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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-041

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Detainee Name:	Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmed
Detainee Aliases:	Abu Al-Zubayr, Abu Zubayr, Al-Zubayr Al-Adani, Majid Abu Ahmad, Majid Al-Adani, Majid Mahmud al-Wasabi, Zubair al-Yemeni
Nationality:	Yemeni
Date of Birth:	25 June 1980
Arrival at Guantanamo:	January 2002

Majid Mahmud Abdu Ahmed (YM-041) was recruited to fight for the Taliban while attending al-Furqan Institute in Yemen in 1999 and received basic and probably specialized combat training in Afghanistan from al-Qa'ida. He fought on the front lines, became a bodyguard for Usama Bin Ladin in August 2001, and was captured with 30 other al-Qa'ida-affiliated individuals by Pakistani authorities on 15 December 2001 following the Battle of Tora Bora. YM-041 has been relatively compliant during his time at Guantanamo, although he has been largely uncooperative with interrogators. In early interviews, YM-041 would either disengage or provide fabricated stories, including claiming that he had traveled to Afghanistan for peaceful purposes. Later, he recanted and told interviewers that he had trained and fought with the Taliban but still provided information of minimal value probably to gain incentive items.

We assess YM-041 still harbors anti-US sentiments and holds conservative Islamic views that may make transfer and reintegration to many countries difficult. He maintains contact with multiple former Guantanamo detainees, and has received letters from one former detainee known to have re-engaged in terrorist activities but with whom we assess YM-041 does not have a close relationship. Other than these former detainees, YM-041 only maintains communication with family members, none of whom appear to have any involvement in terrorist activity. We assess YM-041 would be less likely to re-engage if transferred to a Muslim country, and he probably would prefer Yemen to be close to his family.