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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On 2 Jul. 2009, the US military announced that a US soldier, later identified as Bowe Bergdahl, who had been missing from his unit since 30 Jun. 2009 was believed to have been kidnapped by rebels in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. US military sources speaking anonymously said the soldier had been picked up by kidnappers who initially demanded a ransom, but was then sold to members of the Haqqani network. Haqqani network commander Bahram contacted the media on 2 Jul. and said the group would release a video of the soldier along with their demands to the media. Official Taliban spokesmen Zabihullah Mujahid and Qari Mohammed Yousef Ahmadi initially denied knowledge of the incident to the media on 2 Jul., but a written statement released by the Taliban on 6 Jul. 2009 claimed responsibility.

On 16 Jul. 2009, a spokesman for Maulawi Sangin and Sangin himself contacted AP and Reuters and threatened to kill the kidnapped soldier if US forces did not stop conducting airstrikes and arrests in areas of Paktika and Ghazni Provinces.

On 18 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a video showing the soldier being questioned by an unseen speaker in English. On 20 Jul. 2009, the group released a statement highlighting the good treatment of the captive soldier and calling on Americans to “make serious and productive efforts on the matter of his release.”

On 7 Aug. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement comparing the treatment of detainees by the US with their treatment of the captured soldier.

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On 9 Aug. 2009, Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin told AP that the Taliban's leadership was waiting for a response from the US to its demands before deciding the fate of the US soldier captured on 30 Jun. 2009. Sangin said, "The American's fate is in the hand of (leadership), which is waiting until a response from the Americans to its demands." He did not specify the demands that had been made.

On 16 Dec. 2009, the Taliban announced the upcoming release of a new video featuring the captured US soldier. The video was released on 25 Dec. and featured a new video statement from hostage Bowe Bergdahl.

On 4 Feb. 2010, a Taliban commander and a spokesman announced publicly the for the first time that Bergdahl had been given a death sentence by the Taliban's court, saying he would be executed if the US did not agree to a prisoner swap. The commander said the Taliban had added Pakistani Dr. Aafia Siddiqui to the list of prisoners whose release was being demanded in exchange for Bergdahl, though it did not publicly release the names of the other prisoners on the list.

On 7 Apr. 2010, the Taliban released the third hostage video showing Bowe Bergdahl, saying, "In the long run, the Americans and their allies will have to accept the [prisoner] exchange."

On 7 Dec. 2010, the Taliban associated video production group Manba al-Jihad released a 44'44" video showing attacks in Afghanistan. The video contains a brief portion of new footage of Bergdahl. Also with him in this clip appears to be Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin.

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### OVERVIEW

On 2 Jul. 2009, the US military announced that a US soldier, later identified as Bowe Bergdahl, who had been missing from his unit since 30 Jun. 2009 was believed to have been kidnapped by rebels in Paktika Province, Afghanistan. Three Afghan soldiers were also reportedly kidnapped with the US soldier. A senior military officer said the private first class had left his combat outpost alone for unknown reasons. US military sources speaking anonymously said the US soldier had been picked up by kidnapers who initially demanded a ransom, but was then sold to members of the Haqqani network, a group affiliated with the Taliban. Haqqani Network commander Maulawi Sangin contacted the media on 2 Jul. and claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, saying the soldier had been picked up with three of his Afghan counterparts while they were on their way to the Yousuf Khel security checkpost. Sangin told CBS News, “The case will be referred to Sirajuddin Haqqani and other Taliban top leadership... They have to decide the future of the US soldier, but we would not mind a prisoner exchange in this case.” He said the group would soon release a video and photos of the US soldier.

Also on 2 Jul., Haqqani Network commander Bahram contacted AFP and said, “One of our commanders named Maulawi Sangin has captured a Coalition soldier along with his three Afghan guards in Yousuf Khel District, Paktika Province.” He also said the group’s leadership would decide the soldier’s fate, and that they would release a video of the soldier along with their demands to the media.

Taliban spokesmen Zabihullah Mujahid and Qari Mohammed Yousef Ahmadi, the two main official spokesmen for the group, denied having any knowledge about the incident to the media on 2 Jul. However, in a “harvest of operations” released by the Taliban on 6 Jul. 2009, a written claim attributed to Zabihullah Mujahid said, “Five days ago, the mujahideen captured another drunk US soldier near the Melekh post in Yousuf Khel District, Paktika Province. The soldier is still a prisoner of the mujahideen.” The claim was part of an item entitled “One Drunk US Soldier Killed, Wardag Province”, announcing that a Taliban sniper had shot and killed a “drunk” US soldier in another,

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unrelated incident in Wardag. The Haqqani Network is closely linked to the Taliban but operates independently as well.

On 16 Jul. 2009, a spokesman for Maulawi Sangin told AP the rebels would kill the US soldier if US forces did not stop conducting airstrikes and other operations in Gero District, Ghazni Province and Khoshamand District, Paktika Province. Maulawi Sangin himself told Reuters that US forces had “put pressure on the people in these two provinces and if that does not stop we will kill him.” Sangin also contacted Pajhwok Afghan News and made the same threat. He provided some biographical details about the soldier as well.

On 18 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a video showing the soldier being questioned by an unseen speaker in English. The soldier identifies himself as Bowe Bergdahl and provides biographical details. During the questioning, the questioner says the soldier was brought from Paktika Province to Kandahar following his capture, and asks the soldier to identify “who controlled this area, around 300 kilometers?” The soldier says that there is no Afghan army or Coalition control of that area, "because they were able to move me very easily without any worries of interference from allies or Afghan army." No threats or demands are made in the video.

On 20 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement entitled, “Let the American people begin their productive efforts on the matter of the captured soldier!” The statement highlighted the good treatment of the captive soldier as compared to “how American human rights advocates treat prisoners.” The statement called on Americans to “make serious and productive efforts on the matter of his release.”

On 7 Aug. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement comparing the treatment of detainees by the US to its own treatment of the captured soldier. The statement said, “The mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate who are educated by the Islamic spirit and Afghan ways will never treat a detainee like the Americans do. He will have all his rights considered according to the holy Islamic religion.”

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On 16 Dec. 2009, the Taliban announced the upcoming release of a new video featuring the captured US soldier. The video was released on 25 Dec. and featured video of hostage Bowe Bergdahl. An audio statement was played at the end of the video from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. He said, "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has demanded and still demands release of limited number of prisoners in exchange for this American prisoner, Bowe Robert Bergdahl. Unfortunately, the arrogant American rulers are not ready to take any step in this regard. But because of the surge of the American troops and our proven tactics, more armed men from the opposition party will possibly be repeatedly imprisoned by us. In the long run, the Americans and their Allies will have to accept the exchange. It will be better for the Americans, not to persist in their arrogance and accept the realities; use their rationale and show readiness to release our limited prisoners in exchange for their prisoner. They should know that the policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan about the war prisoners is based on the Islamic behavior and lofty rules."

On 4 Feb. 2010, a Taliban commander and a spokesman announced publicly the for the first time that Bergdahl had been given a death sentence by the Taliban's court, saying he would be executed if the US did not agree to a prisoner swap. The commander said the Taliban had added Pakistani Dr. Aafia Siddiqui to the list of prisoners whose release was being demanded in exchange for Bergdahl, though it did not publicly release the names of the other prisoners on the list. The commander said, "Since [Bergdahl] has confessed to all charges against him, our Islamic court had announced death sentence for him." He said, "we have now decided to include Dr. Aafia Siddiqui's name in the list of our

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prisoners in US custody that we delivered to Americans in Afghanistan for swap of their soldiers in our custody.”

While it had previously delivered its list of prisoners privately to US officials, the Taliban has now publicly announced a prisoner’s name, indicating that it could be moving closer to whatever internal deadlines the group has set for reaching an agreement. The announcement immediately followed Dr. Siddiqui’s conviction in a US court on 3 Feb., however, and the timing of the message may have more to do with that than with the Taliban’s intentions. The decision by the Taliban to publicly articulate concrete demands, and to announce that Bergdahl was found guilty and handed a death sentence by the Taliban’s court, appears to be a continuation of the group’s effort to build a case to the American people that it treats prisoners in a more just and humane way than the US. Emphasizing that Bergdahl “confessed” and was handed a “death sentence” by the court is meant to highlight the justice being carried out by the group, even if Bergdahl is ultimately killed.

On 7 Apr. 2010, the Taliban released a 7’55” video showing captured US soldier Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl. He appears wearing an Army jacket and a beard. He is also shown reading a newspaper and doing push-ups. The video is entitled, “An American Soldier Bowe Robert Bergdahl Imprisoned by the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan”. While no concrete deadline was set, a statement from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid at the end of the video said the group continued to demand the release of Taliban soldiers in exchange for Bergdahl’s release, and that “more armed men from the opposition party will possibly be repeatedly imprisoned by us.” The statement said, “In the long run, the Americans and their allies will have to accept the exchange.”

