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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: ID-10019

Detainee Name	Encep Nurzaman
Detainee Aliases	Riduan Bin Isomuddin; <i>see Compendium for further aliases</i>
Nationality	Indonesian
Date of Birth	4 April 1964
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2006

Encep Nurzaman, a.k.a. Hambali (ID-10019) was an operational mastermind in the Southeast Asia-based extremist group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) and served as the main interface between JI and al-Qa'ida from 2000 until his capture in mid-2003. Reputed in regional media as "the Usama bin Ladin of Southeast Asia," he trained and fought in Afghanistan in the mid-1980s, and subsequently participated in violent jihad throughout Southeast Asia, including his lead role in planning the 2002 bombings in Bali, Indonesia. Since arriving at Guantanamo in 2006, Hambali has positioned himself as a mentor to other high-value detainees (HVDs) and a hub for news regarding their cases, even as he has grown pessimistic about his own prospects for release. He remains very close to his JI lieutenant—Mohammed Bashir Bin Lap, a.k.a. Lillie (MY-10022)—who was captured with Hambali, and with whom Hambali shares cultural bonds.

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