجاهدون في ولاية لحج بسلسلة عمليات منها:

1. استهداف نائب مدير الأمن السياسي "الحاشدي" وإصابته بطلقتين.
2. اغتيال العقيد علي عبد الكريم البان مدير التحقيقات والقائم بأعمال نائب مدير الأمن السياسي مساء الجمعة ٦/رمضان/١٤٣١ هـ، الساعة السابعة مساءً في منطقة "ثين".
3. استهداف مبنى الأمن السياسي يوم السبت ٢٥/رمضان/١٤٣١ هـ، نتج عنه تدمير السور، وتدمير سيارة تابعة للأمن السياسي، واعترف العدو بـ (٧) قتلى وإصابات أخرى في صفوف منتسبي الأمن السياسي، وعاد المجاهدون إلى قواعدهم سالمين.
4. تجبيرين في مبنى الأمن العام أدت إلى أضرار في المبنى.

والله غالب على أمره ولكن أكثر الناس لا يعلمون

تنظيم قاعدة الجهاد في جزيرة العرب
الأريعاء ١٣ شوال ١٤٣١ هـ
المصدر: (مركز الفجر للإعلام)

- "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula" (AQAP) published an announcement titled "Claiming Responsibility for the Attack on the Political Security Convoy in Sana'a". According to the announcement, a group of Mujahideen in the province attacked the political security convoy. The announcement claimed that over the course of the attack, 14 senior officers belonging to the Anti-Terrorism Department of the Political Security were killed. The announcement claimed that "these officers completed an anti-terrorism intelligence course under the supervision of American officers".³⁶
- The "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat" newspaper in English reported that a former Guantanamo detainee who rejoined Al-Qaeda in Yemen after graduating from Saudi Arabia's rehabilitation program, Jaber Jabran Al-Faifi (aged around 35), has turned himself in to Saudi authorities.³⁷

³⁶ <http://www.as-ansar.net/vb/showthread.php?p=123738>

³⁷ <http://www.aawsat.com/english/news.asp?section=1&id=22680>

- The Yemen Observer reported extensively on the attack against a convoy of British diplomats en route to the British embassy. According to the report, the attack was conducted by two men who launched an RPG or LAW rocket at one of the vehicles, barely missing it.³⁸
- The Yemen Observer reported on a 48-hour ultimatum given to Yemeni authorities by "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula", demanding two of its imprisoned members be released in exchange for Colonel Ali M. Al-Husam, the Deputy Director of Sa'ada Political Security who was kidnapped on the 20th August near his home in Sa'ada province.³⁹
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that one man was killed and eight were injured in two explosions at a football stadium in Aden which was supposed to host the Gulf Countries' Football Championship between November 22nd and December 5th 2010.⁴⁰

The Maghreb

- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum reported (based on Arab media sources) that "Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb" (AQIM), which has seven hostages (five of whom are French) has demanded the French government revoke the ban on the "Niqab" in France as one of the conditions of the hostages' release.⁴¹
- A surfer on the "Al-Jahafil" Jihadi forum explains that the state of the Mujahideen in Algeria is good. He stresses that they are fighting the "enemy" despite its aircrafts and tools of war and despite the military aid it receives from western countries and from the United States. According to the surfer,

³⁸ <http://www.yobserver.com/front-page/10019844.html>

³⁹ <http://www.yobserver.com/front-page/10019692.html>

⁴⁰ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=201656>

⁴¹ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9335>

the morale of the Algerian armed forces is crumbling due to the blows it is receiving at the hands of the Mujahideen and the losses it has sustained recently.⁴²

- "Agency Maghreb Arabe Presse" (MAP) reported on thirty-four members of an international drug-trafficking ring with connections to Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. According to the report, the network is led by barons of Colombian and Spanish nationality, who have strong ties with Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and cartels based in Latin America, with the complicity of Moroccan traffickers.⁴³
- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that members of the "Tawariq" – a movement that undermined Mali's stability in the 1990s – have announced that they are willing to take part in the fight against Al-Qaeda.⁴⁴

The Al-Sham region

- Following the arrest of Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi by the Jordanian authorities,⁴⁵ the supervisor of the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in Arabic posted correspondence headed: "We shall never forget you our beloved sheikh. Our heart is with you and our tongues are busy praying for you and against your oppressors and jailers".⁴⁶

⁴² <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13974>

⁴³ http://www.map.ma/eng/sections/general/thirty-four_members3674/view

⁴⁴ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=201312>

⁴⁵ On the matter, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_September_2010_No_2.pdf, page 17.