On 7 Dec. 2010, Taliban associated video production group Manba al-Jihad released a 44’44” video showing attacks in Afghanistan. The video contains a brief portion of new footage of Bergdahl. Also with him in this clip appears to be Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin. He had contacted the media on 16 Jul. 2009 and threatened to kill Bergdahl but has not been seen in a video with him before. This footage appears next to

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previously released footage, however, this video contains a non-cropped version of the previously released footage that has never been seen. The footage of Bergdahl in this video is brief and not the focus of the release unlike the past three hostage videos which featured him. It runs from 27'09" to 27'24".

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## KIDNAPPING

- On 2 Jul. 2009, a US military spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias said a US soldier had been missing from his unit since 30 Jun. She said he was believed to have been captured by rebels in eastern Afghanistan.
  - She said, “We understand him to have been captured by militant forces. We have all available resources out there looking for him and hopefully providing for his safe return.”
  - She said, “We are not providing further details to protect the soldier’s well-being.”
- He went missing from Mullakhel area, Paktika Province, Afghanistan, according to Afghan Police Gen. Nabi Mullakhel.
- A US defense official speaking anonymously said the soldier was first noticed missing on 30 Jun. during a routine check of the unit. His status was listed as “duty status whereabouts unknown”.
  - The official said initial reports suggested the soldier had just completed a shift at the time of the incident and was off-duty.
- A senior military official told McClatchy the soldier was a private first class.
  - The official said when fellow soldiers went to the missing soldier’s quarters, they found his weapon but his journal was missing. Hour later, officials received a phone call saying he had been kidnapped outside the base.
  - The official said the soldier may have walked off the base but no one saw him leave. He said, “We’re incredulous” as to why the soldier had left alone.
- Two US defense sources said the soldier “just walked off” post, along with three Afghan counterparts. They said they did not know why he left the base.
  - They said the soldier was assigned to a combat outpost.
- Maulawi Sangin, who claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, charged that the soldiers were drunk.
  - A US military source denied that the soldier was drunk, saying, “The Taliban are known for lying and what they are claiming are not true.”
- A local Afghan official said, “The soldier has been missing since yesterday and last night we came to know that he has been kidnapped.”

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- He said the kidnappers sought ransom and the release of their colleagues in exchange for the soldier.

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## RESPONSIBILITY CLAIMS

- On 2 Jul. 2009, Maulawi Sangin, a Paktika regional commander claimed responsibility for the capture of a US soldier and three of his Afghan counterparts as they were on their way to the Yousuf Khel security checkpoint in Paktika Province. He spoke to CBS News' Sami Yousafzai via satellite phone.
  - He said the soldiers were drunk when they were captured.
  - Sangin denied making any ransom or other demand and said the fate of the soldier would be decided by the rebels' military leadership.
  - Sangin said the group would soon release a video and photos of the US soldier.
  - A Taliban commander by the name of Maulawi (or Mullah) Sangin has been featured in at least one video released by the Taliban.
  - Sangin told CBS News, "The case will be referred to Sirajuddin Haqqani and other Taliban top leadership... They have to decide the future of the US soldier, but we would not mind a prisoner exchange in this case."
- On 2 Jul. 2009, Haqqani network commander Bahram contacted AFP, saying, "One of our commanders named Maulawi Sangin has captured a Coalition soldier along with his three Afghan guards in Yousuf Khel District of Paktika Province... The Coalition soldier has been taken to a safe place."
  - "Our leaders have not decided on the fate of this soldier."
  - He said, "They will decide on his fate and soon we will present video tapes of the Coalition soldier and our demand to the media."
- One of the two main spokesman for the central Taliban media wing, Zabihullah Mujahid, said on 2 Jul., "I know nothing about the capture of any foreign soldier."
  - However, in a harvest of operations released by the Taliban on 6 Jul. 2009, a written claim attributed to Zabihullah Mujahid said, "Five days ago, the mujahideen captured another drunk US soldier near the Melekh post in Yousuf Khel District, Paktika Province. The soldier is still a prisoner of the mujahideen."
  - The claim was part of an item titled "One Drunk US Soldier Killed, Wardag Province", announcing that a Taliban sniper had shot and killed a "drunk" US soldier in another, unrelated incident in Wardag.

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- On 2 Jul., a senior US military official said the soldier and three Afghan nationals were believed to have originally been captured by low-level rebels and subsequently sold to members of the Haqqani network.
  - The official said Haqqani network members were attempting to assemble shuras with local tribal chiefs and elders in order to “legitimize” the kidnapping.
  - The official said US, Afghan and Pakistani forces were sealing off the area and talking to tribal chiefs, who would participate in the shuras, and telling them to “do the right thing and solve this.”
  - The official said, “We want to make sure there is no place to hide” and that US forces were asking people not to let Haqqani operatives move freely through their villages and land.

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## THREATS AND DEMANDS

Shortly after the kidnapping on 30 Jun., Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin's spokesman threatened to kill Bowe Bergdahl if the US did not meet the group's demands to stop targeting the districts where Bergdahl was believed to have been held. Later, following the release of a video showing Bergdahl, the Taliban referred publicly to prisoner demands that were made privately to the US. On 4 Feb. 2010, the group announced it had added Pakistani Dr. Aafia Siddiqui to the list of prisoners whose release was being demanded in exchange for Bergdahl. The group also announced that the Taliban's Islamic court had given a death sentence to Bergdahl after he confessed to his involvement in several raids in Afghanistan.

- On 16 Jul. 2009, Maulawi Sangin's spokesman Abdullah Jalali threatened to kill the kidnapped soldier if US forces did not meet their demands.
  - The spokesman said the rebels would kill the US soldier if US forces did not stop conducting airstrikes and other operations in Gero District, Ghazni Province and Khoshamand District, Paktika Province.
    - He said Gero District has been heavily bombed by foreign forces.
    - He did not elaborate further on why those two districts were chosen.
  - Jalali said the US soldier is healthy and has been unharmed.
- According to a report on 16 Jul. 2009, Maulawi Sangin contacted Reuters and said the soldier would be killed if the US military tried to find him, saying US forces had harassed and arrested Afghans in Paktika and Ghazni Provinces while searching for the soldier.
  - Sangin said, "They have put pressure on the people in these two provinces and if that does not stop we will kill him."
  - Sangin said, "The soldier is fine and safe and our leadership council will decide about his fate."
  - He told Reuters the soldier had been captured by his men in Paktika Province on the border with Pakistan and provided brief details about the soldiers' age and background.

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- Maulawi Sangin also contacted Pajhwok Afghan News, according to a report on 16 Jul., saying his group would kill the soldier if foreign forces did not stop search operations for him.
  - Sangin said, “They have pressurized the people and if that does not stop we will kill him.”
  - Sangin said the soldier was a member of the 501st Airborne Division.
  - Sangin said the soldier was unmarried and that his brother-in-law was learning to operate the unmanned drones with the US Air Force.
  - He said the soldier had arrived in Quetta, Pakistan two months before reaching Bagram, Afghanistan, and then was deployed to Paktika Province.
- On 18 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a video showing the captive soldier. The video contained no threats or demands.
- On 20 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement entitled, “Let the American people begin their productive efforts on the matter of the captured soldier!”
  - The statement said, “In the end, we call on the American people to watch the video of their captive soldier and listen to what he is saying, paying close attention to every detail, and comparing how American human rights advocates treat prisoners, versus how the soldiers of Islam treat their prisoners. They should make serious and productive efforts on the matter of his release.”
- On 9 Aug. 2009, Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin told AP that the Taliban’s leadership was waiting for a response from the US to its demands before deciding the fate of the US soldier captured on 30 Jun. 2009. Sangin said, “The American’s fate is in the hand of (leadership), which is waiting until a response from the Americans to its demands.” He did not specify the demands that had been made.
- On 4 Feb. 2010, a Taliban commander who said his men were holding Bergdahl contacted media sources and said the group had decided to add convicted Pakistani scientist Dr. Aafia Siddiqui to the list of prisoners whose release was demanded from the US.

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- The commander said, “Being Muslims, it becomes our religious and moral obligation to help the distressed Pakistani woman convicted by the US court on false charges.”
- He said Dr. Siddiqui’s family had approached the Taliban through a jirga of elders, requesting assistance in pressuring the US to release her. He said, “We tried our best to make the family understand that our role may create more troubles for the hapless woman, who was already in trouble. On their persistent requests, we have now decided to include Dr. Aafia Siddiqui’s name in the list of our prisoners in US custody that we delivered to Americans in Afghanistan for swap of their soldiers in our custody.”
- The commander said, “Since [Bergdahl] has confessed to all charges against him, our Islamic court had announced death sentence for him.”
- He continued, “We believe that like the Israelis, the Americans would be ready soon to do any deal for taking possession of the remains of their soldier, but it would be late by then.”
- Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid also contacted media on 4 Feb. 2010 to confirm the claims made by the commander.
- While it had previously delivered its list of prisoners privately to US officials, the Taliban has now publicly announced a prisoner’s name, indicating that it could be moving closer to whatever internal deadlines the group has set for reaching an agreement. The announcement immediately followed Dr. Siddiqui’s conviction in a US court on 3 Feb., however, and the timing of the message may have more to do with that than with the Taliban’s intentions. The decision by the Taliban to publicly articulate concrete demands, and to announce that Bergdahl was found guilty and handed a death sentence by the Taliban’s court, appears to be a continuation of the group’s effort to build a case to the American people that it treats prisoners in a more just and humane way than the US. Emphasizing that Bergdahl “confessed” and was handed a “death sentence” by the court is meant to highlight the justice being carried out by the group, even if Bergdahl is ultimately killed.

