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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-1463

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Detainee Name	Abd al-Salam al-Hilah
Detainee Aliases	Abd-al-Salam Sanana; Abdul Salam Abd al-Rahmani; Abdulsalam Ali Abdulrahman
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	Between 1968 and 1970
Arrival at Guantanamo	September 2004

YM-1463 entered into extremist circles at a young age and rose to be a prominent extremist facilitator who leveraged his position within the Yemeni Political Security Organization (PSO) to provide refuge and logistical support to extremist groups. YM-1463 probably learned about terrorist plots against Yemeni and Western interests on multiple occasions through his extremist contacts. During detention, YM-1463 has admitted to many of these activities. His reported pre-detention activities suggest that YM-1463 was sympathetic to extremists and driven by a desire for personal position and financial gain.

Since his arrival at Guantanamo, YM-1463 has committed a moderate number of infractions relative to other detainees and appears to calibrate his cooperation with Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) personnel to extract his preferred living conditions. He has expressed a few, general aspirations for his time after Guantanamo, including wanting to help transfer additional Guantanamo detainees and open a business. He has provided few insights into his original motivations for supporting terrorists in Yemen or his current thinking.

- YM-1463 has eschewed discussion about extremism and has instead focused his comments in interviews on politics and the security situation in Yemen.
- He has expressed continued support for extremists and terrorist groups, including ISIL.

YM-1463 has been in direct contact with two extremists outside of Guantanamo during his detention, one of whom is his brother, who we cannot confirm still supports extremist activity, and another who is a former Guantanamo detainee suspected of reengaging in terrorism. He probably would have multiple avenues to reengage in terrorism if he chose to do so because of these contacts, his expansive extremist connections from before his detention, and because his family resides in an area of Sanaa known for extremist activity.