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Graphic: Pictures posted of Hassan Abu Zeid, a 20-year old who blew himself up in the Israeli village of Hadera on October 26 ([Terrorist Incident](#)). Abu Zeid acted on behalf of Islamic Jihad ([Group Profile](#)), disrupting Palestinian Authority attempts to enforce a cease fire agreed upon in March. Abu Zeid's mother appears here.



Orientation/Introduction:

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

Item 1: Dangerous lessons given over the "Jihadist Cell Forum" allow amateur Jihadists to receive guidance from experienced fighters

This conversation took place on the "Jihadist Cell Forum" of the al-Saf Web site. In it, two aspiring terrorists, one calling himself "Loyal Mujahideen and" the other "Isg128," receive instruction from experienced members "Abu Hamdan al-Salafi" and "Abu Naser." The subject is mixtures for the explosive propellant that fires missiles. Two of the men allude to being in Israel ([Country Profile](#)) or the Palestinian Territories.

[begin translation]

Loyal Mujahideen:

To the brother Abu Jundal al-Filistine, the brother Abu Naser, and whoever else:

In the name of God, the Merciful and the Compassionate, my brothers under God:

Greetings to you and to the Palestinian people in particular and the Islamic Umma in general.

As you know, my brothers under God, explosives have become illegal for us in Palestine. I am telling you that honestly, I have encountered difficulty in finding potassium nitrate (or a suitable alternative substance available to us in Palestine)... in order to manufacture the propellant substance for missiles.

If you would be so kind, are you aware of any other kind of chemical that might be used? God bless you,
Your brother,
Loyal Mujahideen

Abu Hamdan al-Salafi:

There are a lot of different mixtures that can be used in missiles. These are some of their kinds:

1. First Mixture

60 % potassium nitrate + 10 % iron oxide + 30 % sugar

Note: This mixture is like explosive powder, very powerful!

2. Second mixture

45% potassium nitrate or magnesium oxide + 10 percent iron oxide + 45 % sugar

Note: This mixture is safe, not dangerous like the first one.

3. Third Mixture

55 % potassium nitrate or magnesium oxide + 5 % iron oxide + 10 % charcoal + 30 percent sugar

4. Fourth Mixture

55 % potassium nitrate or magnesium oxide + 5 % iron oxide + 15 percent charcoal + 25 % sugar...

Abu Naser:

There is something that the Jews have not discovered yet. I have tried it and it is considered an alternative to potassium nitrate, and you can also make nitric acid from it.



However, I do not want to write it here in the forum because it must not be found out. Please pick a way for me to write to you the name of the substance...perhaps by way of a private message.

Isgl28:

Brother Abu Naser, I tried potassium nitrate with sugar and I added water, and heated it, but the color changed to gray, and did not dry even when I left it out in the sun for a long time. Does this mixture require heating? My second question is about Calcium hypochlorite mixed with gasoline – would that explode?

What is available in the market is Sodium hypochlorite– would that work, and how large of an explosion would it produce?

[end translation]

[tr note: the transliterations of chemical names into Arabic and back into English is approximated in both languages and may be a source of inaccuracies in their translations]

Following this exchange, "Loyal Mujahideen" comes back with a recipe that he tried that did not work well. "Abu Naser," a Palestinian with a reputation on the forum for experience with explosives, explains that one of his ratios was off in the mixture. He recommends some alternative chemicals to use and gives advice on how to fit the explosives in the missile.

"Isgl28" writes back to say that he has tried again using potassium nitrate and sugar in a 60/40 ratio, and he inquires to Abu Naser if he knows a recipe that uses sodium hypochlorite, which is "readily available" to him.

Abu Naser advises him that mixing sodium hypochlorite with the potassium chloride will yield potassium chlorate. He provides instructions for making an explosive with that chemical and other common substances.

The exchange continues with the amateurs adjusting recipes and asking for clarification from Abu Naser. The discussion provides an illustration of the way these forums are allowing a generation of untrained, amateur, aspiring terrorists to reach out to their more experienced counterparts. This may allow them to receive necessary instructions and tips to carry out attacks that may not have been possible otherwise. It is a deadly form of distance learning that could empower hundreds of people with tools for violence that would be have been otherwise inaccessible.

