

GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

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Detainee Name:	Mansur Ahmad Saad al-Dayfi
Detainee Aliases:	Abd al-Rahman Ahmed Saad al-Mansur, Abd al-Rahman al-Zahri, Abdul Rahman, Ahmed Abdul Rahman, Alexander, Thu al-Qurnayan, Zu al-Qarnayan al-Sanani
Nationality:	Yemeni
Date of Birth:	1 January 1979
Arrival at Guantanamo:	February 2002

Mansur Ahmad Saad al-Dayfi (YM-441) probably was a low-level fighter who was aligned with al-Qa'ida, although it is unclear whether he actually joined that group. He traveled to Afghanistan in mid-2001, trained at an al-Qa'ida camp, and was wounded by a coalition airstrike after the 9/11 attacks. Afghan forces captured him in late 2001 and imprisoned him at the Qala-i-Janghi fortress, where he probably did not play a significant role in the subsequent prisoner uprising. YM-441 has admitted to—and later denied—involvement with al-Qa'ida, and he probably has exaggerated his involvement in and knowledge of terrorist activities during some of his interrogations. Reporting from other sources suggests that he did not play a senior role in terrorist activities, and no al-Qa'ida leaders or associated figures have identified him as a member of al-Qa'ida.

YM-441 has behaved erratically throughout his detention at Guantanamo Bay, making it difficult to assess his mindset. He had been moderately noncompliant with the guard staff and repeatedly expressed support for terrorism and hostility toward the US—most prominently during an Administrative Review Board hearing in late 2006, when he said that he was happy to be an enemy of the US and that he posed a threat to US interests. However, his behavior has improved since late 2012, and since early 2013 he has expressed nonextremist goals for his life after detention. He has changed his story on several occasions, undermining his credibility as a source. There are no indications that he has close relationships with any extremists outside of Guantanamo, although he has sent letters to numerous former Guantanamo detainees, several of whom have reengaged in terrorist activity.

YM-441 has given conflicting accounts of whether he wants to be repatriated to Yemen, where his family lives, several times stating that he would prefer not to return because of the lack of economic opportunities and instability, as well as his belief that extremist recruiters there would pressure him to reengage. His family members have no known ties to extremism, and he has said that they disapprove of his past involvement in jihad. However, their failure to prevent his initial radicalization and travel to Afghanistan indicates that they may not be able to dissuade him if he decided to reengage.