GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

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Detainee Name
Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi

Detainee Aliases
Ghassan Agh al-Sharbi, Abdullah al-Muslim, Abu Muslim, Abu Abdullah, Abdallah, Ghassan Al 'Utaybi, Ghazi

Nationality
Saudi Arabian

Date of Birth
28 December 1974

Arrival at Guantanamo
June 2002

Ghassan Abdallah Ghazi al-Sharbi (SA-682) attended a US flight school where he associated with two 9/11 hijackers, constructed electric circuitry in Pakistan for improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to attack Coalition Forces, and may have been involved in Homeland attack planning after 9/11. From 1999 to 2000, he attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Avionic Electrical Engineering. SA-682 traveled to Afghanistan in the summer of 2001 and trained at the al-Farouq camp. After 9/11, SA-682 traveled to Pakistan and was selected by a senior al-Qa’ida military commander to receive training on how to manufacture radio-remote controlled IEDs (RCIEDs) with the intent of training other extremists in bomb-making techniques. While in Pakistan, he also attended meetings with al-Qa’ida leaders where they may have discussed attacks against the US, possibly including the plot by Jose Padilla to explode a radiological “dirty-bomb.” SA-682 was captured by Pakistani authorities on 28 March 2002 at senior al-Qa’ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah’s (GZ-10016) al-Qa’ida safehouse in Faisalabad, Punjab Province, Pakistan.

SA-682 has been mostly non-compliant and hostile with the guards throughout his detention at Guantanamo, according to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) reporting. He has made conflicting statements during his detention about the extent of his affiliation with al-Qa’ida and the training he received, and his behavior and statements indicate that he retains extremist views and believes that quitting jihad is wrong. SA-682 espouses a strong dislike for the US and has said that he wants to remain in Guantanamo to continue his jihad against the US military and US Middle East policies. SA-682 has told interrogators that he will reengage in terrorist activity against the US to defend Islam from the presence of US military forces in Saudi Arabia, and that the US got what it deserved from the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

SA-682’s electrical engineering degree and a petroleum and minerals degree from King Fahd University, Saudi Arabia, could provide him with a skill set for employment if he is released. However, based on his education and training, we believe SA-682 is also a technically proficient and skilled bomb maker whose electronics expertise would place him in high demand by extremist organizations, and his past relationship with extremists would provide SA-682 a path to reengage if he chose to do so. In addition to refusing to speak with interrogators, SA-682 refuses to meet with lawyers and foreign delegations regarding his detention hearings and possible transfer, which limits our ability to fully evaluate his future intentions and motivations. Should SA-682 return to Saudi Arabia, we assess that he would seek support from family members, although we lack insight into the extent to which they would be able to support him financially upon his return.

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