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### FIRST HOSTAGE VIDEO

- On 18 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a 27'59" video showing the captured US soldier being questioned by an unseen man in English.
  - The soldier identifies himself as Bowe Bergdahl and provides biographical details.
- The questioner speaks English with a slight British accent at times.
- Around 9'35" in the video, the questioner says, "After being arrested, or after being captured, you were brought from Paktika to Kandahar. Who controlled this area, around 300 kilometers?"
  - The soldier replies that there is no Afghan army or Coalition control of that area, "Because they were able to move me very easily without any worries of interference from allies or Afghan army."
- The soldier says the Taliban has treated him as a "guest".
- No threats or demands are made in the video.
- The video was released with the following statement:

### BEGIN STATEMENT

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Our brother Zabihullah (Mujahid), the official spokesman of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan-Taliban has already announced that the mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate captured one of the US enemy's soldiers in Paktika Province.

It is worth mentioning that the mujahideen captured the US soldier on 30 June 2009 next to the Malekh area in Yousuf Khel District in Paktika Province. The mujahideen in the Islamic Emirate intended not to announce the news immediately to force the US enemy to announce its losses. They waited three days to do so!

The captured US soldier is in an excellent state of health and is generously treated according to the regulations of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan concerning the treatment of prisoners of war. Any decision to be taken concerning the captured US

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soldier is within the jurisdiction of the highest leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, may God save him.

Brothers in the Media Commission of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan sent us a version of a video at a late hour last night about the captured US soldier that was filmed on 14 July 2009.

You can find the video at this link:

[Link to the video is provided here]

The duration of the captured US soldier's video is 27-min 59-sec, and comes in rmvb format at a size of 26.3 MB.

The video was also uploaded to the Youtube website in three parts at these links:

[Links to the video are provided here]

We also have a high-quality version of the video that we will try to upload to the web as soon as possible, God willing.

God is great. Honor belongs to God, His messenger, and the believers.

Abdallah al-Wazir, an authorized correspondent for the Media Commission of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan-Taliban.

**END STATEMENT**

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## **FIRST HOSTAGE VIDEO - TRANSCRIPT**

- The transcript for the hostage video showing the captured soldier, released 18 Jul. 2009, is below.

### **BEGIN TRANSCRIPT**

[QUESTIONER]

What's the date today?

[US SOLDIER]

It's July 14, of 2009.

[QUESTIONER]

Any special incident you hear of today?

[US SOLDIER]

I heard over the radio that in Helmand, Helmand, in the Sangin District there was a Chinook helicopter shot down. They said that 37 NATO troops were killed in the incident.

[QUESTIONER]

What's your name?

[US SOLDIER]

My name is Bowe Bergdahl.

[QUESTIONER]

Where you from?

[US SOLDIER]

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I'm from Idaho, Hailey, Idaho, in the USA.

[QUESTIONER]  
How old are you?

[US SOLDIER]  
I'm 23 years old.

[QUESTIONER]  
What belief or religion do you belong to?

[US SOLDIER]  
I'm Christian.

[QUESTIONER]  
What was your military occupation?

[US SOLDIER]  
An airborne infantryman.

[QUESTIONER]  
Now in details, about where and with what groups were you in Afghanistan?

[US SOLDIER]  
I was placed in the Paktika region, out of [unclear]. My unit was 501st.

[QUESTIONER]  
Okay how and where were you arrested, captured?

[US SOLDIER]  
I was captured outside a [unclear].

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[QUESTIONER]

What were you doing?

[US SOLDIER]

I was behind a patrol. I was lagging behind a patrol when I was captured.

[QUESTIONER]

What was your target or aim for coming to Afghanistan?

[US SOLDIER]

We were told when we got here that we were supposed to do joint operations with the Afghan government, army and police that are here now.

[QUESTIONER]

Okay, when you were coming to Afghanistan, what did you leaders tell you, like with who were you fighting?

[US SOLDIER]

Our leaders told us that we were fighting the Taliban. They gave us no more information on that, other than we're fighting the terrorist group called the Taliban.

[QUESTIONER]

Had you heard about Taliban or Afghan in your country, and how were they predicted to you?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes we heard about the Taliban, it was talked about on the news, on the internet and on TV stations. They were portrayed as a terrorist group, they were portrayed as evil men who killed and murdered, you know, anybody that they could.

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[QUESTIONER]

What do you think about the war in Afghanistan? Is it going to be easy or difficult?

[US SOLDIER]

I think the history of Afghanistan is proof enough that this war is going to be extremely hard for anybody to fight.

[QUESTIONER]

Don't you think that you have invaded an independent state and independent people?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes, since I have been here and I've seen how these people live and function, we have indeed invaded a very independent state and very independent people.

[QUESTIONER]

Innocent civilians are also killed in your bombings and raids. Why do Americans do that? They are not military people.

[US SOLDIER]

We are told that the civilian casualties that soldiers like myself inflict on the populace are simply something that we have to accept in a time of war, and that really they, we are told that they don't matter.

[QUESTIONER]

Whenever you have arrested Afghans, why is it that you treat them very badly, you torture, sexually harass, insult them during investigation. You have also insulted our religious symbols, such as our holy Koran, our holy prophet [Arabic], why do you guys do that? What's your real purpose for that?

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[US SOLDIER]

Our commanders have ordered us to gain information by whatever means that we can, and by that they mean there are no rules to what they have us do.

[QUESTIONER]

Okay, why do you support this policy of your administration?

[US SOLDIER]

We are given no other choice from the government but to do that.

[QUESTIONER]

What about the death toll of Americans in Afghanistan? The Americans claim that there it is only a few hundreds dead so far. Is this true or is it more higher?

[US SOLDIER]

I believe the death toll of Americans in Afghanistan is higher than what the government allows the world to know.

[QUESTIONER]

Why is the American government hiding or trying to hide the death toll, the actual death toll?

[US SOLDIER]

I believe its because the American families don't like losing their loved ones in war and if they knew the true death toll that the American government is costing the American people, the world and the American people would by very, very unhappy.

[QUESTIONER]

What do you say about the morale of American forces in Afghanistan? Are they scared or confident?

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[US SOLDIER]

The average soldiers that are boots on the ground are scared to die, they don't want to get blown up, they want to go home back to their families, they don't want to be here, they don't want anything to do with this place, they just want to go home.

[QUESTIONER]

So you are saying they are scared?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes, they are scared to not see their families again and to not be able to go back to America.

[QUESTIONER]

It has been reported, because of the war in Afghanistan, few number of American soldiers are committing suicide, escaping from duty. Does it have any reality?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes, there is a huge reality of soldiers killing themselves and going AWOL. They're deserting because they don't want to be here because they know that this is wrong and they just want to go home to their families and they just can't deal with what's going on here.

[QUESTIONER]

The US compare to Taliban have modern weaponry and transportation, who do you think is stronger and why?

[US SOLDIER]

As an American soldier, I know that we may have the technology but we use the technology that we have to hide behind. The Taliban and those people fighting against

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Americans, they have nothing more than a shirt, an AK-47 and extra ammo. They go up against million dollar armored vehicles and weapons systems that are supposed to be state of the art, and they are definitely stronger.

[QUESTIONER]

Did you come to Afghanistan on your own choice, or your administration, some kind of put pressure on you?

[US SOLDIER]

American soldiers have no choice in where they go, it's the government that tells us where we're going to be and we have no say in any of that.

[QUESTIONER]

Now that you have been captured by the mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, what are your feelings?

[US SOLDIER]

Well, I'm scared, scared I won't be able to go home, um, it is very unnerving to be a prisoner.

[QUESTIONER]

How are mujahideen treating you?

[US SOLDIER]

They're treating me better than I've been treated in just as a guest in a regular household in America. They literally are treating me like a guest here.

[QUESTIONER]

After being arrested, or after being captured you were brought from Paktika to Kandahar. Who controlled this area or ground, 300km?

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[US SOLDIER]

There is no American or Afghan army control of that area, because they were able to move me very easily without any worries of interference from allies or Afghan army. They have no control.

[QUESTIONER]

While being with Taliban these few days, what do you think of them? What kind of people are they?

[US SOLDIER]

They are just regular people that are fighting for their beliefs, for their religion and for their country. There's nothing special about them, there's nothing special about their equipment. It's all just basic stuff. They're normal men in their country. Just like Americans were when we were fighting for our country. Weird. Just men.

