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## GUANTANAMO DETAINEE FILE REVIEW

Detainee ISN: YM-1457

Detainee Name	Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj
Detainee Aliases	Riyadh [the facilitator], Haytham, Aziz
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	26 May 1974
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2004

Sharqawi Abdu Ali al-Hajj (YM-1457), a.k.a. Riyadh the Facilitator, is a career jihadist who was closely tied to several senior al-Qa'ida members, including Usama Bin Ladin and Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (KU-10024) and who acted as a prominent financial and travel facilitator for al-Qa'ida operations, though he may not have had foreknowledge of the plots. He facilitated fighters from Yemen to Afghanistan prior to 9/11, and then ran a guesthouse in Karachi and funneled Saudi donations to al-Qa'ida once Coalition operations began.

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