Mashur Abdullah Muqbil Ahmed al-Sabri (YM-324) was an al-Qa'ida and Taliban associate who had ties to numerous extremists but probably did not play a significant role in terrorist operations. He came into contact with extremists in Yemen during the late 1990s and associated with an al-Qa'ida operative who later killed himself during the bombing of the USS Cole, although there is no indication YM-324 had foreknowledge of the attack. He traveled to Afghanistan in late 2000, probably to support the Taliban. While in Afghanistan, he stayed at Taliban and al-Qa'ida guesthouses, and he possibly received militant training, fought alongside the Taliban, and was acquainted with Usama bin Ladin. Much of the information available about YM-324’s activity before detention is derived from his own statements, some of which are corroborated by reporting from other detainees as well as documents recovered during raids of suspected al-Qa'ida safehouses.

YM-324 appears focused on working toward his release from the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. Since his arrival, he generally has been compliant with the detention staff and cooperative during interviews. He probably resents the US because of the length of his detention at Guantanamo, but there are no indications he adheres to extremist ideology or intends to reengage.

If repatriated to Yemen, YM-324 probably would live with his paternal uncle’s family in Taiz—historically not one of AQAP’s primary operating areas—while awaiting an opportunity to return to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, where most of his family resides. He has expressed non-extremist goals for his life after detention, and none of his family members in Saudi Arabia or Yemen are involved in terrorist activity. He may, however, attempt to contact a family friend who is an AQAP operative and facilitator with a long history of association with extremists, providing YM-324 a possible path to reengage.