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## GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

**Detainee ISN: YM-1453**

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Detainee Name	Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi
Detainee Aliases	Abu Malik
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	17 February 1970
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2004

Sanad Ali Yislam al-Kazimi (YM-1453) was a member of al-Qa'ida who served about nine months as a bodyguard for Usama Bin Ladin in Afghanistan. YM-1453 received basic training from al-Qa'ida and associated with some of its senior figures. He was a somewhat disruptive and insubordinate figure within the ranks of al-Qa'ida, and left Afghanistan in late 2001 following the onset of Coalition operations there.

In mid-2002, YM-1453 traveled to the United Arab Emirates, where he joined an al-Qa'ida cell led by senior operational planner Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri. YM-1453 was tasked to smuggle explosives into the UAE to use in an attack against US or British ships docked there. There is no information suggesting YM-1453 delivered the explosives, but he provided other forms of logistical support before Nashiri abandoned the plot. YM-1453 has denied that he intended to support the plot, claiming his only interest was in receiving money from Nashiri.

YM-1453 also probably served as a financial facilitator for the Yemen-based al-Qa'ida branch. YM-1453 probably was aware that the money he facilitated would be used to support terrorist attacks, but may not have had prior knowledge about the specifics of the attacks.

During his detention at Guantanamo Bay, YM-1453 has been highly non-compliant, committing repeated assaults against detention staff, although his number of infractions has decreased since mid-2014. His cooperation has been inconsistent with interrogators, ranging from providing information of value to refusing to answer questions and attempting to assault the interrogators. He has provided contradictory information about his views on al-Qa'ida and terrorist activities to interrogators, boasting of his al-Qa'ida knowledge and insights while criticizing the group's ideology. He has however, voiced extremist and anti-US sentiments.

YM-1453 has repeatedly said that he intends to be reunited with his wife and children in an Arabic speaking country post-detention. His family probably remains in southern Yemen, where his sons have possibly joined AQAP.