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## GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: AF-762

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Detainee Name	Obaidullah
Detainee Aliases	Bertola; Baitullah; Abajdullah; Haneef
Nationality	Afghan
Date of Birth	January 1980
Arrival at Guantanamo	October 2002

Obaidullah (AF-762) received training in explosives from the Taliban and was part of an al-Qa'ida-associated improvised explosive device (IED) cell that targeted Coalition forces in Khowst, Afghanistan. During the early days of Operation Enduring Freedom, AF-762 also may have provided logistics support to fighters aligned with al-Qa'ida. His IED cell probably was led by Bostan Karim (AF-975), with whom AF-762 had a close relationship, and under the ultimate control of al-Qa'ida senior paramilitary commander Abu Layth al-Libi. During early interviews, AF-762 admitted to working with Karim to acquire and plant anti-tank mines to target US and other Coalition Forces. On 21 July 2002, AF-762 was captured by US Special Forces during a raid of his compound in Khowst, Afghanistan, which recovered 23 antitank landmines as well as a notebook containing electronic and detonator schematics involving explosives and mines.

AF-762 has been mostly compliant at the Guantanamo detention facility, according to Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO). He has committed less than 100 infractions since his arrival—a low number relative to other detainees—including infrequent hostility toward the guards and failure to follow rules or instructions. For most of his time at Guantanamo, AF-762 has said that he was a businessman and has offered evasive, implausible, and contradictory explanations to questions pertaining to terrorist activities. AF-762's interviews have been cordial, but he has provided no information of value since his initial interviews in late 2002—especially after learning of Karim's transfer to Guantanamo in March 2003—and told an interviewer in October 2013 that he saw no need to attend any future interviews. AF-762 stated that he was very afraid of Karim and wanted an opportunity to resolve any issues between them surrounding Karim's capture.

Because AF-762 has provided little information to interrogators, we lack insight into his current mindset, which challenges both our understanding of what motivated his activities before detention and whether he would pursue extremist activity after detention. Since his capture, AF-762 has not expressed any intent to re-engage in terrorist activities or espoused any anti-US sentiment that would indicate he views the US as his enemy. AF-762 has indicated that he enjoys studying English and wants to be collocated with English speakers. In March 2015, AF-762 stated that he reads English books to expand his vocabulary and Arabic books to improve his Arabic. AF-762 said that if he returned to Afghanistan, he would like to finish his education and then return to being a shopkeeper. However, his knowledge of anti-tank mines, and the fact that several members of his IED cell who are former detainees have reengaged in extremist activity in Khowst, Afghanistan, could provide him opportunities to reengage should he choose to do so.