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Graphics: Right: Sheikh Abdullah al-Rashood announced martyred in Iraq.
Left: A young supporter of the Jihad movement in Indonesia.



Orientation/Introduction:

Please review the introduction to the Terror Web Watch at [Intel Report](#).

Item 1: Sawt al-Jihad issues a new publication targeting Muslim women

Sawt al-Jihad is the erstwhile monthly Internet journal of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) ([Group Profile](#)). Although only one issue of the magazine has been published since November 2004, the group still issues publications under the Sawt al-Jihad media wing. A latest publication is entitled: "Women! It is Your Turn, for the Men Are Sleeping," the 14-page pamphlet is written by a woman named Mona bint Saleh al-Sharqawi.

The publication is essentially a repeat of the various publications aimed at men that justify the religious mandate to fight Jihad, the primary difference is this is one of the very few that are geared specifically toward women. The publication focuses not on urging women to take up arms and fight, but on understanding that they need to accept that their husbands and sons will have to leave them for the Jihad and urges them to hold them back.

The publication and others like it that specifically target female Muslim society with Salafi Jihadist ideology seem to be increasing. Among others is a journal called "al-Khansa," which came out last fall and is similar to this latest one and another slightly more radical paper by now-dead AQAP strategist Yousif al-Aiyeri called "The role of Mujahidat." Mujahidat refers to female Mujahideen, and the paper implied that there may even be a role for women in the actual fighting. It was an older publication; the group seems to have backed away from idea since then, opting for the more conservative stance presented in this latest paper.

In the same vein, some Jihadist forums now contain message boards specifically for women who are part of the Jihadi movement.

Item 2: Zarqawi announces the "martyrdom" of former al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula ideologue in Iraq ([Country Profile](#))

On June 23, a message was circulated on various Jihadist Web sites announcing the death of terrorist Abdullah bin Mohammed bin al-Rashad al-Rashood. The message was signed by Zarqawi himself, who announced that Abdullah al-Rashood had been martyred in Iraq.

Zarqawi rarely puts out such death announcements himself; this suggests that al-Rashood was very important to him and his organization. Al-Rashood was also a person of stature at the last organization of which he was a member. Al-Rashood was originally a terrorist with the group al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. He was the last member of that group's original Shari'a council who had not been killed or captured. Al-Rashood was an extremist Sheikh who had attended a Shari'a college in Saudi Arabia ([Country Profile](#)) before going on to become a member of Zarqawi's network, according to his bio, which also circulated on various Web sites.

The statement announcing his death read: "Abu Anas has gone to ride in the caravans of martyrs, and now, it is so for our Sheikh Al-Rashood." This suggests Al-Rashood may have been the replacement for Abu Anas al-Shemi, Zarqawi's spiritual leader who was killed by US forces in October 2004.

The group put out video footage of al-Rashood, in which he is making a speech while sitting behind a desk covered in weapons. The video is available from TRC upon request.

Item 3: Syrian Salafi site urges inexperienced Muslims to stay away from Iraq, warns Jihadists that the Syrian route has become too dangerous



The following is the translation of a message that was recently posted on a Syrian-based Salafi Web site, Minbar Suriyya al-Islamiyya, at www.nnuu.org. Unlike most recruiting documents, this one urges inexperienced Muslims to avoid Iraq and warns that the Syrian route to the country has become unusable without help. The writer of the document is a regular participant on the site, but his name is unknown. Excerpts of his statement follow.

[begin translation]

Advice to the brothers who want to go to Jihad in Iraq

Before everything else, the brothers must know that the Mujahideen are firmly established in Iraq and they do not suffer at all from a shortage of Mujahideen. Since more than two years have gone by, the Mujahideen have surpassed the developmental level. They do not need numbers, they need certain kinds of people that will help them progress in the plan in which they have so far been successful. They do not need burdens on them. What they need the most now is, firstly, material support [money and supplies], and secondly, people who are highly-skilled in Jihad and military matters. Very young men are going [to Iraq] who do not have resources, and they become another burden for the Mujahideen and easy hunting for the idol worshippers [the coalition soldiers]. They are killed or arrested. And, unfortunately, very regrettable things happen to these eager brothers who fall into the hands of the idolaters, some even before they enter Iraq. Some are killed all together while they are entering Iraq, before they even present any threat to the American forces. Therefore, I advise all the brothers to persist in the way of truth and continue preparing themselves and their bodies for the stages that are coming. The Crusaders have a hostile plot against Islam, and the battle will be long...The current time is not appropriate for the eager young men who have nothing but their enthusiasm.

