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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: AF-1119

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Detainee Name:	Haji Hamidullah
Detainee Aliases:	Hamid al-Razak, Hamdullah Tarakhel
Nationality:	Afghan
Date of Birth:	Variously reported as 1958 or 1963
Arrival at Guantanamo:	November 2003

Haji Hamidullah (AF-1119) was an Afghan militant who probably ordered and conducted attacks against Afghan and Coalition personnel during Operation Enduring Freedom. He fought for Hezb-e Islami Gulbuddin (HIG) during the Soviet War in Afghanistan, retained ties to the group thereafter, and probably collaborated with the Taliban and possibly with al-Qa'ida, although the nature of the relationship remains unclear. During Operation Enduring Freedom, he most likely led a group of militants with ties to both HIG and the Taliban planning an attack against an Afghan Government unit. AF-1119 has admitted only to having been a HIG fighter during the Soviet War, and has denied affiliation with extremists and involvement in militant activities against US interests, but a body of reporting—mostly from Afghan National Security Directorate sources—refutes these claims.

AF-1119 has been highly compliant with the guard staff at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and has committed far fewer infractions than most other detainees. He has acted as a leader of the other Afghan detainees and probably has sought to moderate their behavior, demonstrating that he is willing to cooperate with US officials when it serves his or his fellow detainees' interests. He met regularly with interrogators before late 2013, probably because he believed that cooperating would increase his chances of being repatriated and because he enjoyed interacting with interrogators. However, he has provided little information of value.

AF-1119's behavior and statements during his detention lead us to assess that he does not support al-Qa'ida's jihadist ideology. He has not expressed any intent to engage in extremist activity, and probably does not view the US as his existential enemy. However, his family's history of anti-Coalition and criminal activities, coupled with the widespread extremist activity in his home village in Afghanistan, would put him at risk of being drawn back into the fight if he were repatriated.