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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE FILE REVIEW

Detainee ISN: LY-708

Detainee Name	Ismail Ali Faraj Ali Bakush
Detainee Aliases	Abu Al-Dhahab al-Khamisi, Abu Ali, Abu-'Ali 'Azzab, Abu Munir, Al-Hajj 'Ali, Al-Hajj Munir al-Libi, Ali Azab, Haj Munir, Ismael al-Libi, Isma'il 'Ali A'zab, Munir, Subhi Bin Jumah al-Nayli
Nationality	Libyan
Date of Birth	1 July 1968
Arrival at Guantanamo	August 2002

Ismail Ali Faraj Ali Bakush (LY-708) was a Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG) explosives expert who trained al-Qa'ida members and probably provided operational support to key al-Qa'ida figures. He has consistently denied his close association with al-Qa'ida and expertise with explosives, but a review of all-source information yielded a body of fragmentary reporting indicating that Bakush played a greater role in al-Qa'ida operations than the IC previously had assessed. Bakush has been mostly compliant during his detainment but remains unwilling to cooperate with interviewers. He has not renounced extremism or shown remorse for his past activities, and we lack insight into Bakush's current mind-set. He has not expressed a clear plan for a possible life outside of Guantanamo. Bakush has historic ties to several prominent extremists in Libya, but his family members have no known ties to terrorism.