

## GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: EG-535

<b>Detainee ISN:</b>	EG-535
<b>Detainee Name:</b>	Tariq Mahmud Ahmad Muhammad al Sawah
<b>Detainee Aliases:</b>	Abu al Laith al Masri; Abu al Layth al Masri al Sawwah; Abu Hassan; Abu Laif el Masri; Abu Laith al Masri; Abu Laith el Abu Laith al Masri; Abu Tariq al Masri; Abu Tariq al Massri; al Laith; Albany Taher; Albany Tahera; Ilyas; Tarek el Savah; Tarek el Sawah; Tarek Mahamoud Ahmad el Sawah; Tarek Mahmoud Ahmed Mohamed el Sawah; Tarek Mahmoud el Sawah; Tarik el Sawh; Tariq al Bisnawi; Tariq al Bosnawi; Tariq el Masri; Tariq Mahmood Ahmad; Tariq Mahmood Ahmed al Sawah; Tariq Mahmoud Ahmed al Sawah; Tariq Mahmud Ahmad al Sawah
<b>Nationality:</b>	Egyptian
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	November 1957
<b>Arrival at Guantanamo:</b>	May 2002

Tariq Mahmud Ahmad Muhammad al Sawah (EG-535) was an al-Qa'ida explosives expert who probably designed the devices al-Qa'ida used to attack US targets. During the 1990s, he worked for non-governmental organizations linked to terrorism and then joined the Bosnian Army where he received weapons and explosives training. He traveled to Afghanistan sometime in 2000 to join al-Qa'ida and the Taliban and to attend training camps affiliated with al-Qa'ida. EG-535 while in Afghanistan became an explosives instructor for al-Qa'ida and fought against the Northern Alliance and US Forces. He met numerous senior terrorist leaders, but there are no indications he held a leadership position.

EG-535 during the first two years of his detention was hostile to the guard force. While EG-535 openly admits to having taken part in terrorism, there are no indications that he is interested in reengaging in extremist activity. He has told interrogators that he hopes to reunite with family members—some of whom live in Egypt, Bosnia, and the US.

There are no indications that EG-535 is in communication with extremists outside of Guantanamo.

If EG-535 were repatriated to Egypt, he probably would seek to reside temporarily with family members while pursuing opportunities to resettle elsewhere. EG-535 seems unlikely to pursue reengagement but he would be capable of reengaging as an explosives expert or trainer. He retains extensive knowledge of explosives compounds and techniques.