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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: LY-708

Detainee Name	Ismail Ali Faraj Ali Bakush
Detainee Aliases	<i>See Compendium</i>
Nationality	Libyan
Date of Birth	1 July 1968
Arrival at Guantanamo	August 2002

DETAINEE BACKGROUND

Ismail Ali Faraj Ali Bakush (LY-708) was a Libyan Islamic Fighting Group explosives expert who trained al-Qa'ida members and probably provided operational support to key al-Qa'ida figures. He consistently has denied his close association with al-Qa'ida and expertise with explosives; however, we assess that Bakush played a greater role in al-Qa'ida operations than he admits. After 11 September 2001, Bakush left Jalalabad, Afghanistan, and traveled to Lahore, Pakistan, where he was arrested by Pakistani authorities and was later transferred to US custody in August 2002.