[QUESTIONER]

Why does America support such a government with a majority of them are drug smugglers, human traffickers, who openly oppose human rights. Recently, the assistant director of United Nation to Afghanistan, Chris Sade, I'm quoting, Even now around 2000 armed and unauthorized groups are active in Afghanistan. Most of them have hand in drug smugglings and organized crimes. He confirmed that around 28 people from Afghanistan's parliament and other important administration has links with these unauthorized groups. So, why does America support such a government?

[US SOLDIER]

I believe it's because America command and political images are out for personal gain. They're not out for the good of either country.

[QUESTIONER]

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The United Nations Human Rights department in it's annual report says that the US in Afghanistan supports some of those warlords who has committed crimes against humanity. The report mentions name of General [unclear], [unclear] Mohammed and Mohammed [unclear] who had hands in organized crimes and lynchings and mass murderers in the north of Afghanistan. Does your government tell you that we support human rights criminals in Afghanistan and that you spill your blood for these people?

[US SOLDIER]

No our government does not inform us of any of these details. They don't tell us any of that specific information.

[QUESTIONER]

What positive changes has this democracy, Western world wealth and force brought for the Afghans?

[US SOLDIER]

There has been nothing positive that we have given and we've wasted our money and we've wasted our lives on...and we really have nothing to show for it.

[QUESTIONER]

[unclear] that they have trained tens of thousands of Afghan national army, and that is a huge success, while the American foreign affair, the director of [unclear] control, Thomas [unclear] told the New York Times on the 27th of July 2008 that the Pentagon and Kabul are bluffing about training a reliable national army that's not able to fight enemy except for dangerous area of control. [unclear] What casualties [unclear] the area [unclear]. The incident of last year's independence day in Kabul proved to the people how unreliable the Afghan national army is. My question is, does claim like this have any reality, or should the American people believe it?

[US SOLDIER]

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Yes there is reality in the fact that Afghan army is not competent at all and we have not trained tens of thousands. We've barely trained close to that number. Americans can't believe what they are told about that.

[QUESTIONER]

Famous author, John [unclear] writes in his book, Wars [unclear] quote, the oppression against Taliban prisoners that were committed on the order of George W. Bush and Jack Straw were like the oppression of Adolf Hitler. Why are the Americans quiet about this oppression?

[US SOLDIER]

Again, it's because the Americans are misinformed and lied to by our government about the actual facts and reality of the situation over here in Afghanistan.

[QUESTIONER]

For past eight years, the Americans and its allies with its modern weaponry couldn't manage to control Afghanistan. A recent report from the CIA claimed that the Kabul administration only controlled 50% of Afghanistan. Karzai's advisor and the director of department of complaints Mr. [unclear] on 3rd March of 2009 told reporters that out of 11 districts of Kandahar, the government only controlled three districts. In such situation, what do you think? Should the US and its allies leave, or stay in Afghanistan? And if they do stay, what do you think the people of America should do?

[US SOLDIER]

Well the facts are very clear on that. Whatever we're doing now is not only not working but is failing very quickly. The best thing for us to do is just to leave, but in the case of staying here, I believe the American people need to stand up against the politics and the military leaders and they need to tell them to bring their family members home.

[QUESTIONER]

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American and other political analysts around the world says the war in Afghanistan is the same as the war in Vietnam [unclear] America not winning. So what do you think the responsibility of American people?

[US SOLDIER]

I think it's our responsibility to stop what we are doing because obviously it is a waste of our lives, it is a waste of our money that we are spending over here. Um, it is our responsibility to keep our government in check by telling them that enough is enough, and we need to stop wasting our lives on something that is not good.

[QUESTIONER]

How do you feel about invading Afghanistan and oppressing its people?

[US SOLDIER]

I feel guilty for the lives that have been lost on both sides because that was something that could have been avoided completely.

[QUESTIONER]

As you know in 2003, in the US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld claimed victory in Afghanistan and said we have eliminated the Talibans. And now, a few days ago, American and its allies started a new operation in Helmand. While some military analysts claim that to such an extent operation has not taken place since World War II or in Vietnam. Why is American nation quiet about these lies?

[US SOLDIER]

Again, that's because our government is misinforming the American people about the true facts and the reality over here in Afghanistan and that American soldiers have to face.

[QUESTIONER]

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Those soldiers with psychological problems, those who are against the war, how does that party treat them?

[US SOLDIER]

They are treated as if they're broken, as if there is something wrong with them, and as if they're worthless.

[QUESTIONER]

In Bucharest meeting in Romania, after a lot of pressure from America, the [unclear] only gave 800 new soldiers for Afghanistan. If next year, US doesn't find any allied soldiers, will there be more pressure on America?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes.

[QUESTIONER]

The United Nations special envoy to Afghanistan called [unclear] say the European nations have forgotten their responsibilities in Afghanistan and they have put the burden on America. Do you agree with what he mentioned?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes, I believe that the world are pulling their armies and leaving this Afghan war all to Americans, and they are taking, they are removing their support.

[QUESTIONER]

Would bringing more troops to Afghanistan bring any [unclear]?

[US SOLDIER]

No, it would only increase the war and increase the hatred of the people that are here because more soldiers would mean that there would be... Its hard to explain. But the more

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soldiers there are, the more people see them as the more they'll interact with the people, and the more they'll point their guns at the people. And this is not what any person likes or can live with.

[QUESTIONER]

What do you think of the security situation in Afghanistan?

[US SOLDIER]

The security situation in Afghanistan is nonexistent. American forces have no control outside of their bases. The moment we leave the green zone, we, we're in danger of being attacked.

[QUESTIONER]

Does Obama have any new strategy to end the war in Afghanistan?

[US SOLDIER]

No, he has nothing new other than to increase the troops in Afghanistan which only increases the violence, the fighting and the hatred of the people here and of those American soldiers. I am one of the new soldiers that they sent over here, and it didn't take me very long to realize that the only thing it is accomplishing is more casualties of American soldiers, and I am not alone in my thoughts, my fellow soldiers, my friends that I fight with, they all agree when I say, this is a waste, we should not be here and we know that this is accomplishing nothing. We understand this. Its a waste of American lives and American money. We know that we shouldn't be here. We just want to go home. That is what we [unclear]

[QUESTIONER]

How do you inform to tell these soldiers [unclear] What's your message to you government, what should they do for your release?

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[US SOLDIER]

My message to my government is to remove Americans from Afghanistan because that's not where we belong. And I am an American, I'm not an Afghan, and I don't belong here. My country's first concern should be its people and its own country. We can't go around fixing other countries or trying to fix other countries when we haven't remove our own problems. When our country is failing, we can't help anyone else. I'm an American, my government should hold my concern above all else as well as all the other Americans that are over here. their concern should be for all of their lives.

[QUESTIONER]

Do you have any family members back in the United States?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes, I have my father and my mother, my sister, my brother-in-law, my nieces and nephew, and I have my girlfriend who is hoping to marry. I have my grandma and grandpas. I have a very, very good family that I love back home in America, and I miss them every day that I'm gone I miss them, and I'm afraid that I might never see them again and that I'll never be able to tell them I love them again, I'll never be able to hug them.

[QUESTIONER]

Any message to your people?

[US SOLDIER]

Yes. To my fellow Americans who have loved ones over here, who know what its like to miss them, you have the power to make our government bring them home. Please, please bring us home so that we can be back where we belong and not over here wasting our time and our lives and our precious life that we could be using back in our own country. Please bring us home. It is America, and the American people have that power.

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[QUESTIONER]

What do you know about Islam? And, what do you know about Islam?

[US SOLDIER]

I know very little about Islam.

[QUESTIONER]

And in the future do have any plans to know about Islam?

[US SOLDIER]

I do. I believe I've been taught in my morals and in good ethics that before you judge something you must first understand it and learn about it and know what it is before you can pass any kind of judgement, condemnation, any sort of personal opinion over something, you must first learn about it and understand what it is, why it is, and how it exists. I do in the future plan on learning what it is to be Islam.

[QUESTIONER]

Yes, please do.

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## FIRST HOSTAGE VIDEO - STILLS

- Stills from the hostage video showing the captured soldier, released 18 Jul. 2009, are below.



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### **FIRST HOSTAGE VIDEO - BUG DETAILS**

The video contains a production group bug [graphic logo placed on video] that has been associated with Taliban related video in the past. This bug goes back to at least Aug. 2008. The black bug identified as "unknown" is the one that appears on the new hostage video.

Each of the video production groups, shown in the two charts below, has released videos associated with the Taliban in Afghanistan. The seven bugs above with direct links to the Taliban come in addition to the Islamic Jihad Union's (IJU) Badr at-Tawheed media arm and another set of groups producing videos of activity on the Pakistan side of the border. The link analysis chart below is designed to show commonalities between the video production groups as well as to illustrate their links to the Taliban.

It is unclear whether one or all of these groups comprises the Taliban's official media arm. Al-Sumud Magazine features interviews with and articles by and about high level Taliban figures, lending to its official credibility. A Call of Jihad video featured an interview with Maulana Mohammed Munib, who was later interviewed in al-Sumud Magazine. Taliban commander Mansour Dadullah appeared in an interview with Umar Studio and spoke of providing financial and other assistance to Umar Studio. Jalaluddin Haqqani, a high-level Taliban commander, recently appeared in a video released by Minba' al-Jihad. It is possible that a number of these media groups have close ties or even official relationships with the Taliban.