⁴⁶ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=29826>



- The "Hanein" Jihadi forum reported that the Jordanian Security Court sentenced ten Jordanians to jail following their convictions for planning to blow up American oil tankers near the border with Iraq and to kidnap the sons of Jordanian intelligence officers.⁴⁷

Africa

- The no. 2 man in the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement denies the existence of disagreements and division within the movement. In an announcement published by the movement, Sheikh Mukhtar Robo Abu Mansur boasted that the movement's members are "the students of Al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, in Somalia". He promised to aggravate the struggle against the African Union Peacekeeping Forces and the Somali government forces.⁴⁸

The West and the rest of the world

- A member of the "Al-Qimmah" English forum posted a remark marking the 5th anniversary of the Danish cartoons, mentioning that the Danes marked this

⁴⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=200382>

⁴⁸ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=14022>

occasion by publishing a book on the matter. The writer ends the post with the equation: Denmark = Is the enemy of Islam.⁴⁹

General reports

A discussion of Al-Qaeda's strategy

- Ubada bin Al-Samit, the surfer who threatened to attack the World Cup Games in South Africa in the summer of 2010,⁵⁰ posted a correspondence on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum, headed: "Al-Qaeda's strategy after 10 years". The writer mentions that Al-Qaeda's strategy is well-known and has already been published in detail on many forums over the past years. This strategy is based on seven stages, spanning the years 2000–2020.⁵¹
- The "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum reports on the death of Saed Muhammad Al-Shihri in Afghanistan at the end of September 2010 or the beginning of October, as a result of an American attack. Al-Shihri, who was wanted by the Saudi authorities, was close to the leader of the Islamic Party in Afghanistan, Qalb Al-Din Hekmatyar.⁵²



⁴⁹ <http://www.al-qimmah.net/showthread.php?t=20039>

⁵⁰ On the subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Threat_World_Cup_2010.pdf

⁵¹ On the subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Al-Qaeda_Operational_Strategies.pdf. More information on this matter will be published in a separate report.

⁵² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74264>,
<http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74344>

- One of the surfers at the "Atahadi" Jihadi forum posted correspondence titled: "The Martyr's Death of Abu Hamdan Al-Salafi in Afghanistan". According to the correspondence he was active in the "Al-Firdaws" Jihadi forum, which no longer exists, in the section called "Jihadi preparation", where he shared his knowledge on how to assemble explosives with the surfers.

His nickname in the "Al-Firdaws" Jihadi forum was Abu Hamdan Al-Salafi, and in Afghanistan – Abu Ata Al-Kuwaiti. His original name is apparently Abdullah Al-Anzi, from Kuwait. He was killed in an attack on the Afghan-Pakistani border.⁵³ This surfer joins a series of surfers and senior writers on Jihadi forums who have, over time, become suicide bombers. The most prominent one was Abu Dujana Al-Khorasani, who carried out the suicide attack at the CIA base in Afghanistan on December 31st 2009.

- The "Voice of Jihad in Nosantara" Jihadi media institute published an interview with Sheikh Abu Bakr Bashir, regarding Obama's speech to the Muslim nation at Cairo University upon his entry into office, as well as with regards to other issues.⁵⁴ This sheikh is an Indonesian who was arrested in August 2010 by the local police.⁵⁵

According to Bashir, Obama's speech is nothing but an illusion wrapped up in pleasantries and flattery meant to mislead the Muslims as to the West's true intentions, that is – the continuation of the all-out war against Islam using different means: "As Bush the Devil has not succeeded in his war against the Mujahideen using tough methods, Obama the devil wishes to fight the Mujahideen softly, that is, encourage the Muslims to stand at their side and fight what are called radicals. And the meaning of radicals is the Mujahideen".

