

Calls to Perpetrate Terror Attacks in Spain

During September 2010

During the first half of September 2010, a call appeared on the "Atahadi" Jihadi forum, made by one of the surfers to the members of the forum, to attack nuclear installations, which are spread all over Spain, within the framework of what he terms the "Andalus Invasion". The nuclear installations to which he referred, accompanied by satellite photographs, include:

- Almaraz
- Santa Maria De Garona
- Asco
- Jose Cabrera
- Cofrentes
- Trillo
- Vandellos 2

The responses to this call were diverse. Some of the surfers praised the idea, but others expressed their reservations, stating that attacking the nuclear installations could harm the Mujahideen themselves, as well as Muslims living in Spain¹. Following the photos appeared in the forum:

¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27391>



Almaraz



Santa Maria De Garona



Jose Cabrera



Cofrentes



Trillo



Vandellos 2

Surfers' Remarks

In response to this posting, one of the surfers wrote that such an attack would have to be perpetrated no later than the 24 September 2010. He also proposed, as an additional or alternative target, to attack Barcelona, as this city has very convenient transport, particularly the metro. He even stated that, in his opinion, the "Villa Olimpico" metro station, which is the most important station, is the most suitable, because there is a large zoo above it. In addition, the 24 September falls on a Friday, so a large crowd can be expected at the zoo.²

Another surfer proposes attacking Barcelona during the "La Merce" annual festival, which will be held there this year between 23–26 September 2010. He also hints that the 24 September would be a good time for an attack, as on September 1218, the Virgin Mary appeared before the three kings and asked them to instruct the monks and the Spartans to save the Christian prisoners, who were incarcerated in Arab prisons, against the backdrop of the Crusades or the "Religious Wars". He proposes placing a satchel with no more than 3 kilograms of explosives, in the middle of the "Rambla del Raval" square. In addition, he states that the Festival is visited by thousands of people.³

A few days later, the Jihadi forums posted reminders that the Spanish intelligence is extremely concerned about the threats received from Al-Qaeda supporters against Spain and its other targets worldwide. The reasons for the Spanish concern, according to the forums, are the Spanish presence alongside the U.S. in Afghanistan, the cities of Ceuta (a Spanish enclave situated at the northern end of the Maghreb in Morocco, which is an autonomous Spanish district) and Melilla

² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27391>

³ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=27391>

(a Spanish enclave on the northern coast of Africa),⁴ and the fight against Muslim women, particularly surrounding the issue of the "Hijab" (head covering).⁵

⁴ See the position of these cities within the Jihadi discourse:
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Periodical_Review_June_2010_No_1.pdf, pages 9-11.

⁵ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=29051>, <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/showthread.php?t=13445>