The IJU, Call of Jihad and the Unknown bug below have all released footage of the same firefight with US forces in Nuristan Province in Afghanistan. The footage appears to be from the same camera in each of the three videos, and none of the videos features another group's bug, indicating possession of original, non-bugged footage. This footage was also released by the IJU's Badr at-Tawheed media arm. It is not the first time the IJU has released the same footage as a Taliban-associated video production group. Both the IJU

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and Minba' al-Jihad released videos featuring Saad Abu Furkan, a suicide bomber who carried out an attack in Khost Province on 3 Mar. 2008 that was claimed by both groups.

Although al-Qaeda's as-Sahab Media and other groups play an important role in jihadist media coming out of Afghanistan, the analysis was limited to Taliban-affiliated video production groups and expanded to include the IJU only for the purposes of this chart.



Video Production Bugs  
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Minba al-Jihad



al-Hijrat



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Call of Jihad



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## **TALIBAN STATEMENT - 20 JUL. 2009**

- On 20 Jul. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement regarding captured US soldier Bowe Bergdahl, who was kidnapped on 30 Jun. 2009. The statement was entitled, “Let the American people begin their productive efforts on the matter of the captured soldier!”
- The statement said, “In the end, we call on the American people to watch the video of their captive soldier and listen to what he is saying, paying close attention to every detail, and comparing how American human rights advocates treat prisoners, versus how the soldiers of Islam treat their prisoners.”
- The statement said Bergdahl and his captors “covered a distance of 300 kilometers on foot from one place to another. This vast area of land that was mentioned is under the control of the mujahideen. This has shown the truth in Afghanistan, and the extent of the false information from the lying and deceiving media employed by the Americans. If the Americans really were able to watch and see from the air an inch above the ground on the surface, then they would have seen somewhere in the 300 kilometer area the group of mujahideen accompanying the captive American soldier!”
- The statement concluded that Americans “should make serious and productive efforts on the matter of his release.”
- The full text of the statement is below.

## **BEGIN STATEMENT**

There is no doubt that the mujahid Afghan people have received and endured various types of atrocities and injustices at the hands of global arrogance over the past eight years. They have spent their days under oppression, in fear, and at funerals. The transgressing Crusader coalition did not show mercy and compassion during this period. But the Afghan people of this earth are a stable, righteous, and magnanimous people. It seems that God Almighty has rendered them victorious in this harsh and bitter crisis, bringing them out of their woes and these disasters, and casting this pain and sadness over their transgressing occupying enemies.

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By means of their mercenary global media, the occupiers, under the leadership of America, published lies and empty propaganda so as to mislead [people] from the truth, even making it seem ridiculous. They said that they are able to see something an inch long from over a few thousand meters from above, determine what it is, pinpoint it, and target it. They said that their helicopters and tanks are equipped with the latest means of defense and cannot be affected by any rockets or missiles. According to their claims, it is impossible for the mujahideen to easily capture their soldiers. They are the most equipped and developed in the world because of their continuous, strong, and secure contact with the Air Force, which supports them at any given moment, making them successful in difficult times and serious cases.

But, we have observed, and are still observing, that those forces are drunk with the ecstasy of developed technology and modern methods because they are either glorified by Western media or are actually effective to a certain extent. God Almighty has shattered the modernity of their objects in the face of the mujahideen, exterminating them and making them worth two cents. Not a day or night has passed in the last eight years without at least five military vehicles and dozens of American soldiers becoming targets for the rockets, mortars, and mines of the mujahideen. Not a month has passed without the downing of an advanced helicopter or two belonging to the occupiers.

The live capture of an American soldier by the Islamic Emirate, who the entire world witnessed and heard on video yesterday, is evidence and definitive proof of what the American tyrants, by means of powerful deceit by their media, tried to distract the minds of the Afghans and the people in the world from. The expressions of defeat and failure never crossed their tongues, but the determined jihad, generous sacrifices, and heroic courage of the empty handed Afghans made all this possible, and flipped the conceit of the American military upside down.

According to observers, the 23 year old soldier (Bowe Bergdahl), a member of the parachutists in the Air Force, was captured by the hands of the mujahideen in Paktika Province of Afghanistan. According to what he said, he and the mujahideen covered a distance of 300 kilometers on foot from one place to another. This vast area of land that

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In the end, we call on the American people to watch the video of their captive soldier and listen to what he is saying, paying close attention to every detail, and comparing how American human rights advocates treat prisoners, versus how the soldiers of Islam treat their prisoners. They should make serious and productive efforts on the matter of his release.

**END STATEMENT**

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## **TALIBAN STATEMENT - 7 AUG. 2009**

- On 7 Aug. 2009, the Taliban released a written statement entitled, “Are American detainees the only ones who have rights? Or...” The statement compared the treatment of detainees by the US to its treatment of the captured soldier.
  - The statement said Americans “are afraid of showing prisoner’s identities, yet they threw hundreds of prisoners naked on top of each other, injured them with dogs and pulled them through the halls of a blood-stained prison. The detention of one American soldier by the mujahideen in Afghanistan however, the release of one dialogue with him that abided by all the rules of the press, and the providing of all the facilities for him, are considered by the Americans as violations of human rights and insulting to the identity of the detainee.”
  - The statement said, “The mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate who are educated by the Islamic spirit and Afghan ways will never treat a detainee like the Americans do. He will have all his rights considered according to the holy Islamic religion.”
- The text of the statement is below.

## **BEGIN STATEMENT**

On the one hand, the American occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq brought upon the people of these two Islamic countries woes, sadness, calamities, deaths and wounds. It also tortured thousands of citizens. On the other hand, the American occupiers have not remained safe. Thousands of them have been killed. Their economy has been ruined. Their developed modern technology has fizzled out... But above all, there is the shame that will remain forever. All their slogans for democracy, human rights and civil freedom have become false. It came to light, all over the world, that Americans are liars when it comes to their claims. Their acts never reflect their statements.

The behavior of Americans with the prisoners particularly, during the past eight years: the various physical tortures they practiced against the detainees, for which there are not words to express their barbarity, as well as their continuous violations of the religious beliefs of detainees, are dark pages in American history, and will be a disgrace forever on the foreheads of the Americans. What is confusing is that they are not ashamed of the documented tragedies, the Awakening, and pictures that were published from Abu Ghraib

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The mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate who are educated by the Islamic spirit and Afghan ways will never treat a detainee like the Americans do. He will have all his rights considered according to the holy Islamic religion. The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan calls on all the organizations, humane societies and conscious populations of the world to fulfill their responsibilities by granting the necessary rights to detainees, confronting the oppression and crimes of the Americans, and thinking carefully about whether America is violating the rights of detainees or the rights of the mujahideen in the Islamic Emirate. They should be very reasonable about this, and not be deceived by the propaganda of the officials in the deceptive American administration.

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## **SECOND HOSTAGE VIDEO**

On 25 Dec. 2009, the Taliban's al-Emara Jihadi Studio, part of the Commission of Cultural Affairs Audio and Video Department of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, released a 36'27" hostage video of US soldier Bowe Bergdahl. A spoken/subtitled English version and Pashto voiceover version were released. The video has a production date of Dec. 2009. On 16 Dec., the Taliban had announced the video would be released soon.

Initial analysis indicates the hostage appearing in the video is Bowe Bergdahl. He is shown with and without and a helmet and sunglasses. Bergdahl is also shown eating in local dress. He identifies himself as Bowe Bergdahl in the video and provides identifying details about his background and identity.

At the end of the video an audio statement from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid is played. He said, "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has demanded and still demands release of limited number of prisoners in exchange for this American prisoner, Bowe Robert Bergdahl. Unfortunately, the arrogant American rulers are not ready to take any step in this regard. But because of the surge of the American troops and our proven tactics, more armed men from the opposition party will possibly be repeatedly imprisoned by us. In the long run, the Americans and their Allies will have to accept the exchange. It will be better for the Americans, not to persist in their arrogance and accept the realities; use their rationale and show readiness to release our limited prisoners in exchange for their prisoner. They should know that the policy of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan about the war prisoners is based on the Islamic behavior and lofty rules."

The themes in the video are a continuation of what has been the official Taliban line throughout the duration of this kidnapping, which holds that the Taliban have treated Bergdahl, a "prisoner of war", ethically and in accordance with the ideals espoused by Islam and sharia, while the US has treated its own prisoners of war in a manner that is not only unethical but also in violation of the ideals championed by the US itself. The video also reiterated the theme that individual US soldiers can have good intentions and have been unaware of the "reality" of the situation in Afghanistan, an apparent attempt to appeal to uncertainties and doubts of the American public. Bergdahl's statement focuses

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largely on criticizing the US military effort in Afghanistan and urging the US to leave. The video also features the testimony of several US military veterans encouraging President Barack Obama not to send additional forces into Afghanistan.