Item 2: "Asbat al-Falah" declares the commencement of Jihad in Morocco ([Country Profile](#))

This statement was circulated around Salafi Jihadist Web sites on October 27. *Asbat al-Falah* roughly means "the victory faction." The statement mentions the "events of May 16" repeatedly, a reference to the Casablanca bombings of May 16, 2003, targeting western and Jewish establishments ([Terrorist Incident](#)). Some 33 people were killed in the attacks, attributed to the al-Qaeda-affiliated "Salafiya Jihadiya" ([Group Profile](#)). On the al-Firdaws forum, where this statement seems to have appeared first, it was posted by a member or group named Salafiya Jihadiya, an attempt to imply that the statement comes from the very group who carried out those deadly attacks.

[begin translation]

The Mujahideen in Morocco announce the approach of the time of reckoning, the appointment in which the Jihad will be declared in the country of disbelief and tyranny, whose leaders have sold the country and the believers to the infidels after purging the area of Muslims zealous in their right to defend what is sacred to the religion and the believers.



Most people are aware that Morocco imprisoned the Muslims who love Jihad before the events of May 16. In the months preceding [May 16], Sheikhs were arrested, along with those who had experience in both domestic and international Jihad organizations. This was in order to rid the field of Jihad of its leaders and visionaries. The falsely worshipping tyrants wished to rid the area of the people of Islam, or rather, Sunni Islam. After the events of May 16, everyone with Sunni roots was arrested. We are sure that these events [May 16 attacks] were coordinated and conducted by the Moroccan intelligence, because everyone related to those events was from Casablanca. It is of course known to the people of Casablanca that the Jews do not emerge from their homes on Friday evening, and it was then that the explosions were carried out...

After the deterioration of the groups of Sunni Mujahideen caused by the arrests of most of their visionaries and supporters (may God keep them), [some] remained persevering and preparing in secret, in spite of the difficulties in their path after the arrests of some of their members.

We now announce in this blessed pulpit the establishment of *Asbat al-Falah*, and we invite every Muslim to help us in putting out the call and to be with us in their hearts and minds...

We are the *Ansar* [the supporters] of the Jihad and the *Ansar* of the *Qaedat al-Jihad* organization, even if we pursue a path in our Jihad that is different from this organization. Those who understand in our country will share our opinion. We repeat that we do not see in the path followed by the *Qaedat al-Jihad* organization any distancing from reason or indifference to truth.

Al-Asbat calls upon all of the Moroccan Mujahideen to focus on their preparation for the Jihad in Morocco. Morocco is suitable over other countries as a place in which to found an Islamic state.

Peace to you and the compassion and blessings of God,

Abu al-Bara al-Maghrebi [Abu al-Bara the Moroccan]

[end translation]

Item 3: Algerian al-Qaeda affiliate GSPC ([Group Profile](#)) announces an Internet spokesperson

In a message posted on the al-Saf Web site on October 27, the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC) named their spokesperson in all Internet statements to be posted to their site. The new GSPC "correspondent" announced himself as "Abu Maysara al-Jiza'iri," or Abu Maysara the Algerian.

The name is an obvious tribute to Al-Qaeda in the Land of the Two Rivers ([Group Profile](#)), whose Internet spokesperson is named Abu Maysara al-Iraqi. The leader of the GSPC, Abu Musaab Abdelwadood, also shares a *nom de guerre* with the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq ([Country Profile](#)), Abu Musaab al-Zarqawi.

The announcement was met with some skepticism for members of the forum, who demanded some form of verification from GSPC's new correspondent. One said, "if you want to earn the name Abu Maysara, then you need to describe some facts first, so that we can trust you and the authenticity of your news."

Another member, writing in French, demanded "Who are you Abu Maysara, and who authorized you to speak in the name of our brothers?"

GSPC's official Web site went down last week, so it is logical that the group would use these forums in order to circulate its statements while its site is down.

The members' insistence that the group's spokesman or correspondent provide further proof of his association with the group demonstrates the development of information integrity standards on such sites.



Item 4: Ayman al-Zawahiri delivers plea for humanitarian aid to quake victims in Pakistan ([Country Profile](#))

[begin translation]

[written on the screen:] Letter to the Pakistani people in the aftermath of the earthquake.

October 19, 2005, corresponding with Monday, 5 Ramadan 1426.

[Zawahiri:]

In the Name of God the Merciful and the Compassionate, praise God, and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of God, His friends and companions.

