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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: AG-685

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Detainee Name	Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush
Detainee Aliases	Abdul al-Rizak, Abu Usama al-Jazairi
Nationality	Algerian
Date of Birth	17 July 1970
Arrival at Guantanamo	June 2002

Said Bin Brahim Bin Umran Bakush (AG-685) was a trusted associate of prominent al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah (GZ-10016) and al-Qa'ida trainer Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi (LY-212). We assess that in the late 1990s, AG-685 traveled to Afghanistan, where he attended basic and advanced training and later served as an instructor at an extremist camp. AG-685 was captured at a safehouse with Zubaydah in March 2002, where safehouse members were training for future attacks, including against US interests.

AG-685 has committed a low number of disciplinary infractions compared to other detainees and the majority of his infractions have been failures to comply with Guantanamo guard force orders. AG-685 has assaulted or attempted to assault guard forces or other detainees on occasions, including a February 2015 incident in which he struck another detainee. AG-685 has never admitted to any involvement in extremist activities.

Because AG-685 has consistently denied involvement in terrorist activities and has provided conflicting information to interrogators, we lack insight into what motivated his activities before detention and whether he would pursue extremist activity after detention. AG-685 has not expressed or demonstrated any sympathy or support for al-Qa'ida, its global jihadist ideology, or radical Islamic views. He has not shown a strong interest in his release, but when asked, said it would be okay if he went to a Western country. After lying about his nationality for two years, AG-685 noted that he did not want to return to Algeria because he feared authorities would immediately arrest him. He indicated to interrogators that he has held a variety of menial jobs, and could return to such employment if resettled.

Algeria has advanced CT capabilities and is committed to working with the US on terrorism and sharing information with the US. AQIM and ISIL's official branch in Algeria have been forced into remote areas of the country by counterterrorism pressure, but remain capable of conducting attacks. We have no reporting that either terrorist group has attracted any of the Guantanamo detainees that were transferred to Algeria.

Aside from communications with legal counsel, AG-685 has not had any contact with anyone outside of Guantanamo. AG-685 provided his parents' address and family member names to interrogators, although this information cannot be verified.