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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee SA-713
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Detainee ISN:	SA-713
Detainee Name:	Muhammad Murdi Issa al-Zahrani
Detainee Aliases:	Abu Osama, Osama al-Shaiba, Ahmadullah, Fahad, Ahmed Allah, Usama Ahmad Alla, Usama Shaba, Mohammed Muti-Zahran
Nationality:	Saudi
Date of Birth:	1969-70
Arrival at Guantanamo:	5 August 2002

Muhammad Murdi Issa al-Zahrani (SA-713) in 1999 probably traveled from Saudi Arabia to Afghanistan and almost certainly joined al-Qa'ida. Between mid-1999 and late 2001, he received training in military tactics and explosives from al-Qa'ida, fought on the frontlines against the Northern Alliance, and participated in two assassinations of Northern Alliance leaders. SA-713 swore allegiance to Usama bin Ladin, which SA-713 has said he views as a lifelong commitment to al-Qa'ida and Bin Ladin's successors. Information about SA-713's activities before detention is derived almost entirely from his own statements, which largely are uncorroborated but are consistent with al-Qa'ida's operational practices. He possibly at times has exaggerated his role in and significance to al-Qa'ida, to which he remains devoted.

SA-713 while at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility has presented few significant force protection problems relative to other detainees. He has provided information of value but appears to have withheld details, avoided implicating other al-Qa'ida members, provided conflicting information on dates and locations of his activity, employed counter-interrogation techniques, and admitted to working with other detainees to manipulate guards' and interviewers' activities and opinions. He has declined all interviews since 2010.

SA-713 throughout his detention has offered conflicting thoughts on how he envisions his future. On a few occasions, he has shown intent in returning home and establishing a family life, but he otherwise has consistently expressed lifelong dedication to al-Qa'ida and the life of a jihadist.

If SA-713 was repatriated to Saudi Arabia, he possibly would return to his family after completing the Kingdom's rehabilitation program. He has no known associations with at-large extremists, based on his lack of interaction with anyone outside of Guantanamo except for family members who have no identified extremist affiliations. During his time in Afghanistan, however, SA-713 almost certainly cultivated direct and indirect relationships with numerous terrorist leaders who could provide him avenues to reengage.

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