O, our brothers, Muslims in Pakistan
Peace to you, and God's compassion and blessings upon you.

With much grief and sadness we received the news of the disaster that has befallen the Pakistani people as a consequence of the earthquake that struck Pakistan and Afghanistan yesterday.

We ask God, Glorious and Sublime, to accept our brothers killed in the earthquake as martyrs and true believers.

The Prophet, peace and blessings upon Him, said: "The martyrs are of five kinds: One who dies of plague; one who dies of disease of his belly; the drowned; one who dies under the debris (of construction, etc.), and one who dies while fighting in the way of God."

We also ask God, the Glorious, to heal the wounded, to assist those who have been driven from their homes, and to restore the bodies of the injured.

My brothers and I hoped to be among the honorable brothers today, but the American agents have come between us and our brothers at this time.

The important thing is that I am beseeching Muslims in general and Islamic charities in particular to hasten to extend the hand of assistance to their Pakistani brothers, in light of their hardships and suffering.

We all understand the extent of the American war being waged against Islamic charitable work. We all understand that the government of Musharraf is just a branch of American intelligence. However, in spite of all that, I beseech all Muslims to come quickly and help their brothers in Pakistan with all that they can manage, to bear the harm wrought by the Americans and their collaborators in order to deliver the greatest amount of aid possible.

I ask God, Glorious and Sublime, to have compassion on the dead, heal the injured, assist the homeless, grant us repentance to restore our religion, to lift away His anger, grant us His reconciliation, and to help the religion of the Sunnah of the Prophet, Peace and Blessing upon Him.

Our last supplication it: Praise God, Lord of the two worlds, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet of God.

Peace to you, and God's compassion and blessings upon you.

[end translation]

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



Item 5: Advice on sniper training points to Yemen (Country Profile)

In the "Jihad Cell" forum this week, one member grandly announced his aspirations to become a sniper. The member, named "Mahmoudy" asked the "brothers" in the forum for advice on how to purchase a Dragunov rifle and for details on its price.

Abu Laden al-Yemeni (Abu Laden the Yemeni) responded to his request with an Arabic language manual on the basics of maintenance, loading, and shooting a sniper rifles, featuring the Dragunov.



Pictures from manual

"As for training," said Abu Laden, "I advise you to come to Yemen, where there are still training camps for the Mujahideen, and once there, you can buy any weapon you want."

After promising to investigate, Abu Laden also found out the market prices in Yemen for the requested Dragunov: 8000 Saudi riyals for a Russian-made model and 5500 Saudi riyals for the Chinese-made weapon.



Item 6: "Teach your children to hate Americans"

This essay appeared on the new Salafi forum "Bayt al-Maqdes" on October 23. In it, the author urges parents that they have a responsibility to counter the American information campaigns and American attempts to convince "Arabs...and Muslims that they like them." He reminds parents to teach children to "assess [Americans'] humanity" from events like the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, the occupation of two Muslim countries, and the persecution of the Palestinians.

"Today, and as a result of the crimes, murder, and destruction wrought by the Americans in many Islamic and Arab countries, the Americans are trying with all of their effort and their money to paint a positive picture of themselves by way of different media outlets, like their films that they issue to us in which there is nothing but this picture that the American is a good person, a hero who liberates countries and who spreads charity wherever he goes.

The truth is that this is all lies. We do not have to like the Americans, and it is not expected that we should see any of these morals that are not there, because as it is known historically these lies are nothing but means to death and destruction. [The Americans] do not understand anything but achieving their own interests and increasing their money no matter what the price...and they spend hundreds of millions of dollars trying to improve their image...

As fathers, as mothers, or as brothers, or even as friends, it is necessary to fight what the Americans are trying to foist upon us, to dazzle us with, to convince us that they are.

But they are not as they claim. They are striving to deceive us. They are nothing but occupiers, usurpers, and attackers. They kill our brothers, they rape their women, they torture them. Assess their humanity [from this]..."

The focus of the essay on countering American attempts at public relations and its timing suggest a response to the recent tour of the Middle East undertaken by US envoy Karen Hughes. The Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs returned from a highly publicized tour of Middle Eastern countries only a couple of weeks ago.

The essay was posted on the "Mojahedon" Web site, which contains a sizeable "Mujahid sisters' forum" for female Jihadists.

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