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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN: AF-975

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Detainee Name	Bostan Karim
Detainee Aliases	Bostan Khan, Bostan Qadecem
Nationality	Afghan
Date of Birth	1970
Arrival at Guantanamo	March 2003

Bostan Karim (AF-975) was probably the leader of an al-Qa'ida-associated improvised explosive device (IED) cell that targeted Coalition Forces in Khowst, Afghanistan. In this role, he probably planned, directed, or conducted multiple attacks against Coalition Forces. He also was probably an al-Qa'ida member who took orders from al-Qa'ida leaders in Pakistan, particularly senior paramilitary commander Abu Layth al-Libi. Some reporting indicates that he facilitated al-Qa'ida members' and foreign fighters' escape from Afghanistan into Pakistan following the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom. Since his initial capture, AF-975 has consistently denied affiliation with any terrorist or extremist group or involvement in any terrorist or extremist activities.

AF-975 has been highly compliant with the guard staff at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility since his arrival in March 2003, according to Joint Task Force Guantanamo (JTF-GTMO), committing a low number of infractions compared to other detainees. He met somewhat regularly with interrogators until November 2012, probably because he believed he could convince them of his long-professed innocence and increase the likelihood that he would be transferred back to Afghanistan. While talking extensively about Jamaat Tablighi (JT) and his involvement with the group, he provided no information of value. We assess that he ended his interrogations out of frustration about his continued detention.

Because AF-975 consistently has denied involvement in terrorist activities and has provided little information to interrogators, we lack insight into his current mindset, which challenges both our understanding of what motivated his probable activities before detention and whether he would pursue extremist activity after detention. AF-975 has not expressed any intent to re-engage in extremist activity or espoused any anti-US sentiment that would indicate he views the US as an enemy. Even so, several members of AF-975's alleged IED cell, who are former detainees, have reengaged in extremist activity in Khowst, Afghanistan, including a nephew who is close to him, and could provide him opportunities to reengage should he choose to do so.