



Muhammad Tahir Shahzad AKA Abu Hamza

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Overview (U)

REAL NAME: Muhammad Tahir Shahzad
ALIAS: Abu Hamza, Saif, "Hamza from Haribour"
TO USA, ISAF, NATO) Age: 25-28

POSITION: AL-QA' IDA EXTERNAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, GLOBAL MUJAHIDIN MENTOR, AND PAKISTAN IED COMPONENT FACILITATOR

(TS//SI//REL) GROUP ASSOCIATIONS: Al-Qa' ida (AQ), Laskhar e-Teyyiba (LeT), and Taliban

ADDRESS: Pakistan

MAINTAINS OVER 60 DNI SELECTORS (attached at end)

BACKGROUND:

Muhammad Tahir Shahzad, aka Abu-Hamza, user of [REDACTED] is Pakistan-based extremist involved in terrorist and foreign fighter recruiting, AFPAK IED building, training, and planning, and external operations coordination [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Abu-Hamza acted as an intermediary between AQ and Indonesia-based extremist groups Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)/Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT) members, and was responsible for facilitating the meeting between JI member [REDACTED] and AQSL figure [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Abu-Hamza and associate [REDACTED] have been identified in their involvement with the Abdul Samad IED network in Chaman, PK [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], where Hamza is reported to play an active role in training commanders in explosives [REDACTED]. Recently, Abu-Hamza received fugitive Bali bombing suspect Umar Patek and mediated his travel to Waziristan to meet with senior leadership [REDACTED], and is coordinating the travel and training of two members of a France-based extremist cell to Pakistan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Abu-Hamza's activities are currently being monitored [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for his widespread contacts and concurrent activities with elements of AQ, Taliban, LeT, JI, JAT, and others.



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