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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: US9RS-000702DP

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Detainee Name	Ravil Kamilevich Mingazov
Detainee Aliases	Raweel Kamil, Sa'id al-Rusi, Saeed, Raweil, Saad, Jabran Sa'ad Wazir
Nationality	Russian
Date of Birth	5 December 1967
Arrival at Guantanamo	October 2002

Ravil Kamilevich Mingazov (RS-702) is an ethnic Tatar from Russia with ties to the al-Qa'ida-affiliated Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU) and a group called Tatar Jama'at. RS-702 served in the Russian military as a logistics warrant officer from 1989-2000, when he resigned over what he characterized as the Russian Government's treatment of Muslims. His feelings on this subject likely led him to seek out extremist groups. RS-702 probably joined the IMU and trained in Tajikistan until early 2001, when the group was forced to leave and collectively traveled to Afghanistan. By mid-2001, RS-702 had probably joined the Tatar Jama'at group, which took a strong position against Russia's policies towards Muslims.

In mid-2001, RS-702 probably attended several training camps in Afghanistan where he learned to make explosives, poisons, and chemical grenades. RS-702 has admitted to fighting with the Taliban against the Northern Alliance, but said he did not fight against Americans. Due to his inability to communicate in any language other than Russian, he probably did not hold any positions of authority in Afghanistan. RS-702 fled to Pakistan in January 2002, where he stayed at a series of al-Qa'ida affiliated safehouses, making his way to Faisalabad, where he was arrested at a safehouse associated with senior al-Qa'ida facilitator Abu Zubaydah. Based on information following his arrest, he was known to have some experience in dealing with different types of explosives. We have no information from other detainees on RS-702's pre-detention activities.

RS-702 has been mostly compliant with the guard force at Guantanamo, with a relatively low number of infractions compared to other detainees, according to Joint Task Force-Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO) reporting. Despite being open with interviewers about his time in Russia, RS-702 has provided few and contradictory details about his time in Afghanistan and the circumstances that led to his arrest in an al-Qa'ida-affiliated safehouse.

RS-702 maintains a strong disdain for the Russian Government and does not want to be repatriated, claiming his treatment in Guantanamo is better than the treatment he received in Russia. He probably also fears facing criminal charges that the Russian Government has levied against him. If transferred back to Russia and not charged with a crime, RS-702 would probably live with his mother in Tatarstan until he becomes self-sufficient, and then seek to leave Russia. Although he does not have any direct connections to known terrorists at large, RS-702's attitude towards the Russian Government could lead him to seek out individuals with a similar mindset, and he has discussed returning to the fight against Russia.