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“THE MARTYRS OF CONFRONTATIONS ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA”



On 3 Dec. 2003, al-Qaeda’s Sahab Institute for Media Production released a new produced video entitled “The Martyrs of Confrontations on the Arabian Peninsula”. The video is 00:38:32 in length. It focuses on the group’s members who were killed in confrontations with security forces in Saudi Arabia between May and Nov. 2003. All images in this report are of stills from the actual video. This is the seventh al-Qaeda video by Sahab and the third one to be released in the past three months.

The video contains statements from Osama bin Laden which all appear to be from older interviews and other videos. One video last testament of an al-Qaeda member appears on the tape. It is of Abd al-Ilah al-Otaibi, who was killed on 5 Nov. There is also an audio

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clip from and tribute to Sheikh Youssef bin Saleh al-Ayiri. Other martyrs featured on the video are Turki al-Dandani, Ahmed al-Dakhil and Fahd al-Saadi. A brief segment shows a group identified as al-Qaeda's "first special forces unit" practicing entries and singing together. All of the faces of the unit are blurred except that of al-Otaibi.

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- Osama bin Laden has four speaking video clips on the tape. All appear to be from older interviews and statements. The above pictures are from his speaking segments. The second to last image with the al-Jazeera microphone and brown background appears to be from the al-Jazeera interview conducted by Tayseer Alouni in Oct. 2001. The last image is believed to be from the ABC interview conducted by John Miller in May 1998.

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- The above still of Osama bin Laden walking appears in the video for a few seconds. He is not speaking during this clip.

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- The narrator speaks of Sheikh Youssef bin Saleh al-Ayiri while showing some of his works. These include two books: the one on the right is “The Truth About the New Crusader War”. The one on the left is “The Role of Women in the Jihad Against the Enemies”. The narrator describes him as a learned youth, who had memorized the Quran and the six books. The narrator continues, saying he was an experienced soldier and a clever mind, who had enhanced the jihad with his books and his observations and who did not delay in giving of himself to the cause of jihad. More of his works are shown, including books on the Taliban, the Moscow Theater takeover, jihad, the new Crusader war, etc. The narrator says that despite all that, the powers in the Land of the Two Holy Places, in serving their Crusader masters, undertook to kill him or hurt him or otherwise stop him. But he chose martyrdom.
- The caption during al-Ayiri’s audio segment reads: “al-Sheikh Youssef al-Ayiri: One of the Military Lessons in the Arabian Peninsula”. He speaks about military preparedness and how to meet your enemy.
- Al-Ayiri is also known as Abu-Mohammed, Abu-Mariyam, Abu-Qutaybah al-Makki and Salah-al-Din
- Al-Ayiri was killed by Saudi security forces during the night of 31 May 2003. He was number 10 on the Saudi Interior Ministry's list of 19 wanted for involvement in the 2003 Riyadh bombings. He was responsible for running al-Qaeda's al-Neda web site. He was reportedly close to Osama bin Laden and according to one fundamentalist served as the "real link between bin Laden and the fundamentalist leaders in the Arab Gulf region."

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- Osama bin Laden is shown in what appears to be an al-Jazeera interview. He discusses the book, “The Truth About the New Crusader War”, saying it was written by one of the scholars and saying that it is a source of information on the killing of innocents during jihad, etc. He commends the book.

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TURKI AL-DANDANI



- Narrator announces Turki al-Dandani, with his picture shown, and says he is one of the courageous heroes of the Ummah. The narrator says that he had a high degree of military expertise from participating in jihad in various Muslim countries.

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- Al-Dandani was wanted in Saudi Arabia for his alleged involvement in the May Riyadh attacks. He, along with three others were hiding in the mosque of an Imam in Soubar in southern Jawf, near the Yemeni border, when the mosque was stormed by Special Saudi police. He was killed in the firefight that ensued. The narrator said the walls of the mosque came down on al-Dandani. A picture showing him killed after the firefight is above.

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AHMED AL-DAKHIL



- Narrator announces Ahmed al-Dakhil and shows his picture. He is described as a sheikh who had memorized the entire Quran. A recording of what appears to be a sermon by Dakhil is played.
- Dakhil was among the 19 most wanted in Saudi Arabia for the May Riyadh bombings. He was reportedly killed on 28 July 2003 during a raid on a farm in the northern province of Qassim. During that raid, Saudi security forces found a cache of weapons that included 10 machineguns, pistols, hundreds of bullets, improvised explosive devices, mobile phones, tape players and a set of women's dresses.

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FAHD AL-SAADİ



- Narrator announces Fahd al-Saadi and shows his picture. The narrator describes him as having strong knowledge and expertise in the science of building of weapons and explosives.
- Al-Saadi was reportedly found dead on 18 March 2003 in his apartment in Riyadh. He was reportedly a Saudi of Yemeni origin with links to al-Qaeda. In his apartment were grenades, Kalashnikovs and other munitions.