The men who should go are those that have great material resources or who have rare skills that can benefit the Mujahideen and advance their work, and who have decided definitively to go to the Jihad, and who have picked a route other than Syria. I offer them this advice:

- 1) The *Nusayri* [derogatory term for Alewite, the sect of the al-Assad family] regime in Syria is one of the most tyrannical in their opposition to everything connected to Islam. Do not be fooled by their media appearance. This is nothing but part of the way they set up ambushes. This is known from the Mujahideen brothers who fell into their hands. Syria is not the safe route to Iraq, even though it is the rear support for the Mujahideen. This [support] is limited to the [Syrian] people, the majority of whom are Sunni, and who support the Sunni Mujahideen in Iraq.
- 2) As I said previously, Syria at the level of the Sunni people provides real support to the Mujahideen in Iraq. The city that provides the most real support to the Jihad in Iraq is Aleppo. This is logical, as most of the inhabitants are Sunni, and it is located in the north, from which it is easy to go to the Iraqi border. Also, Aleppo is the most appropriate because of its many mosques, and its connections with every Islamic or Jihad activity. However, I must warn you that now the mosques have distanced themselves from this because they are under strict surveillance, and have been forced to cooperate completely with [Syrian] intelligence.
- 3) The point that is most important and most unalterable here is that those who want to enter Iraq need to do it by way of groups that are connected to the Mujahideen in Iraq. There is no way to do it individually or in an unplanned manner, because it is inevitable that you would fall into the hands of the tyrants. Even coming by way of these groups is not an easy thing, but at least it is possible...
- 4) If you cannot contact groups that are linked [to the Mujahideen in Iraq], then forget about coming once and for all, or keep looking for [such groups]...

[end translation]

Links: Syria ([Country Profile](#))

Item 4: Video Available: Incitement to Jihad in Indonesia ([Country Profile](#))

A video inciting Indonesian Muslims to Jihad has been circulating on the Internet. The video depicts allegedly Muslim victims of violence at the hands of Christians and aims to provoke Muslims to fight Indonesian Christians. It is available from TRC upon request.



Item 5: Final part of the Jihad biography of Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi by Saif al-Adl

For the last four parts, see consecutive previous editions of Terror Web Watch. In this final section of his paper, Saif al-Adl concludes his writing by describing al-Qaeda ([Group Profile](#))'s advice to Zarqawi (and, presumably, any other al-Qaeda spin-off groups and franchises), and also gives some description of al-Qaeda's vision for the future, which focuses on Syria and Lebanon ([Country Profile](#)).

[begin translation]

In Iran

We began gathering together to go Iran. The brothers in the Arabian Peninsula and Kuwait and the [United Arab] Emirates were among those leaving Afghanistan, and they went before us, and gathered a good amount of money. We formed a circle of central leadership with branches. We began to rent apartments for the brothers to live in, some with their families. The brothers in Hizb al-Islami from Gulbeddin Hekmatyar's group provided us with much assistance in this area. They provided apartments and some farms that they owned, which they put at our disposal.

We began our work and set up communication with the leadership. We began to support and help it again. This was one of our goals in the operation to leave Afghanistan. We began to form some fighting groups to return to Afghanistan in order to carry out missions that were prepared there. This was one aspect [of the work], another aspect was that we began to study the status of groups and brothers in order to choose new places for them to go.

The brother Abu Musaab and his Jordanian and Palestinian companions chose to go to Iraq, after much study and discussion. He thought that their appearances and the dialects they spoke would allow them to blend in easily. They predicted that the Americans would have to attack and raid Iraq sooner or later, and that this attack would aim to bring down the regime. It would then be necessary for us to play an important role in the resistance. This was a historic opportunity to create an Islamic state that would have a large role in lifting away the oppression and establishing truth in the world. I agreed with Abu Musaab's analysis.

Al-Qaeda did not have any relationship with Saddam Hussein or his regime, contrary to what the Americans claimed. The Americans were always trying to prove a connection between Saddam Hussein and his regime and al-Qaeda, until they created justifications and legal reasoning for themselves. [The legal reasoning] was based on laws that they had forced upon a world enslaved by the west and the Israelis and the Anglos. And so it was necessary for us to form a plan to get the brothers into Iraq by way of the north, which was not controlled by the regime. From there, they would spread southward to the regions of our brothers, the Sunnis, who would keep some of the brothers [in Zarqawi's group] among them. The brothers in the group Ansar al-Islam were ready to present any kind of assistance in helping to achieve this plan.

