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Graphic: A Bomb making video, here entitled: "A Charge of Thunder, an antipersonnel charge from a distance" circulated on Jihadist Web sites. See Item 2.



Orientation/Introduction:

Please review the introduction to the Terror Web Watch at Intel Report.

<u>Item 1</u>: Global Islamic Media article: "The Combat Policy" of Zarqawi's al-Qaeda network (<u>Group Profile</u>)

[begin translation]

In the Name of God, the Merciful and the Compassionate

The Combat Policy of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers

After the fall of Afghanistan, the Mujahid Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi and some of his followers went to Kurdistan, and began there to prepare for the war against the American army, anticipated to invade Iraq. The commander Zarqawi had piercing insight. He headed directly to the land of Kurdistan. There, he began to prepare training camps and storehouses of materials everywhere in Iraq. Many brothers from the Land of the Two Holy Mosques [Saudi Arabia] moved to Iraq to join up with Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi, who they knew from Afghanistan.

The American war began, but Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi did not appear. Or rather, did not appear as a well-known name. Undoubtedly, this was on purpose, [there was a waiting period] until the Iraqi Baathist regime had fallen, so that Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi could make a fresh beginning, far from the accusations of support or aiding the Baath Party represented by Saddam Husseim and the Iraqi Baathists.

The Baath party fell, and the Tawhid and Jihad group came after. This was the first name given by Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi [to his organization]. After that, there was an important alliance which gladdened us greatly. Zarqawi pledged allegiance to the Sheikh of Islam, the Imam the Mujahid Abu Abdullah Osama bin Laden – may God keep him – and [Zarqawi] became the Amir of the Qaedat al-Jihad organization in the Land of the Two Rivers, and perhaps Amir of the organization in the Middle East and North Africa!

The operations carried out by the al-Qaeda organization escalated, and still are escalating. Their targeting has become more precise. They target specific groups, and have legitimate goals.

These legitimate goals are divided into a number of prongs: [first], there is the political prong, that Zarqawi handles in Iraq, the Land of the Two Rivers:

The First Prong:

Isolating the American army. This is divided into two parts:

The first part: Targeting the Arab translators cooperating with the American army. These translators are considered the connecting chain between the American army and the Iraqi people. Targeting them isolates the American army, [preventing] mutual understanding with the Iraqi people, so that they become deaf, unable to work with any one. This guarantees difficulty in passing timely, field information to the American army in the target region.

The second part: Targeting members of the police and the National Guard, who have become like armor and shields to the American army. They go in front of them in operations, so that the bullets land in their chests, and the Americans are safe. This part encompasses what have been the most prominent events lately. The organization was and still is targeting these collaborator forces, but they have gotten to a level where they are targeting the Iraqi military bases instead of the volunteers that care more about this world than the next.

With this, [Zarqawi] is taking the shield away from its bearer, and the chest of the American becomes the chest ready to accept the Jihad bullets. They will have to retreat as the [number of] victims from among the American soldiers increases. And it is increasing, but the American media lies about it!

It is appropriate to mention that I read a book written by Colin Powell that talks about the mistakes made in the American war in Vietnam. He mentions openly that one of the mistakes was lying about the number of American dead. The goal in that – as he says – was to preserve the spirit of the American army, and to protect it from the reaction of the American people!

The Second Prong:

Targeting the ambassadors from among the Arab [nations] and others. This points to the extent of political vision that [Zarqawi's] organization possesses. Their goal in this is to isolate the Iraqi government from international society and from the neighboring countries. The Iraqi government will thereby exist in the media only. After the land of Iraq is isolated, the government will become a state [only] in the green zone! It will become isolated from all of the land, and it cannot be a state if it is the size of the green zone.

From this prong, we can have these images: the Egyptian ambassador was killed, and the Algerian ambassador was killed, and the ambassadors from Pakistan, Bahrain, and others are targets.

As for the ban that some have wanted on killing delegates, this is the worst kind of reasoning. If there is a ban on killing delegates... then if Algeria sent its ambassador to the al-Qaeda organization, this would forbade the organization from killing this ambassador, considered a delegate...

Thereby have the Mujahideen in Iraq warned the countries who send their ambassadors again and again that the fate of these [ambassadors] would be death. The Mujahideen are not to blame for waging a holy war against the Crusader alliance.

All ambassadors, Arab and non-Arab, from neighboring states or from faraway ones, have been declared legitimate targets for the Mujahideen of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers...

The Third Prong:

Targeting the infidel militias, the symbols of disbelief and atheism from the sons of Ibn Alchemy, the Shia. Here, there is no shame in admitting the danger of the Badr brigade which is supported primarily by Iran, that filthy Shia country. They are supported by Syria secondarily. They are supported by the outside, and by large countries...The benefits of targeting the Badr brigades are:

First: Revenge for the Sunnis, and the Sunni clerics, for the evil of the [Shia] refusal [of the Sunni tradition]

Second: To destroy this brigade before the area is purged of Americans. The area will be left open to the control of the Mujahideen in the land of Iraq, and they will be able to erect a Sharia legal system there, and cleanse it of innovations and forbidden things.

