GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-037

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Detainee Name: Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al-Rahabi

Detainee Aliases: Al-Battar al-Yemeni, Abu Aisha, Mu’ath Abdu

Nationality: Yemeni

Date of Birth: August 1979

Arrival at Guantanamo: January 2002

SUMMARY

Abdel Malik Ahmed Abdel Wahab al-Rahabi (YM-037) before his capture traveled from Yemen to Afghanistan for jihad and almost certainly was a member of al-Qa’ida. A body of reporting indicates he fought on the frontlines, was a bodyguard for Usama Bin Ladin, and may have been selected by al-Qa’ida to participate in a hijacking plot. During his incarceration at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, YM-037 has provided little information of intelligence value.

There are no conclusive indications that YM-037 during his detention has maintained associations with at-large extremists—except for a former Guantanamo detainee whom has not been observed reengaging in terrorist activity. If repatriated, YM-037 probably would seek to return to his family in Ibb, Yemen, and has stated that he would take up a peaceful occupation there. Before his detention, however, YM-037 associated closely with extremists who are now active in Yemen, including the current amir of al-Qa’ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and YM-037’s brother-in-law, a prominent extremist in Ibb. The marginal security environment in Ibb probably would give YM-037 ample opportunities to join AQAP if he decided to reengage.