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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: MR-760

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Detainee Name	Mahamedou Ould Slahi
Detainee Aliases	Abdellah, Abu-Mus'ab
Nationality	Mauritanian
Date of Birth	21 December 1970
Arrival at Guantanamo	August 2002

Mahamedou Ould Slahi (MR-760) traveled from Germany to Afghanistan in 1991 and again in 1992 to join the mujahidin in their fight against the Afghan communist regime. There, he trained at al-Qa'ida's al-Farouq camp, swore bay'at to al-Qa'ida, and prepared to fight at the Battle of Gardēz. Between trips, he recruited for the Afghan jihad. For the next nine years, MR-760 lived mostly in Germany, spending time in Canada and Mauritania, and recruited primarily for the Bosnian and Chechen jihads. He facilitated the travel of future 9/11 operational coordinator Ramzi bin al-Shibh (YM-10013) and two future 9/11 hijackers to Chechnya via Afghanistan in 1999. He was arrested in Senegal in January 2000 and moved to Mauritania, where he was arrested again in November 2001. Throughout this time, MR-760 worked as an engineer at various technology companies and developed extensive electronics and computer skills.

Throughout his detention, MR-760 has maintained his support for jihad, but clarifies that his notion of jihad neither condones the killing of innocent people nor supports Bin Ladin's "version of justice." He also has criticized US policies several times, but notes that his complaints are directed at the American Government, not the American people. On several occasions, MR-760 has expressed to interrogators his intention to pursue a non-extremist life after Guantanamo, preferably back in Germany.

If repatriated to Mauritania, MR-760 probably would reunite with his family, take care of his sisters, and start a business. If the Mauritanian Government did not restrict MR-760's travel, he probably would travel internationally to promote his book *Guantanamo Diary*, which was released in January 2015. He might also pursue relocation to Germany if he was not satisfied with his reintegration assistance in Mauritania.

MR-760 established a broad network of terrorist contacts while living in Germany, Canada, and Mauritania. Although most of his extremist contacts have since been detained or killed, MR-760's relation to Abu Hafs al-Mauritani—a former al-Qa'ida senior leader currently residing in Mauritania—could provide him with an avenue to reengage, should he decide to do so.