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INTRODUCTION

The al-Qaeda Messaging/Attacks Timeline covers statements and other significant public and semi-public communications by al-Qaeda and its affiliates. The timeline also covers significant attacks by al-Qaeda and its affiliates. All attacks appear in bold type.

This version covers the period from January 2007 to 16 May 2008. The prior period from 29 December 1992 to the end of 2007 is available in the book entitled, “al-Qaeda Messaging/Attacks Timeline 1992-2007” (ISBN 978-0966543773). The book is available at <http://www.intelcenter.com> as well as through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders and all other major bookstores.

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GUIDANCE ON DATING/CLASSIFYING AL-QAEDA AUDIO/VIDEO STATEMENTS

When attempting to date new al-Qaeda audio/video statements there are multiple dates that carry different significance depending upon the issue at hand. In the case of direct statements such as those frequently seen coming from Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri there are always three key dates pertaining to any release.

The three dates are:

1) RELEASE DATE: This is the date the video is aired by the media or it goes into release on the Internet or VCD form. In some cases this needs to be qualified with the date the material was actually made available to the media outlet. Typically the date the material is received and the date the material is aired are within two days of each other. In most cases the air date is considered to be the most significant date when evaluating the timing of threat statements and possible correlations to attacks.

2) PRODUCTION DATE: This is the date actually written by al-Qaeda on the material itself and generally reflects when the finished product was completed. On video material it typically appears on one of the intro title screens. On audio material it may not be spoken in the beginning but might be included in the file annotations or will often appear in a written transcript that is frequently released simultaneously with the audio file. There is typically a gap of between a few weeks to more than a month between the Release Date and the Production Date. The gap is reflective of the time it takes for the material to get from where it was produced to the release channel, be it the Internet or a media outlet.

3) RECORDING DATE: This would be the date that the actual statement was recorded. In other words, the day that Osama bin Laden or Ayman al-Zawahiri sat down and made the recording. Depending upon the production qualities this could be the same as the Production Date or may be weeks or more before, presuming the Production Date is set to

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when it is completed and not set against the Recording Date in which case they would always be one in the same. In the case of an audio recording where not much post work needs to be completed these dates are likely to be very close together. The higher the production value for video material the greater the gap. For example, an al-Zawahiri video that has English subtitles, new animation in the opening sequence and other effects entails days to weeks of work on powerful computers that increases the gap of time between when the material was recorded and when the final release was completed.

Note on the "al-Qaeda Messaging/Attacks Timeline":

The IntelCenter "al-Qaeda Messaging/Attacks Timeline" weighs the Release Date the heaviest followed by the Production Date and then the Recording Date. Additional relevant factors that impact the significance of the various dates are also factored in and weighed. The date that is determined to be the most significant is then the one used in the timeline.

Note on dates as they pertain to other materials such as Produced Videos:

When examining other types of video material such as Produced Videos other dates come into play as the material frequently includes a mix of both new and old material.

Four Main Categories of al-Qaeda Releases:

1) New Release/New Material/New Recording (NNN) - material that is both recently recorded and never before released

2) New Release/New Material/Old Recording (NNO) - material that has never before been released but is from an old recording

3) New Release/Old Material/Old Recording (NOO) - material that has appeared in some form before but is being newly released by the group

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4) New Release/Modified Material/Old Recording (NMO) - material was previously released but has been significantly altered in a way that differentiates it from the previous version

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TIMELINE

5 January 2007 – Release Date January 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 5'30"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Rise and Support Your Brothers in Somalia"
24 January 2007 – Release Date January 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 14'11"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Correct Equation"
1 February 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 17'07"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Statement entitled, "And the Crusade Continues... The AIDS Children in Libya"
8 February 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 46'08"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Statement entitled "The Adha Holiday Sermon 1427H"
13 February 2007 – Release Date 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 40'42"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio Statement on video entitled, "Tremendous Lessons and Events in the Year 1427H"
26 February 2007	Shooting French nationals stopped along side of road in desert area Outside Medina, Saudi Arabia
11 March 2007 – Release Date Mar. 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 21'03"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio Statement on video entitled, "Palestine is Our Concern and the Concern of Every Muslim"
22 March 2007 – Release Date March 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 27'08"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Statement entitled, "Iraq: Between Indications of Victory and Conspiratorial Intrigues"

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25 March 2007 – Release Date February 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 29'36"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Statement entitled, "To the Army of Difficulty in Somalia"
11 April 2007	Vehicular Bombings Algerian Government Offices and Police Facilities Algiers, Algeria
14 April 2007	Suicide Bombings US Consulate and the American Language Center Casablanca, Morocco
27 April 2007 – Release Date Apr./May 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 43'34"	Abu Laith al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Interview entitled, "Interview with Sheikh Abu Laith, One of the Leaders of Qaeda al-Jihad in Khorasan"
29 April 2007 – Release Date Apr./May 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 36'12"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Statement entitled, "Palestine, an Alarming Scream and a Warning Cry"
5 May 2007 – Release Date Apr./May 2007 - Production Date Runtime: 67'35"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Video Interview entitled, "Interview with Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri"
23 May 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 6'23"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Elegizing the Commander of the Martyrdom-Seekers Mullah Dadullah"
24 May 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 10'42"	Abu Laith al-Libi As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Confronting the War of Prisons"