At points in the statement, Bergdahl's speech becomes disconnected and broken up, as though he is unfamiliar or unsure of what he is saying. Other parts of the statement sound naturally delivered and do not sound as though they are being read from a script.

This is the 2nd hostage video of Bergdahl released since his capture on 30 Jun. 2009. The first was on 18 Jul. 2009. The latest video has a significantly improved video production level to it and is more in line with an as-Sahab-level production from al-Qaeda than the first release. It is yet another stylistically sophisticated release from al-Emara Studio, which has significantly improved the production levels of Taliban video. The video uses introductory and closing screens, media footage and animated transitions.

At the beginning of the video, on-screen text shown under the al-Emara Studio logo describing the role of the Studio reads, "Informs our countrymen and the public of the world about the realities of the current jihad. Shoots live scenes from victories of mujahideen and casualties of the enemy at the hot strongholds and the front lines of jihad. Puts on display the lies and double standards of the Western media by unveiling the realities. Enlightens the new young generation of Muslims with Islamic and jihadist ideology. Brings the legitimate cause of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to the attention of the public of the world, under the supervision of the Commission of the Cultural Affairs, Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan." This, along with the statement from one of the main Taliban spokesmen, Zabihullah Mujahid, at the end of the video, solidifies al-Emara's position as an official Taliban video production group. However, the role of the many other Taliban-affiliated video production groups in relation to al-Emara remains unclear.

On 3 Nov. 2009, al-Emara Jihadi Studio released a new 34'21" produced video featuring a suicide truck bombing attack on a government building in Kandahar Province. The footage appears to be from the 1 Apr. 2009 attack on the Kandahar provincial council in

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which four attackers wearing military uniforms took part. The first attacker detonated a suicide truck bomb at the compound entrance and the remaining attackers entered the compound and opened fire. One of the gunmen detonated his own explosives and the two others were shot by security forces, according to officials. The video features an advanced animation sequence showing a suicide truck bomb detonating inside a compound. Prior to the sequence, several attackers dressed in military uniforms are seen in a vehicle, apparently embarking to carry out the attack.

The 3 Nov. video has significant differences from the majority of videos being produced by Taliban-affiliated video production groups in Afghanistan. Stylistically, it is much closer to a video release from al-Qaeda's as-Sahab, the Islamic State of Iraq's (ISI) al-Furqan Media or the Mujahideen Youth Movement (MYM) in Somalia's video production wing than to a video from Manba al-Jihad, al-Hijrat or al-Sumud, some of the at least 11 video production groups who have released Taliban-affiliated videos in the last 2-3 years. The al-Emarah Jihadi Studio video uses introductory and closing screens, two advanced animation sequences, media footage, operational footage and statements from the attackers. It was released in multiple formats and was accompanied by a release banner. The video essentially mimics the production style used by groups like al-Qaeda, al-Qaeda in the Land of the Islamic Maghreb (AQLIM), MYM and ISI. While other videos affiliated to the Taliban have had some of these features, it is rare to see a video from Afghanistan carrying so many of the signatures of the more established video production entities, represented first and foremost by as-Sahab.

Additionally, the voice of Taliban spokesman Qari Mohammed Yousef Ahmadi can be heard in 3 Nov. video. It is unclear whether the voice is a recording, perhaps taken from the media, or if Ahmadi was making a statement directly to the production group. If he did in fact participate in the production of the video, it would indicate that al-Emara Jihadi Studio has a close relationship to one of the two main Taliban spokesmen, and that it could possibly be intended to act as the official video production group for the Taliban's central media apparatus. As mentioned previously, at least 11 video production groups, including al-Emara Jihadi Studio, have released Taliban-affiliated material in the past 2-3 years, they are: Call of Jihad, Elif Media, al-Hijrat, Labaik, Manba al-Jihad, Maydan al-

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Jihad, Media Center of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, al-Sumud (a.k.a. Media Center of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, but which carries a different bug than the previous group), Tora Bora Military Front and an unknown video production group. Some of the groups have a regional focus, such as Call of Jihad, which has focused on Nuristan Province. Others, like the Tora Bora Military Front, are sub-groups of the Taliban which have their own media wings. Three of the groups, Call of Jihad, al-Hijrat and the Media Center of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, have featured the same footage of a firefight with US soldiers on a mountainside. The footage is also featured in the 3 Nov. 2009 al-Emara Jihadi Studio video.

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## **SECOND HOSTAGE VIDEO TRANSCRIPT**

- The transcript for the second hostage video showing the captured soldier, released 25 Dec. 2009, is below.

[On-screen text reads, “And fight them until there is no fitnah and until the religion all of it all of it, is for Allah And if they cease-then indeed Allah is Seeing of what they do”]

[On-screen text reads, “The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Commission of Cultural Affairs Audio and Video Department”]

[On-screen text reads, “Al-emara Jihadic Studio Presents...”]

[On-screen text reads, “Informs our countrymen and the public of the world about the realities of the current Jihad

“Shoots live scenes from victories of Mujahideen and casualties of the enemy at the hot strongholds and the front lines of Jihad

“Puts on display the lies and double standards of the Western media by unveiling the realities

“Enlightens the new young generation of Muslims with Islamic and Jihadic ideology.

“Brings the legitimate cause of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to the attention of the public of the

“world, under the supervision of the Commission of the Cultural Affairs, Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.”]

[GEORGE W BUSH (On-screen text reads, “Western Democracy”)]

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One by one, the terrorists are learning the meaning of American justice

[On-screen text reads, “The Blind Intellectuals”]

[BARACK OBAMA (On-screen text reads, “Farce Philanthropy of the Liars”)]  
To focus on the future we seek for our children, and to respect the dignity of all human beings”]

[On-screen text reads, “Brutality and Barbarism”]

[BOWE BERGDAHL (On-screen text reads, “Bowe Robert Bergdahl”)]  
I am afraid to tell you that this war has slipped from our fingers. And its just going to be the next Vietnam unless the American people stand up and stop all this nonsense.

[On-screen text reads, “Atrocity without Border”]

[On-screen text reads, “And a Witness from Her Family Witnessed Truth and Falsehood”]

[On-screen text reads, “And they feed, for the Love of Allah, the indigent the orphan and the captive Saying we feed you for the sake of Allah alone No reward do we desire from you, nor thanks Sorah Al Insan”]

[NARRATOR]

Eight years ago, when the brutal forces of the West led by the Americans, invaded the Islamic soil of Afghanistan, they took to committing such horrendous brutalities that could not be explained in words. Even the animals in the forest would not have perpetuated such atrocities. This in a time when they considered themselves civilized and advanced intellectuals, protectors of human rights, proponents of freedom, equality and justice.

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[DONALD RUMSFELD (On-screen text reads, "Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Abu Ghraib, 2004)

The world will see how a free system, a democratic system, functions and operates transparently...

[NARRATOR]

In every conference, and hearing, in every forum, they claim being the only protectors and pioneers of human rights.

[BARACK OBAMA]

...to focus on the future we seek for our children, and to respect the dignity of all human beings. It's easier to start wars...

[NARRATOR]

They prefer their system of non-belief and barbarism to the religion of Islam and Muslims. Now you can see this for yourselves and can yourselves make judgements, whether the Americans are honest in their claims, or liars.

[UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL]

Oh, I f\*cking see it.

[UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS]

Ohh!

[Laughter and celebration]

[NARRATOR]

See these bombardments, and torrents of bombs. Neither men, nor animals, nor even insects will be able to remain safe and alive. This is the work of the so-called protectors

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of human rights. We Muslims knew [unclear] before, but now the followers of the American democracy would have known it themselves. See these houses. Look at the dead bodies of martyrs of the miserable Muslims. The followers and proponents of the Western democracy are accomplices in these crimes.

See these detained Muslims. They are prisoners in the hands of the so-called protectors and pioneers of human rights. No need to explain. Look at them yourself and make judgment.

[DONALD RUMSFELD]

The fact remains, the treatment is proper, and there is no doubt in my mind that it is humane and appropriate and consistent with the Geneva Conventions for the most part.

[NARRATOR]

Even now, hired stooges and servants, blindly adhering to the Western democracy of the double-faced Americans and their allies.

Islam is a religion of justice, and mercy. It ordered mercy and justice under every condition. There is no exception. The almighty Allah has prohibited wrongdoing, cruelty and injustice. Islam instructs its followers to have best behavior, good morals and characteristics. Even Islam says a non-believers' prisoner must be treated well, though he was fighting against an Islamic army. In Islam, there are clear rules for jihad, and battles, and does not allow mujahideen to violate those rules and norms. The Muslims are required to behave well with the prisoner of non-believer, who was captured on the battlefield. They do not force him to remain naked, nor torture him, nor put him in the hot sun rays. Not that they put him in cages, like animals, not like the Americans, brutally torture him.

The almighty Allah says “[unclear], for the love of Allah, the indigent, the orphan and the captive.”

