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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN:	KU-552
Detainee Name:	Faez Mohammed Ahmed al-Kandari
Detainee Aliases:	Fayiz Muhammad Ahmad Jamal Muhammad al-Kandari, Faiz Mohammed Ahmed al-Kandari, Fayiz al-Kuwaiti, Khalid al-Kuwaiti, Khallad al-Kuwaiti, Khalad al-Kuwaiti, Khalaad al-Kuwaiti, Abu Khalid, Abu Khaled, Abu Khalaad
Nationality:	Kuwaiti
Date of Birth:	June 1977
Arrival at Guantanamo:	May 2002

Faez Mohammed Ahmed al-Kandari (KU-552) traveled to Afghanistan for the first time in 1997, returned to the Middle East in 1998, and thereafter served as a recruiter and propagandist for al-Qa'ida. He returned in 2001 to Afghanistan, where he almost certainly received extremist training from al-Qa'ida, provided support to an al-Qa'ida-affiliated charity, and probably fought on the frontlines against Coalition forces. While in Afghanistan, KU-552 probably served as Usama bin Ladin's spiritual advisor and confidant and possibly developed close ties with other al-Qa'ida leaders. He also possibly fought in Bosnia during the 1990s. During interviews, however, KU-552 consistently has denied involvement with al-Qa'ida or other extremist groups.

During his time at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, KU-552 mostly has been compliant with guard staff and has committed no significant disciplinary infractions apart from participating in hunger strikes. Throughout his detention, he has expressed anti-American sentiments, encouraged other detainees to conduct violent jihad after release, and voiced support for his mujahidin "brothers" overseas, indicating he almost certainly retains an extremist mindset. KU-552 has provided some information of value during debriefings but since May 2008 has declined participating in interviews, probably to avoid contradicting his original narrative of having traveled to Afghanistan for charitable purposes.

KU-552 during his detention has remained in contact with several family members. If repatriated to Kuwait, KU-552 probably would return to his family after a stay in the Al Salam Rehabilitation Center. His family is capable of supporting him financially, but their numerous connections to extremists could afford KU-552 opportunities to reengage, which may appeal to him given his apparent residual anger at the US and Kuwait over his detention.

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