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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: SA-696

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Detainee Name	Jabran Said Bin Wazir Al-Qahtani
Detainee Aliases	Salam al-Farisi, Hatib, Jabran al-Qahtan, Saad Wazar Hatib Jabran, Jaran Saad Wazar Sulayman, Jabran Wazar, Salim El Farisi, Jebron Said Wazi Al-Nashit
Nationality	Saudi Arabian
Date of Birth	13 December 1977
Arrival at Guantanamo	August 2002

Al-Qahtani (SA-696) is a self-radicalized electrical engineer who traveled from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan in October 2001 to fight against US forces in Afghanistan. He received abbreviated weapons training at an al-Qa'ida camp in Afghanistan and was selected by a senior al-Qa'ida military commander to receive explosives detonator training in Faisalabad, Pakistan. There, he learned to construct circuit boards for radio-remote controlled improvised explosive devices with the intention of teaching bomb making techniques to operatives attacking US and Coalition forces in Afghanistan. SA-696 was captured by Pakistani authorities on 28 March 2002 at senior al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah's (GZ-10016) safehouse in Faisalabad, Pakistan, five months after leaving Saudi Arabia.

SA-696 has been mostly compliant with guard force personnel at Guantanamo but has not cooperated with interrogators. Early in his detention, he expressed his support for the Taliban and repeatedly stated that he intended to rejoin the extremist fight against the US and its allies, according to the Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) January 2009 report. SA-696 has not been forthright about his expertise in electronics or his time in Afghanistan, and made conflicting statements about the extent of his affiliation with al-Qa'ida before discontinuing his participation with interrogators in late 2002.

SA-696 earned an electrical engineering degree from King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in January 2001, which could provide him with credentials for employment if he is released. His education and training also make SA-696 a skilled bomb maker, however, whose electronics expertise would be in high demand by terrorist organizations. Should SA-696 return to Saudi Arabia, we assess that he would seek out prior associates who could provide him a path to reengage in hostilities and extremism, if he chose to do so.