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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-1017

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Detainee Name	Omar Muhammad Ali al-Rammah
Detainee Aliases	'Faysal 'Alawi, Handhala, Issa, Mikhlaifi, Zakariya
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	15 December 1975
Arrival at Guantanamo	May 2003

Omar Muhammad Ali al-Rammah (YM-1017) probably was a low-level mujahidin fighter since the mid-1990s, when he probably participated in the Bosnian jihad, and a facilitator since the late 1990s when he became associated with an extremist network affiliated with al-Qa'ida. He may have trained at al-Qa'ida-associated camps in Afghanistan before relocating to Georgia in mid-2001 to support the Chechen jihad. While in Georgia, he was part of a force led by Chechen mujahid Ruslan Gelayev and may have fought against Russian or Abkhaz forces in the breakaway region of Abkhazia.

After 9/11, YM-1017 continued to work as a trusted but low-level mujahidin facilitator while he aspired to enter Chechnya to fight. He arranged to acquire fraudulent passports; and sought to acquire weapons, ammunition, and other supplies for mujahidin operations in Chechnya. YM-1017 probably received some training under Abu Atiya, who led a toxin network while in Georgia, but probably had no other involvement in its operations. YM-1017 was captured in April 2002 by a foreign government.

Throughout detention, YM-1017, while moderately compliant, has refused to cooperate with US personnel and probably retains an extremist mindset. He has made no effort to reconnect with family and probably does not want to be repatriated to Yemen. YM-1017 has little formal education and has not articulated any plans or hopes for his life after release, suggesting that he lacks the social and vocational skills to support himself without comprehensive assistance.

There are no indications that YM-1017 has current associations with active extremists. In addition, one of the two men with whom YM-1017 was detained in 2002, Soufian Abar Huwari (AG-1016) was arrested by Belgian authorities in July 2015 for criminal activities.