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29 May 2007 – Release Date Apr./May 2007 – Production Date Runtime: 7'57"	Adam Gadahn (a.k.a. Azzam al-Amriki) As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "Legitimate Demands, A Message from the Mujahid Brother Adam Yahiye Gadahn (Azzam)"
30 May 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 44'39"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "The Tawheed of al-Saud... and the True Tawheed"
25 June 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 25'17"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video featuring an address to HAMAS
29 June 2007	Vehicular Bombings Tiger Night Club London, UK
30 June 2007	Vehicular Bombing Glasgow Airport Glasgow, UK
2 July 2007	Vehicular Bombing Spanish Tourists at Throne of Bilqis Yemen
4 July 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 94'50"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Advice of One Concerned"
10 July 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 20'43"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Malicious Britain and Its Indian Slaves"
11 July 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 4'24"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "The Aggression Against Lal Masjid"

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11 July 2007	Vehicular Bombing Algerian Army Barracks Lakhdaria, Algeria
14 July 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 40'18"	"Winds of Paradise, Part 1" As-Sahab Media Produced Video featuring Mustafa Abu al-Yazid and Abu Yahya al-Libi
31 July 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 22'28"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Masters of the Martyrs"
5 August 2007 – Release Date Runtimes: Arabic Subtitled Version - 77'10" English Subtitled Version - 80'59" Urdu Subtitled Version - 82'21"	"The Will of the Martyr Hafiz Usman: Who Carried Out the Martyrdom Operation Against the American Consulate at the Gate of Islam (Karachi)" As-Sahab Media Produced Video featuring Ayman al-Zawahiri, Adam Gadahn and Hafiz Usman
13 August 2007	Suicide Bombing Tourist Bus Meknes, Morocco
8 September 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 26'26"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Partial video statement entitled, "The Solution"
9 September 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 92'37"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video Interview with Abu Yahya al-Libi entitled, "Dots on the Letters, as-Sahab's Second Interview with Sheikh Abu Yahya al-Libi, Two Years After His Deliverance from Bagram Prison"

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11 September 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 47'46"	"The Wills of the Heroes of the Raids on New York and Washington, The Will of the Martyr Abu Musab Walid al-Shehri" As-Sahab Media Produced video featuring the last will of 9-11 hijacker Abu Musab Walid al-Shehri and an audio introduction by Osama bin Laden
19 September 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 80'34"	"The Power of Truth" As-Sahab Media Produced Video featuring video statements from Ayman al-Zawahiri, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid and Taliban Commander Mansour Dadullah
20 September 2007 – Release Date Runtimes (all have English subtitles): Arabic Version – 23'26" Pashto Voiceover – 23'27" Urdu Voiceover – 23'26"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Come to Jihad, A Speech to the People of Pakistan"
3 October 2007 – Release Date Runtimes: 27'59"	Mustafa Abu al-Yazid As-Sahab Media Audio statement
21 October 2007 – Release Date Runtimes: 85'56"	Ustad al-Yasir As-Sahab Media Interview Taliban figure Ustad al-Yasir
22 October 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 33'41"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement entitled, "A Message to the People of Iraq"
31 October 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 15'20"	Mansour Dadullah As-Sahab Media Video interview with Taliban Commander Mansour Dadullah
3 November 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 28'37"	Abu Laith al-Libi & Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement entitled, "Unity of Ranks"

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7 November 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 16'58"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Closing Statement for the Religious Training that was Held at One of the Mujahideen Centers"
29 November 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 05'01"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "To The European Peoples: A Message from Sheikh Osama bin Laden"
14 December 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 20'02"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Annapolis – The Betrayal"
16 December 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 97'35"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Video interview with al-Zawahiri entitled, "A Review of Events, as-Sahab's Fourth Interview with Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri"
18 December 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 41'31"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "Going Forth"
29 December 2007 – Release Date Runtime: 56'10"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "The Way to Foil Conspiracies on Iraq and the Islamic State"
6 January 2008 – Release Date Runtime: 50'14"	Adam Gadahn (a.k.a. Azzam al-Amriki) As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "An Invitation to Reflection and Repentance"
22 January 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 27'59"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "An Eid al-Adha Speech"

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6 February 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 12'00"	Mustafa Abu al-Yazid As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "Light and Fire, an Announcement to the Ummah" (English Subtitles)
27 February 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 9'59"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "An Elegy to the Martyred Commander Abu Laith al-Libi" (English Subtitles)
2 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 20'03"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Companion"
6 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 46'44"	Mustafa Abu al-Yazid as-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "They Lied, Now is the Time to Fight"
9 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 38'53"	Abu Yahya al-Libi As-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "I am Not a Deceiver, Nor Will I Allow Someone to Deceive Me"
19 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 5'53"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "May Our Mothers be Bereaved of Us if We Fail to Help Our Prophet (PBUH)" (English Subtitles)
20 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 11'28"	Osama bin Laden As-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "The Way for the Salvation of Palestine"
23 March 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 4'42"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio statement entitled, "Rise to Support Our Kinfolk in Gaza"
2 April 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 103'47"	Ayman al-Zawahiri As-Sahab Media Audio interview entitled, "The Open Meeting with Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, Part One"

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17 April 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 15'51"	Ayman al-Zawahiri as-Sahab Media Audio statement entitled, "Five Years After the Invasion of Iraq and Decades of Injustice by the Tyrants"
21 Apr. 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 126'41"	Ayman al-Zawahiri as-Sahab Media Audio interview entitled, "The Open Meeting with Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, Part Two"
16 May 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 9'40"	Osama bin Laden as-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "Reasons of Conflict on the 60th Anniversary of the Creation of the Israeli Occupation State"
18 May 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 22'41"	Osama bin Laden as-Sahab Media Audio statement on video entitled, "To the Islamic Ummah, a Message from Sheikh Osama bin Laden"
22 May 2008 - Release Date Runtime: 45'35"	Abu Yahya al-Libi as-Sahab Media Video statement entitled, "The Moderation of Islam and the Moderation of Defeat"

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