

GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: SO-10023

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Detainee Name:	Guleed Hassan Ahmed
Detainee Aliases:	Hanad; Abu Jaffar; Gouled Hassan Douran
Nationality:	Somali
Date of Birth:	April 1974
Arrival at Guantanamo:	September 2006

Guleed Hassan Ahmed (SO-10023) in 1995 traveled from Sweden to Afghanistan to receive training, probably from al-Qa'ida, that he could use for jihadist purposes in his native Somalia. He went to Somalia in 1997, joined the radical Muslim group Al-Ittihad al-Islami (AIAI), fought against the Ethiopian military and provided training to AIAI members. SO-10023 subsequently served as a key member of al-Qa'ida in East Africa's (AQEA) network in Somalia. He provided logistical and operational support to AQEA leaders, including almost certainly casing Camp Lemonier in Djibouti, the target of an AQEA plot.

- Despite initially admitting to his al-Qa'ida associations and providing a great deal of information about his support to AQEA, SO-10023 over the course of his detention has sought to downplay his connection to the group.

SO-10023 almost certainly remains a committed extremist and retains a worldview aligned with al-Qa'ida's global jihadist ideology, but has consistently attempted to deceive US officials by saying that he only supports regional insurgent efforts. Throughout his detention at Guantanamo Bay, he has expressed hatred toward the West and support for violent extremism, although he generally has been compliant with guard staff.

- SO-10023 has maintained to US officials that the only jihad he supports is the regional conflict in East Africa during interviews.
- It is unclear whether SO-10023 has become more radical during his time in detention—having possibly been influenced by more senior detainees—or if he always possessed anti-Western views and over time has become less hesitant to express them.

SO-10023 has expressed interest in reengaging in extremism if released. He does not appear to have direct contact with extremists outside Guantanamo, but some of his closest associates prior to detention have emerged as leaders in al-Shabaab, which almost certainly would provide avenues for SO-10023's reengagement.