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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: YM-841

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Detainee Name	Hani Saleh Rashid Abdullah
Aliases	Abu al-Fadh1, Said Salih Said Nashir
Nationality	Yemeni
Date of Birth	29 September 1969
Arrival at Guantanamo	October 2002

Hani Saleh Rashid Abdullah (YM-841) traveled to fight in Afghanistan in June 2001, trained at al-Qa'ida's al-Farouq camp, and admitted to a close association with some of the group's external operations planners and senior leadership, including senior al-Qa'ida operative and 9/11 conspirator Walid bin Attash, better known as Khallad (YM-10014). YM-841 was one of the Yemenis arrested during the 11 September 2002 raids in Karachi, Pakistan later labeled as 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-841 was probably intended by al-Qa'ida senior leaders to return to Yemen to support eventual attacks in Saudi Arabia, but YM-841 may not have been witting of these plans.

While in Guantanamo, YM-841 has committed less than 70 infractions since his arrival in 2002 until March 2015, a low number relative to other detainees; however YM-841 has repeatedly attempted to minimize his role within al-Qa'ida, evade questions, and manipulate interrogators. He has also expressed continued support for jihad against "legitimate" military or government targets, has celebrated the idea of Muslims killing invaders, and has requested, on occasion, to see news footage of past al-Qa'ida attacks. YM-841 has also continued to defend terrorist tactics and violence to overthrow un-Islamic governments, repel invaders, or in order to seek revenge.

YM-841 has said he is willing to go anywhere and participate in a rehabilitation program in order to leave Guantanamo. He says he ran a small business and was an experienced electrician in Yemen—skills that could potentially help him gain employment outside of GTMO. As of August 2015, he was attending all available life skill courses at Guantanamo Bay.

YM-841 would have avenues for reengagement in jihad if he returned to Yemen, particularly given his sister's marriage to the brother of current detainee Khalid Ahmed Qasim (YM-242) and USS Cole conspirator Yasser Ahmed Qasim. YM-841's family is believed to be living in al-Burayqah, an area reported to have a strong AQAP presence.