⁵³ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=73608>

⁵⁴ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13834>

⁵⁵ On his arrest, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_August_2010_No_2.pdf, pages 21-22.

Bashir further claims that Obama and Bush are considered heretics, and the former is closer to the Jews than the latter. According to him, the same Muslim Ulama who have welcomed Obama's speech have done so out of ignorance. Furthermore, true Ulama do not hasten to welcome the heretics or the devil, embodied by the United States.

Later on in the interview, Bashir denies the claims that the Mujahideen are attacking innocent people, as occurred recently in Thailand during prayer at one of the mosques. According to him, these statements are not true and it is better the Mujahideen attack churches and Buddhist monasteries and kills their leaders. Bashir also calls on the Muslims to protest the despicable treatment the Muslims living in the country receive from the Thai government. At the end of the interview he praises the Al-Qaeda and Taliban members and wishes for their victory over the Jews and the United States.⁵⁶

- Following the many attacks using unmanned aircrafts in Pakistan, one of the surfers at the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum suggests kidnapping Americans in Islamic countries and demanding the United States' government cease the attacks as a condition for the release of these hostages.⁵⁷ It should be noted that following the May 2010 killing of Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, Al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, many surfers discussed the aerial threat to the Jihad organizations and suggested various solutions to the problem.⁵⁸

⁵⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74167>

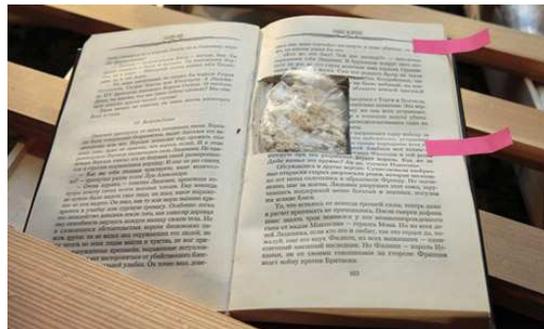
⁵⁷ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=9602>

⁵⁸ On this subject, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No._2.pdf, page 11.

Miscellaneous

- A member of the "Al-Qimmah" English forum posted an explanation as to why Al-Qaeda is stronger nine years after 9/11. One of the reasons listed is the proximity to Europe of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb and the increase in illegal immigration which made it possible for Al-Qaeda elements to infiltrate more easily. Reference is also made to Spain giving in to Al-Qaeda threats and pulling its forces out of Iraq, as well as paying the ransom during the recent hostage crisis in the Maghreb.⁵⁹
- The "Dar Al-Murabiteen" Publications published an open letter by a woman, Umm Saad Al-Khorasaniyah, entitled "Buried Inside". The letter discusses the way the West has been humiliating Islam time after time, and the need for Jihad.⁶⁰
- One of the members of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum suggests to the Mujahideen, several hiding places around the house where they can hide weapons, hard disks, cell phone memory cards etc.⁶¹



⁵⁹ <http://www.al-qimmah.net/showthread.php?t=20156>

⁶⁰ <http://www.ansar1.info/showthread.php?t=27029>

⁶¹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=74952>



- One of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum members published a manual on types of mortars used by the U.S. Army.⁶²
- The "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in Arabic published an announcement on the opening of a new segment dedicated to women and accessible only to them. This segment will be controlled by a female supervisor.⁶³
- The General Manager of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadi forum published an announcement on the opening of a new segment dedicated to the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus.⁶⁴
- The "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" (Al-Mojahden Electronic Network) Jihadi forum's General Supervisor, Abu Qatada Al-Muhajir, suggests opening a radio station that will broadcast over the internet, to support and help the Mujahideen everywhere and improve Jihadi propaganda.⁶⁵

⁶² <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=75887>

⁶³ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=29760>

⁶⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=73703>

⁶⁵ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=8767>