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31 MARCH 2016 GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: LY-10017

LY-10017
Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Muhammad Mas'ud al-Jadid al-'Uzaybi
Abu Faraj al-Libi
Libyan
1 November 1970
September 2006

Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Muhammad Mas'ud al-Jadid al-'Uzaybi, a.k.a. Abu Faraj al-Libi (LY-10017), traveled to Afghanistan to fight at a young age, joined al-Qa'ida, and worked his way up through al-Qa'ida's hierarchy to become the group's general manager and a trusted advisor for and communications conduit to Usama Bin Ladin and deputy amir Ayman al-Zawahiri. He was first recruited in Tripoli, Libya, attended training at al-Farouq, and participated in al-Qa'ida operations in Afghanistan before becoming an instructor of topography, artillery, and small arms. Health issues eventually forced LY-10017 to take on an administrative role at al-Qa'ida's training camps and he rose to become the amir of al-Farouq in probably late 1998. LY-10017 became the head of al-Qa'ida's general administrative functions in Kabul until the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom. After relocating to Pakistan, LY-10017 saw to the financial and logistic needs of al-Qa'ida's international associates, maintained the group's relationship with terrorist groups in Afghanistan and Pakistan, leveraged his international contacts for fundraising, and played an overarching role in al-Qa'ida's external operations before his capture in May 2005.

Since arriving at Guantanamo Bay, LY-10017 has been generally compliant although he is prone to act out, sometimes with violence, to enact change or if he believes his point of view is not being heard. As of February 2016, LY-10017 was involved in forced cell extractions, physical altercations, and verbal altercations, according to information documented by Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO), an overall low number of infractions relative to other detainees. LY-10017 almost certainly remains committed to al-Qa'ida's global jihadist ideology. He has provided limited details about his own activities and associations with al-Qa'ida, focusing his admissions on minor details and incidents or providing blanket denials. LY-10017 has praised previous attacks against Western targets, to include 9/11, and has expressed support for future attacks against Western civilian targets.

We lack information on LY-10017's intentions for a potential post-detention, although he has indicated an interest in living in Libya, Saudi Arabia, or Qatar. In addition to his extensive, historical network of extremist contacts, members of LY-10017's extended family are known to have varying levels of involvement in terrorist activities and probably could facilitate efforts by LY-10017 to reengage if he chose to do so.

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