The Americans felt that the Iranians were aware of our activities in Iraq, and launched a focused media campaign against Iran. They began to accuse it of aiding al-Qaeda and global terrorism.

The reaction of the Iranians was to begin rounding up the young [Arab] men and detaining them. They began shipping them back to their countries of origin, or wherever else they wanted. The point is they were kicked out of Iran. The measures that the Iranians took against us confused our plan and caused 75 percent of it to fail. A large number of the young men were detained. About 80 percent of Abu Musaab's group was arrested. We needed a quick way to get Abu Musaab and the rest of his group out of Iran, in the direction of Iraq. The way was along the northern border between Iran and Iraq.

The goal was to get to the Sunni areas in central Iraq, and to begin to build up and prepare for the American attack and, God willing, for the American defeat. The decision was not random, but planned.



Once we were headed towards Iraq, Abu Musaab's character was stronger than it had been previously. He was focused on the importance of getting revenge on the Americans because of the crimes that he had witnessed them commit with his own eyes in Afghanistan. The enmity and hostility Abu Musaab harbored towards Americans was changing his character traits.

I cannot write in detail about this new personality, as I did not see him again after he left Iran. However, I can say that, from what I heard of him, he became a leader capable of managing the clash with the global infidels – the Americans, the Israelis, and their supporters. Abu Musaab and his companions took all the advice that we hoped they would for the mission at this level, and God willing this will yield great results in the ongoing fight in the world between truth and falsehood.

Our advice was the following:

1 – Every work or effort must be towards a goal. There has to be a clear goal and a clear way to achieve it, with simple steps. If the aspects [of the plan] are not clarified, then you should set aside the means and resources and time which is required to carve out the path towards the goal.

Arriving at any goal requires four elements for which you need to provide to produce a positive result. They are the following:

- a. Any successful plan must have an ideology or ideas which determine and clarify the means [to accomplish it] and its goals. This goal does not have a lot of room for interpretation – your goal is the triumph of Islamic life and the establishment of an Islamic state, which is the solution for all of the Umma's problems, and will allow it to return to strength and play a significant role in the lives of all of mankind [Koranic sayings]. This is not attainable without the necessary tools, and these tools cannot be obtained without an Islamic state. Currently, there is no place in the world where oppression can be cast off and truth raised. This oppression is represented by the theft of resources, the occupation of countries, the humiliation of the worshippers, and the violation of their honor. This will continue unless a strong state exists that is just and can stop [the oppression]...For the peoples of our conquered Umma are still conscious of all that is going on around them. The regimes and governments that we have in the Arab and Islamic world are clearly infidel. This is represented in three ways. The first is the failure to implement Sharia law. The second is following the Israelis and the pagans, the historical enemies of the Umma. The third is the attacks launched by regimes and leaders on Islam and the Muslims. If the republics of the Umma desire to rid themselves of this or that leader or regime, then we believe that they must use limited [political] sources – the Koran and the Sunnah of the Prophet. The foundational belief should be based on that of the *Salaf* [early followers of Islam]. This is the belief which gives a clear and sound understanding, without any obscurity. This understanding will produce a clear and powerful ideology that will help the Umma confront what is facing it...
- b. People are the second element that you must have for the success of any plan. You need people who believe in the ideology completely and who will work to reach the goal determined by the ideology. This means that we must have an organization for *Dawa* [proselytizing], which is focused on the sons of the Umma and on leading them to truth and [an understanding of] the seriousness of the conflict. Just as we undertake military, Jihad work, we must also undertake *Dawa* work. We cannot achieve the desired changes unless we can clearly change the situation of the people. The people leave their own imprint on a time and place, and you cannot achieve a great victory unless we effectively employ most of the resources of the Umma – both human and material. The young men of the Umma in the age are eager to receive the call to truth and are ready to support truth and defend it.
- c. We now have a sound ideology and liberated people who believe strongly in this ideology. These people cannot achieve the goal of the ideology unless they are provided with the necessary material [monetary] resources so that they can obtain the required means and tools to be strong and victorious.
- d. Strong, experienced leadership is the fourth thing that needs to be provided. Leadership is what coordinates the three above mentioned elements, and coordinates in a conscious way [to reach] the goal. If you have an ideology, and people, without resources or leadership you will not be able to do what you need to do. The Arab and Islamic world are desperate for people who have sufficient expertise and experience to form a new, enlightened, capable leadership.