OTHER MARTYRS

- Narrator names several other heroes and shows some of their pictures, including Saud al-Qurashi, Sultan al-Qahtani, Abd al-Rahman Jabbara, Rajih al-Ajmi, Ibrahim al-Nifeesa, Abu Abd Allah al-Makki, Ammash al-Subaei, Karim al-Harbi, Mohammad al-Harbi, Issa Khatir, and Mit`ib al-Mohyani. The narrator describes these men as having given their blood to pave the way for the ones to follow.

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• Narrator announces Abd al-Ilah al-Otaibi and says that here is his story. Al-Otaibi was a youth who spent much of his time worshipping God. After the 9-11 attacks against America, the world was shaken and many Muslim youths were awakened and moved by those youths who gave their blood so that a new Ummah could be built. He was one of them. So he went to Afghanistan and began training with his brothers in the training camps. According to the narrator, he accomplished his dreams and those of the Muslim youths by killing Americans and their allies. He was blessed by God to have participated in the battles of Shah-i-Kot, where he killed a number of the soldiers of the cross. He refused to leave Afghanistan until he became injured and was forced to leave for medical treatment in Pakistan. He then went eventually to the Land of the Two Holy Places [Saudi Arabia]. He had returned from a blessed and honorable task, and had completed one of the duties of his religion. But he was stopped by Saudi security forces, cooperating with the Americans, in the airport. And he was sent to prison for months; all that he was guilty of was fighting the cross. And when he left prison, he could not stand the life of luxury, especially after seeing the rulers of the Arabian Peninsula cooperate with the Americans.

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So he joined the mujahideen of the Arabian Peninsula and started participating in several training sessions and specialized lessons.

- The narrator says that on the 10th day of Ramadan, [5 Nov. 2003], al-Otaibi said his prayers as usual and afterwards Saudi security forces attacked his apartment in the Suwaibi neighborhood. He dressed in camouflouge and killed as a hero would. He got a blow to his stomach and fell to his knees and then fell onto his back. One of his brothers in the fight approached him and said that he was smiling as life left him.

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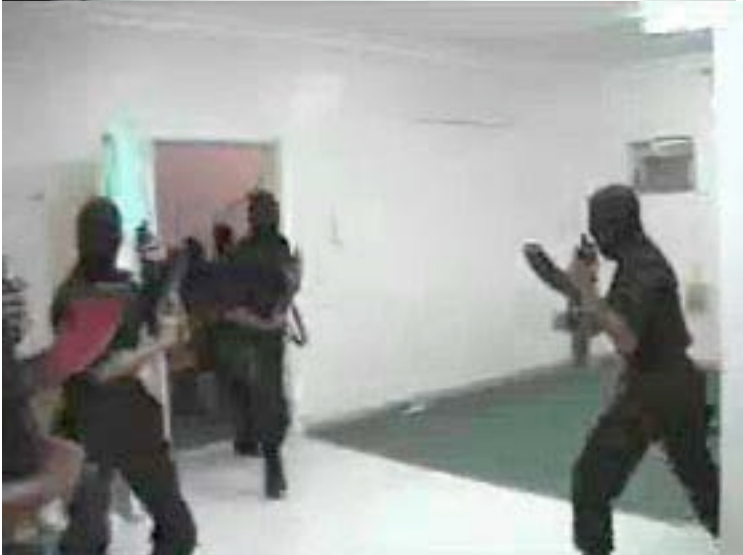
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- A brief segment shows a group identified as al-Qaeda’s “first special forces unit” practicing entries and singing together. All of the faces of the unit are blurred except that of Abd al-Ilah al-Otaibi.

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9-11 VIDEO



- The video contains rare footage of the second plane hitting the World Trade Center in the 9-11 attack. According to the FBI, the footage was shot by someone who provided them a copy. The footage is not believed to be widely available and it is unclear how al-Qaeda obtained it.

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SAHAB INSTITUTE FOR MEDIA PRODUCTION



The Sahab Institute for Media Production has served as the primary source of produced al-Qaeda videos and some audio tapes. Including this most recent video, Sahab has produced seven al-Qaeda videos. Three have been released in the past three months. A full listing of the videos is below. An eighth video is believed to be in the works and expected to be released by 1 Feb. 2004.

- “The Martyrs of Confrontations on the Arabian Peninsula” – 3 December 2003
- “The Wills of the Heroes: The Martyrs of the Two Holy Place” – 17 October 2003
- “American Hell in Afghanistan and Iraq” – 10 September 2003
- “The Nineteen Martyrs” – September 2002
- “The Wills of the New York and Washington Martyrs” – 15 April 2002
- “The New Crusader Wars – 1” – circa February 2002
- “The Destruction of the Destroyer, USS Cole” - 2001

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