

25 SEPTEMBER 2015

## GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN:	YM-434
---------------	--------

Detainee ISN:	YM-434
---------------	--------

Detainee Name:	Mustafa Abd-al-Qawi Abd-al-Aziz al-Shamiri
----------------	--

Detainee Aliases:	Abu Ali; Abu Ayyub al-Emirati; Abu Ayyub al-Yemeni; Abu Said al-Yamani; Abu Umar al-Najdi; Juhaynah; Mustapha Abd-al-Qawi Abd-al-Aziz al-Shumayri; Mustafa Abdul Qowi Abdul al-al-Shamiri; Saba al-Layl
-------------------	---

Nationality:	Yemeni
--------------	--------

Date of Birth:	7 July 1978
----------------	-------------

Arrival at Guantanamo:	June 2002
------------------------	-----------

Mustafa Abd-al-Qawi Abd-al-Aziz al-Shamiri (YM-434) fought in several jihadist theaters and associated with al-Qa'ida members in Afghanistan. It was previously assessed that YM-434 also was an al-Qa'ida facilitator or courier, as well as a trainer, but we now judge that these activities were carried out by other known extremists with names or aliases similar to YM-434's.<sup>A</sup>

- Fragmentary reporting links YM-434 to fighting in Bosnia in 1995, and he told interrogators that he fought in Yemen's civil war in 1996 and in Afghanistan for the Taliban from 2000-2001—including against the Northern Alliance and US forces—before his capture near Mazar-e-Sharif.
- YM-434 probably took explosives training at a camp in Afghanistan, and he may have been collocated at a safehouse in Yemen with operatives who plotted the USS *Cole* bombing, although there are no other indications that he played a role in that operation.

We have little insight into YM-434's current mindset. He has been largely compliant with the guard force at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility and has conveyed complaints about the guard force through proper channels, but has mostly been uncooperative with interrogators, suggesting that he sees little value in either acting out or cooperating. Fragmentary and dated information suggests that YM-434 was supportive of fighting to protect other Muslims, but not of global jihad, and there are no indications that his views have changed. He has boasted that he is willing to remain in detention indefinitely, and has expressed no plans for the future apart from a desire to get married and a willingness to work at his family's shop in Sanaa, Yemen.

YM-434 has corresponded with former Guantanamo detainees who would be well-placed to facilitate his reengagement in terrorism should he chose to return to jihad. We have no reason to believe YM-434 has discussed terrorism, regional conflicts, or violence in general.

If YM-434 returned to Yemen, he probably would seek out opportunities to rejoin his family in Sanaa, where AQAP and other Sunni extremists frequently conduct operations against the Huthis and the Yemeni Government. There are, however, no indications that YM-434's family members are engaged in terrorist activity.

<sup>A</sup>Further analysis of the reporting that supported past judgments that YM-434 was an al-Qa'ida facilitator, courier, or trainer has revealed inconsistent biographical, descriptive, or locational data that now leads us to assess that YM-434 did not hold any of these roles.