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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: SA-1456

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Detainee Name	Hasan Muhammad Salih bin Attash
Detainee Aliases	Umayr; Umayr al-Gharib; Mughayrah; Hasan al-Dini
Nationality	Saudi or Yemeni
Date of Birth	1982
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2004

Hasan bin Attash (SA-1456) served as a facilitator and explosives specialist for al-Qa'ida in the early 2000s. He grew up immersed in violent extremist ideology, coming from a family closely associated with Usama bin Ladin. SA-1456 was an aid to several senior al-Qa'ida members, helping run safehouses, facilitate the movement of fighters, and complete errands. He also supported numerous plots against US and other Western targets in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Middle East, North Africa. He was skilled in bombmaking and contributed to al-Qa'ida's explosives activities and capabilities.

SA-1456's extremist activity began in Afghanistan in 1997, when he pledged allegiance to Usama bin Ladin. He participated in basic and advanced military and explosives training probably including poisons training—briefly supported the frontlines, and served as a bodyguard for bin Ladin. In 2000, he relocated to Pakistan to facilitate logistics and travel for al-Qa'ida, which he continued doing intermittently for about two years. He also facilitated al-Qa'ida external operations against US and other Western targets, and was himself selected to participate in two such planned attacks. Concurrently, in 2002, SA-1456 built, procured, and delivered explosives for al-Qa'ida in support of anti-coalition attacks in Afghanistan. SA-1456 was arrested in an al-Qa'ida safehouse with senior al-Qa'ida operative and 9/11 operational coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh (YM-10013) in September 2002.

Up until 2013, SA-1456 was non-compliant and hostile with the guard staff at Guantanamo. In August 2013, he became highly compliant, likely to improve his chances for release. Nonetheless, he continues to harbor an extremist mindset and has made statements which indicate that he believes westerners are his enemies and that he remains intent on reengaging after detention. SA-1456 has associated or corresponded with several at-large terrorists, including former Guantanamo detainees.

SA-1456 has expressed a desire to participate in Saudi Arabia's extremist rehabilitation program, rejoin family, marry, and start a family of his own. SA-1456's family in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, is unlikely to help him transition to a peaceful life because they support violent extremism and because they lack the financial resources to provide significant aid to him beyond housing him. SA-1456 probably could leverage family ties and terrorist contacts should he decide to reengage in terrorist activity after his transfer.