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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: PK-1460

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Detainee Name	Abdul Rahim Ghulam Rabbani
Detainee Aliases	Abu Rahmah, Abu Rahman, Sayyid Amin
Nationality	Pakistani citizen born and raised in Saudi Arabia
Date of Birth	1967
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2004

Abdul Rahim Ghulam Rabbani (PK-1460) is an al-Qa'ida facilitator who worked directly for al-Qa'ida external operations chief Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (KU-10024) from around 1999 until his arrest in September 2002. His primary role was to run al-Qa'ida safehouses in Karachi, Pakistan, and to assist Muhammad in transporting and housing al-Qa'ida fighters, equipment, documents, and money. After 9/11, PK-1460 played a prominent role in moving fighters from Afghanistan to Pakistan and housed several key al-Qa'ida figures in Karachi, including the al-Qa'ida media committee. His access to Muhammad and other senior al-Qa'ida members probably positioned PK-1460 to play a support role in al-Qa'ida operations, including 9/11, Karachi-based attack plotting, and possibly the al-Qa'ida anthrax program, although we judge that PK-1460 most likely did not have specific insight into al-Qa'ida operational plans.

PK-1460's extremist activity began around late 1998 when his brother, Mohammed Ahmed Ghulam Rabbani (PK-1461), recruited him to go to Afghanistan. He traveled from Karachi, Pakistan, to Afghanistan and attended Khaldan camp near Khowst for basic weapons training but was kicked out after a short period for smoking. PK-1460 returned to Karachi, where he first met Muhammad and started his work as a facilitator. He started out as a cook in Karachi-based safehouses, transported fighters between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and moved equipment for Muhammad. As a part of his duties before 9/11, PK-1460 frequently acquired equipment for the al-Qa'ida media committee, which was then housed in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

During his time in detention at Guantanamo Bay, PK-1460 has been mostly compliant with the guard force; nonetheless, PK-1460 is extremely vocal about camp dynamics and very sensitive to changes in his living situation. PK-1460 has exhibited varying levels of cooperation with interrogators and provided most information of value shortly after his arrest in September 2002. PK-1460 gave insights into his experience as a facilitator and his interactions with senior al-Qa'ida members. He has not admitted to being aware of al-Qa'ida attack plotting details, either because he really was ignorant of them or because he is attempting to mask his involvement in anything beyond facilitation activities.

PK-1460's comments suggest anti-American sentiment, most likely due to his extended detainment, and that he may have an extremist mindset. PK-1460 has indicated that he has non-extremist plans post-detention, including reuniting with his wife and sons and getting a job, such as a taxi driver or working in a shop. Although PK-1460 had access to a broad network of terrorist contacts, given his close association with Muhammad and his experience as an al-Qa'ida facilitator, many of his contacts have been detained or killed. He also has had no known contact with at-large terrorists during his time in detention, making it difficult to assess if PK-1460 would have a clear avenue for reengagement after release. PK-1460's immediate family has no known ties to terrorism.