2. A Clear Banner: The banner of Islam has been absent, and a real leadership for the Umma has been absent for almost 100 years. The absence of this banner has divided the Umma and dispersed its power and abilities, weakening it in front of its enemies. The leadership that was in place was manufactured to collaborate with the enemy. It was directed to serve the enemies' interests and goals. These collaborators raise the banners of their goal: to deceive the Umma, to break it up, to sow divisiveness, and to raise the banners of nationalism and secularism. We must raise the banner of Islam high, the banner of "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is His Messenger," and burn the other different banners, and reveal their falseness. This will help the bring out the true leadership for the Umma, a leadership that is loyal, and capable of confronting great challenges, which is knowledgeable and enlightened...

3. The Plan: any work towards a goal must be built upon a clear plan which is known from the beginning. The clarification of the plan includes determining the necessary means and resources demanded, the appropriate timing to execute the plan. Any action that is not built on this plan is considered a random and unproductive action. With many modern Islamic movements, it can be determined that the majority of their actions were random. Devotion alone is not sufficient to the achieve success and reach victory. A wise and appropriate plan can be found in the Sunnah. For the Mujahideen, they must have a short term plan which will help accomplish goals for a certain level, while the long term plan strives towards the greater objective, which is the establishment of the [Islamic] nation.

4. Take advantage of opportunities that come along, and always be aware of the future: Be prepared to exploit whatever circumstances come along. An example is what we are doing with Iraq currently. When Saddam Hussein's regime fell it gave us a good opportunity for Islamic Jihadist work, allowing us to spread out and get out the word in an area such as Iraq. This is something that we would not have been able to do if the previous regime had remained in power. Opportunities in other places like this may come up in the future. Our expectations indicated that Syria and Lebanon may be exposed to circumstances similar to what Iraq is going through currently. If this does happen, it will give the Islamic movement another wide region in which to work. It will earn us human and material resources, and it will give the Islamic, Jihad movement an opportunity to establish a presence near the brothers of occupied Palestine. The human element – the people that live in this region – is an important element. The ongoing clashes with the Israelis is also an important element that will work well with spreading the Jihadist ideology; it will give it credibility and effectiveness. It will help us accomplish two of our chief goals – to justify [ourselves] as the real leaders of the Islamic world, and to assist in the operation to weaken Israel. With God's assistance we will make progress towards these goals.

This will apply to Lebanon and Syria shortly and also Egypt sooner or later, because the Israelis' point of view depends on using American strength to attack all of Israel's current enemies and also any they may have in the future, or anyone who presents a danger to Israel's security. The Americans will make strategic mistakes as they are swept along by Israel's foolish policies.

Between the current circumstances and what we will see in the region in terms of the events and developments that are coming, we will have the opportunity to raise a complete Islamic army which is established and prepared to maintain its victories, and also to gain credibility, because we are the new leadership of the Islamic Umma which will possess skills and qualifications, and which will exploit the energies and resources - human and material – of the Umma to further the cause of the blessed Jihad. This will allow this leadership to bring back the Islamic Caliphate anew to mankind. The Caliphate means an Islamic nation capable of shaking the oppression off of all mankind. At that time we will realize the promise of God. We want to help those who are oppressed in this world and make them inheritors.

At that time, the desired victory is achieved and the people will enter the religion of God in masses.

This is some of the operational advice given to the brother Abu Musaab and the Mujahideen brothers in Iraq. Hopefully we will turn the sorcery back on the witch, with God's permission, and help achieve the greater plan that has been drawn up to return Islam to the daily lives of mankind. The circumstances that have arisen, praise God, and those that are coming, will demonstrate that the worshippers of God will arrive because the oppression and conquest and crimes and enmity all result from the policies of the foolish, Satanic power that makes the life of mankind difficult.



A clear goal and a sound banner, clear, legal means, seizing circumstances, and the ability to use the capabilities and powers [of the Islamic world], and to aid and strengthen it with the intention to please the Lord of the Two Worlds.

This is a summary of the advice, by God, who governs reconciliation. Our last supplication is: Praise God Lord of the Two Worlds.

[end translation]

Links: Iran ([Country Profile](#)), Kuwait ([Country Profile](#)), United Arab Emirates ([Country Profile](#)), Afghanistan ([Country Profile](#)), Hizb al-Islami ([Group Profile](#)), Ansar al-Islam ([Group Profile](#)), Israel ([Country Profile](#)), Egypt ([Country Profile](#))

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