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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE FILE REVIEW

Detainee ISN: AG-685

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). Bakush probably attended basic and advanced training in Afghanistan and later served as an instructor at an extremist camp before his capture in March 2002 at a safehouse in Pakistan with Zubaydah, where residents were training for future attacks against US interests. Bakush has been mostly compliant during his time at Guantanamo, although he has not cooperated with interrogators. We assess that Bakush still maintains support for extremist causes and could be masking his intentions to improve his chances of Periodic Review Board approval for release, based on the lack of indications that Bakush has renounced extremism and his demonstrated ability to deceive others over a prolonged period.