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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-840

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Detainee Name	Hail Aziz Ahmed al-Maythali
Detainee Aliases	Abu Huthayfah, Abu Huthayfah al-Sanani, Abu Huzayfa al-Shamali
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	1 January 1977
Arrival at Guantanamo	October 2002

Hail Aziz Ahmed al-Maythali (YM-840) was an extremist fighter who associated with senior al-Qa'ida members but probably did not play a major role in the attack plotting in Karachi. During 2000 and 2001, he trained with al-Qa'ida in Afghanistan, provided support to frontline fighters against the Northern Alliance, and probably acted briefly as a guard at Usama bin Ladin's compound in Kandahar. He also may have been a bodyguard to Bin Ladin. YM-840 is one of the Yemenis arrested during the 11 September 2002 raids in Karachi, Pakistan, later labeled the "Karachi Six" based on concerns that they were part of an al Qa'ida operational cell intended to support a future attack. Based on a review of all available reporting, we judge that this label more accurately reflects the common circumstances of their arrest and that it is more likely the six Yemenis were elements of a large pool of Yemeni fighters that senior al-Qa'ida planners considered potentially available to support future operations. YM-840 was probably awaiting a chance to return to Yemen when he was arrested at the Karachi safehouse.

YM-840 has been mostly compliant with the guard force and committed a low number of infractions relative to other detainees at Guantanamo Bay. He has provided little information of value after his initial interviews and has probably sought to conceal his past involvement in terrorist activities. YM-840 acts as a spokesperson for the other detainees on his cell block and has provided interrogators with information about camp dynamics and other detainees' noncompliance.

YM-840 probably retains anti-American views and probably is at least sympathetic toward extremist groups, although he has been guarded in conveying his views on extremism and violence. He has demonstrated conservative Islamic beliefs and would probably prefer to be transferred to a Muslim country, particularly Yemen or Saudi Arabia, if released. He has maintained contact with his family, most of whom reside in Sanaa.

We assess that YM-840 has no close associations with terrorists outside of Guantanamo, although he and his family possibly know members of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) who would be well-placed to help YM-840 reengage in terrorism if he returned to Yemen. YM-840 also probably has a close relationship with Maha El-Samnah, the mother of a former Guantanamo detainee.