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[NARRATOR (On-screen text reads, “(Ibne Abbas (May Allah be pleased with him says the polytheists were captured by Muslims in the battle of Badar and the (Holy Prophet (peace be upon him instructed to behave with them well The Muslims fed them and clothed them. Al Hadeeth”)]

Ibn Abbas, may Allah be pleased with him, says, the polytheists were captured by the Muslims in the battle of Badar, and the holy Prophet, peace be upon him, instructed to behave with them well. The Muslims fed them and clothed them. Exhaulted be Allah and glory to Him.

How Islam calls people to higher morals, that even exhorting Muslims to have good conduct with those who a little before were fighting with the Muslims, and shedding their blood, and martyring them. Even giving prisoners food and clothes as a mean to obtain paradise in the eye of Islam. It is narrated that in the battle of Ibn Khoraysa, the prisoners were sitting in the open sunlight. The Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, said, do not sit them in sun rays. Let them sleep so they are relieved of their fatigue, and do not put them to the sun rays and the heat simultaneously. In another saying of the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, it is narrated, if one separates a mother from her children in a prison, Allah will separate him from his friends in the day of judgment.

[BOWE BERGDAHL (On-screen text reads, “War prisoner: Bowe Robert Bergdahl An American soldier imprisoned by the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan”)] My name is Bowe Bergdahl. I was born on March 28th, 1986 in the city of Sun Valley in the state of Idaho in the United States of America. My blood type is A-positive. The name of my mother before she was married was Ganie Larson. My rank is a Private First Class in the 501st unit based in Fort Richardson, Alaska. I came to Afghanistan on May 3rd, 2009 and was positioned in the Paktika Province of Afghanistan in the district of Sharana and after I became--after I was captured and became a prisoner of war with the Taliban and being far from the continuous brainwashing and false hype-up and propaganda that the Army drowns us in, I had the chance to actually see with my own eyes the people that

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I was supposed to consider my enemy and then I had the chance to live around them and communicate with them and understand them better than i was told from the Army. But in knowing the brutality and inhumane way my country has ravaged the land and the people of my captors the Taliban, one could expect they were just going to treat me as my country's army has treated their Muslim prisoners in Bagram, in Guantanamo Bay, Abu Ghraib and many other secret prisons they hidden around the world. But I bear witness, I was continuously treated as a human being with dignity. I had nobody deprive me of my clothes and take pictures of me naked. I had no dogs barking at me and biting me as my country has done to their Muslim prisoners in the jails that I mentioned. And even though, I'm a prisoner of war, however, I had the chance to rethink a lot of things and to ask my self questions that I never asked before. So at this time as my country is losing and has lots hundreds of its soldiers in Afghanistan in this very long and deadly war. One of the biggest illusions that the army gives us coming over here as a soldier, as a private in their army, is, well, we're coming over here to fight a terrorist group of men. There's this group of men that, you know, randomly and haphazardly attacking us across the country. But its one of the biggest illusions that's actually misplaced when you actually meet these people. Its not a group of men that's roaming areas by fear because towns are afraid that oh, they're going to kill us. Its not just a group of me that have just, you know, roamed around the country and decided its going to attack places here and there. We are fighting a country and people that are well-organized and extremely smart in how to fight. I keep bringing up the point of history to people that I talk to. You simply need to look at their history to understand that the Afghan people know how to fight. And they have lived this way since the beginning of their people. So no, to all of you soldiers out there who are getting ready to come over here for their first time because of the stupidity of our country and leaders. No, you're not fighting stupid farmers. No, you're not fighting an unorganized small group of terrorists and guerrilla-fighters. You are fighting an organized guerilla army that has perfected guerilla warfare better than probably any country has ever perfected in history. You are fighting very smart people who know how to kill us and are extremely patient who know how to wait for the right moment. So stop believing the illusions.

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And so do I, my family members, my fellow soldiers in the Army and their families, and all the regular Americans, do we or even should we trust those who send us to be killed in the name of America? Because aren't our leaders be it Obama or Bush or whoever, aren't they simply the puppets of the lobbies that pay for their election campaigns in the first place? And so how can we trust these, these (unclear) when we see them leading us to the same holes that American keeps on falling into over and over and over again be it Vietnam, Japan, Germany, Somalia, Lebanon, Iraq and now its simply, it's Afghanistan. Its the next hole for us to fall into. So how do we believe that these leaders want or even know what's good for our nation when we just keep sinking deeper and deeper into social and moral catastrophe?

[CPL RICK REYES (On-screen text reads, "CPL. RICK REYES VETERAN, US MARINE COPRS)]

President Obama, in honor of Veterans Day, I ask you not to escalate troops in Afghanistan.

[SGT. JUSTIN THOMPSON (On-screen text reads, "SGT. JUSTIN THOMPSON VETERAN, US MARINE CORPS)]

President Obama, as a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps, I do not believe sending more troops is the answer in Afghanistan.

[SPC. BROCK MCINTOSH (On-screen text reads, "SPC. BROCK MCINTOSH VETERAN, US ARMY)]

President Obama, I was there for your entire presidential campaign, I was your outreach coordinator for Students for Barack Obama, I was an intern for Obama for America because I really believed that you can change America, and I think you still do have a chance to change what's happening in Afghanistan.

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[CPT. MATTHEW P. HOH (On-screen text reads, “CPT. MATTHEW P. HOH VETERAN, US MARINE CORPS)]

Sir, I urge you to be a great leader, recognize where we're at in Afghanistan, recognize that more troops are only going to make the problem worse, and I ask you to stop combat operations in villages and valleys where our troops are dying only because the people who are fighting us there are fighting because they're occupied.

[SPC. BROCK MCINTOSH (On-screen text reads, “SPC. BROCK MCINTOSH VETERAN, US ARMY)]

I thought as soon as when you hit the ground is when you immediately start changing things and making it better for the people, but during the entire time I was there, we rarely did any kind of humanitarian aid missions.

[SGT. DEVON READ (On-screen text reads, “SGT. DEVON READ VETERAN, US MARINE CORPS)]

Further troops in Afghanistan is going to escalate the violence, its going to escalate the Taliban recruiting effort, and is certainly not going to create a better situation. We all recognize that we need security in that region, but I think it needs to be a security borne by the Afghan people, not by American and Coalition forces.

[SGT. JUSTIN THOMPSON (On-screen text reads, “SGT. JUSTIN THOMPSON VETERAN, US MARINE CORPS)]

I hope you make the right choice, because it's our blood that is on the line.

[BOWE BERGDAHL]

I am afraid to tell you that this war has slipped from our fingers. And its just going to be the next Vietnam unless the American people stand up and stop all this nonsense. While America and NATO go to great extent to hide the actual real numbers of the casualties and the loss of equipment on the battlefield because if the real numbers were put into the

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news and if the American people and the people of allied nations saw these actual numbers, they'd be horrified and they would immediately stand up against their governments and refuse to let their money be thrown away, be burned for nothing, and then would refuse to let their children, their family members be slaughtered and just sent off to die like the government is sending us to go do. If they were actually seeing the numbers, they would refuse or even let the government to continue to lead them anywhere. And that's why, I think that is why, there are people paid to make sure that the actual numbers never surface in any news, preferably in any press conference or news station. I mean, If you want to find the actual numbers you have to dig and you have to try really, really hard to find them because they are truly horrific numbers. They are unacceptable numbers for any people to allow their government impress upon them.

Its our arrogance and our stupidity that has made us so blind that we seem to refuse to see the blunders and mistakes that we continue to make over and over again. It seems to be-- its our stupidity and horror that makes us keep jumping off of these cliffs. So how long before we refuse to let our government institution and our leaders lead us to be killed like animals in a slaughter?

And that is an extremely important question, and as a soldier in the US army I find it is, and as just an American, and just a person here, I find it is my duty and responsibility to let my people know exactly what the truth is behind this facade that is the Army, and to let them know the truth behind these wars that our government keeps throwing us into. And as history will record, our oppressive and horrific acts that we have used in all these wars that we have been in, that our government has thrown us into. These acts will be recorded in history. History will not forget what we have done and it will not forget anything. It will stand as proof for the future generations of the world to look at, and it's, and they'll see even the numbers and the facts prove that we have surpassed Hitler and his horror.

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This was a huge shock to me, and I came to realize when I got to Afghanistan that we don't care about the Afghan people. We just bomb them and kill as many as we can regardless if they are Taliban or civilians. We say that oh, we go to so much trouble to find the Taliban, but really we don't care, because you can't tell who the Taliban is and is not, so we bomb everybody as if nothing matters or as if nobody matters. We even started using bombs that we have used in the past that, and it affects the fertility of the people in this land, and it somehow messes with them so that the babies are either not born or if they are born deformed and live wretched lives as retarded children. So we've resorted to using these kind of bombs again, but we've used them, you have to do work to find out that these horrific ways are used to kill people and have been used throughout to kill in all wars.

[AFGHAN MAN, (On-screen text reads, "Three bombs; one fell here, one there, and one over there. The first fell there, when we were getting out they fell over here as well. The whole house was destroyed.")]

[UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL, (On-screen text reads, "Do you want the foreigners to leave Afghanistan?")]

[AFGHAN MAN, (On-screen text reads, "Yes, yes. I want the foreigners to leave Afghanistan. I don't like this kind of life, nor does anybody else like it.")]

[UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL, (On-screen text reads, "I have this message for Obama, that he takes his troops out of Afghanistan. They're going to leave anyway, it's better for them to leave Afghanistan on their own terms now rather than later. To leave our country voluntarily. We're all deformed, people are missing fingers. Look at my finger. Some people are missing eyes, some people are missing legs. Some are missing their arms. They destroyed the whole nation.")]

[BOWE BERGDAHL, (On-screen text reads, "War prisoner: Bowe Robert Bergdahl")]

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Yes, in fact this is exactly why we are hated not only by the Afghans but many people in the world, and by continuing in the same way we are making them hate us even more because we just keep throwing more and more wood on the fire, and this only increases the enemies of our own country, and our economy and our own security. Revenge is one of the oldest parts of human nature, and by imprisoning people for years without trial, by attacking them with our dogs, we give them no choice but to hate us. We insult their holy symbols, and we attack their honors. Isn't it natural for people to hate us for this and to want to take their revenge for it? We have forced them to strap large amounts of explosives to their precious bodies, to leave their homes and their children to kill us. My conclusion is that by coming here we have not just put our own security in danger but have created a lot of difficulties to our countries and our nations. Our administrations are leaving our countries and our homes to destruction but they still try to tell us in their lies and in their tricks, their own people, they lie to us and tell they aren't.

[MOAZZAM BEGG, (On-screen text reads, "Moazzam Begg British subject detained at Bagram and Guantanamo 2002-2005")]

I was kidnapped, abducted, falsely imprisoned, tortured, threatened with further torture, without charge, without trial.

[On-screen text reads, "Moazzam Begg RELEASED DUE TO PRESSURE FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT"]

[MOAZZAM BEGG]

Even many soldiers had said to be afterwards, [unclear] hell, if you weren't a terrorist when you came in here, by the time you leave, I'm sure you would be because of the way you'd been treated.

[BOWE BERGDAHL]

Well, the main reason of the torture of the mujahideen and civilians is to gain information. You know, that's the whole point of torture in the many treaties. But, what

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they don't realize, and what they are too stupid and foolish to realize or to figure out or to clearly see, is that these people whether or not they are mujahideen or civilians, these people that they're torturing, you're only increasing their hatred and reasons to kill Americans soldiers and any American.

[Man being waterboarded. Two individuals speak to him unintelligibly]

[BOWE BERGDAHL]

No, the mujahideen has not tortured me. They have not waterboarded me. They have not had dogs biting me. They have not, you know, taken pictures of me naked. They did all these things but they have not done any of these things that are considered tortuous. No, the mujahideen have not used any means of execution against me. They even come close to me with anything that even looks like a torture device. No, they have not. They have not insulted me in any way. They have treated me just as a regular human being. No, they've never deprived me of food or water. They've always made sure I've had plenty of it. Sleep, I get plenty of sleep--that's what I got to do here. As far as chains, yeah, I'm in chains, I'm chained to where I sleep. I've got chains around my ankles. You know, it kind of comes with the area of being a prisoner of war. They haven't chained me in any way that's caused my body to break. They haven't inhibited my movement to a huge degree that basically has caused my body to slowly degrade. So, I mean, there you go.

And, they never treated me as if I was a puppet. They treated me as if I was like a friend or a guest. They joke with me. They have done exactly what they said they'd do and exactly what their religion tells them to do. And as proof of all this I was actually given, you know, a toothbrush and toothpaste, I take regular showers and have soap and there is a day, I have disinfectant for the water. I have shaving equipment, and have a regular shave. It's everything.

So be very thankful that these people who have me do not follow the same rules as my own country does, because if they did I would be in so much pain right now. But instead, I'm getting food, I'm getting meals as if I'm a guest here. I'm getting water. I'm taking

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some showers. They're letting me shave by myself. They're letting me exercise. They're taking care of me in a way their God has told them to take care of their prisoners. And instead of letting their anger and their hatred for the way our country has treated their fellow family members, instead of taking their anger out on me, they are following their God and they're following their religion stronger than I've seen anybody follow their God.

I would like to tell me dear family members and my friends that I'm doing well, that I'm healthy and being taken care of as a guest as in someone's home despite the chains and limited amount of movement. To my parents, you know I keep putting you guys through a lot of hells that you have to keep enduring. I'm so sorry that it took me so long to actually do something with my life, but strangely enough I'm making a lot of headway with how I see things so I'm doing really good so you don't have to worry about me because I'm healthy and well and safe.

To my dear friend [unclear], wherever you are, thank you for all of your love and kindness that you gave me.

[GEORGE W BUSH (On-screen text reads, "Western Democracy")]

One by one, the terrorists are learning the meaning of American justice. [Repeats with echo]

[On-screen text reads, "Zabihullah Mujahid Spokesman of the Islamic Emirate

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has demanded and still demands release of limited number of prisoners in exchange for this American prisoner, Bowe Robert Bergdahl. Unfortunately, the arrogant American rulers are not ready to take any step in this regard. But because of the surge of the American troops and our proven tactics, more armed men from the opposition party will possibly be repeatedly imprisoned by us. In the long run, the Americans and their Allies will have to accept the exchange. It will be better for the

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## **THIRD HOSTAGE VIDEO**

On 7 Apr. 2010, the Taliban released a 7'55" video showing captured US soldier Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl. He appears wearing an Army jacket and a beard. He is also shown reading a newspaper and doing push-ups. The video is entitled, "An American Soldier Bowe Robert Bergdahl Imprisoned by the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". While no concrete deadline was set, a statement from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid at the end of the video said the group continued to demand the release of Taliban soldiers in exchange for Bergdahl's release, and that "more armed men from the opposition party will possibly be repeatedly imprisoned by us." The statement said, "In the long run, the Americans and their allies will have to accept the exchange."

This is the 3rd hostage video of Bergdahl released since his capture on 30 Jun. 2009. The first was released on 18 Jul. 2009, and the second was released on 25 Dec. 2009. The production quality of the 7 Apr. video is in line with the quality of the 25 Dec. release, which significantly improved upon the production quality of the first video. The 7 Apr. video, however, does not carry the production bug of al-Emara studio, which the last 25 Dec. video did and the 18 Jul. video did not.

The statement reiterated that Bergdahl will be treated according to "Islamic behavior and lofty rules." The themes in the video are a continuation of what has been the official Taliban line throughout the duration of the kidnapping, which holds that the Taliban have treated Bergdahl, a "prisoner of war", ethically and in accordance with the ideals espoused by Islam and sharia, while the US has treated its own prisoners of war in a manner that is not only unethical but also in violation of the ideals championed by the US itself.

At the end of the video, an audio statement from Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid is heard, along with English subtitles. The subtitles said, "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has demanded and still demands release of limited number of prisoners and still demands release of limited number of prisoners in exchange for this American prisoner, Bowe Robert Bergdahl. Unfortunately, the arrogant American rulers are not ready to take any step in this regard. But because of the surge of the American troops and

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### **7 DEC. 2010 MANBA AL-JIHAD VIDEO**

On 7 Dec. 2010, Taliban associated video production group Manba al-Jihad released a 44'44" video showing attacks in Afghanistan. The video contains a brief portion of new footage of Bergdahl, who has been held hostage by the Taliban since his disappearance from his unit on 30 Jun. 2009. Also with him in this clip appears to be Taliban commander Maulawi Sangin. He had contacted the media on 16 Jul. 2009 and threatened to kill Bergdahl but has not been seen in a video with him before. This footage appears next to previously released footage, however, this video contains a non-cropped version of the previously released footage that has never been seen. The footage of Bergdahl in this video is brief and not the focus of the release unlike the past three hostage videos which featured him. It runs from 27'09" to 27'24".

Bergdahl has not been seen since the third hostage video released by the Taliban on 7 Apr. 2010. The first was released on 18 Jul. 2009, and the second was released on 25 Dec. 2009. The production quality of the 7 Apr. video is in line with the quality of the 25 Dec. release, which significantly improved upon the production quality of the first video. The 7 Apr. video carried the bug of another Taliban associated video production group, al-Emara studio. At least three different video production groups associated with the Taliban have now been connected to the Bergdahl kidnapping. This is unusual for jihadi groups but not to be unexpected in Afghanistan where a wide number of different jihadi video production groups have associations with the Taliban.

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### **MAULAWI SANGIN**

Maulawi Sangin is reportedly a commander in the Haqqani network operating in Paktika Province, Afghanistan who claimed responsibility for kidnapping Bergdahl. He apparently appears standing next to Bergdahl in the 7 Dec. 2010 Manba al-Jihad release and in a close-up in the preceding shot. Previously, he appeared in a Labaik video with a production date of 12 Dec. 2005 and a 1 Aug. 2009 video interview released by al-Qaeda's as-Sahab.

Stills from the Labaik and as-Sahab videos are below.

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