This is the policy of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers. All of the Arab and western countries are setting their stakes on the Iraq war. They want to destroy the Mujahideen in it because they know that the victory of the Mujahideen means Jihad operations will cross the borders of the Sikes-Picot [agreement that created Israel], to extend the Arab countries that follow Iraq, and to get closer to the enemies. Then, to extend to the other western countries in a worldwide Jihadist campaign.

The Saudi Interior Minister has declared that the elements returning from Iraq will be more intense than those who returned from Afghanistan...Of the individuals of Qaedat al-Jihad returning from Iraq, the least of them will be skillful in making car bombs, or preparing explosives! And this is what all the world fears....

[end translation]

Links: Afghanistan (Country Profile), Iraq (Country Profile), Israel (Country Profile), Algeria (Country Profile), Pakistan (Country Profile), Bahrain (Country Profile), Saudi Arabia (Country Profile), Syria (Country Profile), Iran (Country Profile), Vietnam (Country Profile)

This was signed by a member of Global Islamic Media's "in-depth media division," named "Abu Abdullah Ahmed al-Omran," writing from the Najd area of Saudi Arabia.



<u>Item 2</u>: Bomb making Instructional video appears across the Jihadist Web sites

This is one of a handful of explosive instruction videos that have begun to appear across Jihadist message boards (for more, see Intel Report). With careful instruction, it takes the viewer through the construction and testing of a charge filled with ball bearings for shrapnel that uses a rifle scope to aim the shrapnel at the targets. Such videos seem to represent a new generation of training materials. Instructions are clear and specific and are carefully demonstrated on screen. There are nearly 100 screen shots and instruction steps in the video. There is no indication of who is responsible for the video, and the voice in the background speaks Modern Standard Arabic so as not to reflect a regional dialect.

Screen shots from the video appear below:



"Put in the shrapnel, consisting of nine millimeter ball bearings..." reads the bottom of the screen.



The explosive substance dries around the ball bearings.



The finished product is mounted with a rifle scope to aim the blast.



Metal sheets, placed a distance from the explosive, are engulfed in smoke during a test.



Damage shown from shrapnel after the test.

<u>Item 3</u>: Amateur Jihadists can obtain mentoring on passwordprotected forums

The forum "the Jihadist Cell," on the password-protected *Al-Saf* Web site has demonstrated another example of how amateur, aspiring Jihadists may be using such rooms to get a leg up on their violent careers.

[begin translation]

Abu Fuad al-Dandari:

Peace be upon you and the blessing and compassion of God.

My brothers the Mujahideen, with God's permission, we wish to gather for his bidding and the Jihad in his way. The subject: We ask those who have knowledge in the formation of the Jihadist cells to explain to us how to form Jihadist cells in a way that is safe, meaning, such as to avoid falling into a trap. We desire any necessary information and tactics that will teach us [how to form cells] without exposing us to great losses...

Abu Hamdan al-Salafi:

If you have a lot of cells, I suggest dividing them from one another and giving each one its own mission and specific functions. For instance, have a target surveillance cell to gather information, and have a cell to carry out the operation. [The attack cell] should consist of a group that breaks into the target, a group to [provide] support, and a group to [provide] cover. You should also have a separate recruitment call and a separate financing cell. An intelligence cell is a very important thing in order to observe and aid the group. The cell takes care of security concerns. They can rent houses or apartments, farms and the like. The number [of people] in each cell has only to be three or four. Do not exceed that number. The commander should have Islamic knowledge, as well as planning knowledge. He should have deputies, and he should distribute them and the leadership in a decentralized way. Meaning, they should never stay together in one place. The most important person is the one who coordinates among the cells, and gives the commander information. If you want more information, send me a private message.

[end translation]

Abu Hamdan al-Salafi, from his other contributions on the site, may have some real-world expertise. He once requested that another member share a recipe for the explosive substance acetone peroxide, which can be made from hair bleach. As this exchange demonstrates, members of the forum can meet and share information online, and then message each other privately.

Item 4: Jihadist Web forum translates international media

Articles, journal pieces, and news reports discussing the Iraq war and terrorism in general, many of which are translated into Arabic here, are placed on this forum to be disseminated for propaganda and analysis purposes. There is a focus on media pieces, which have a negative take on the war in Iraq or the larger global war on terror. Called, "the World News Network," members of this site cull sources like the BBC, CNN, Foreign Affairs, the Washington Post, and other major papers daily for information shedding light on the progress or tactics of the Iraqi war or counter-terrorism efforts internationally. Members of other Jihadist Web forums regularly circulate contributions posted here. A link to a counter, which constantly totals the monetary cost of the Iraq war, is fixed at the top of one forum. Among other posts is an article from the recent issue of Foreign Affairs called "How to Win the War in Iraq," as well as a paper by Anthony Cordesman called "Iraq's evolving insurgency (summarized in Arabic and linked to the English).

"The World News Network" Jihadist forum site:





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