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al-Qaeda's Riyadh Martyrdom Tapes – v1.0
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On or around 17 Oct. 2003, al-Qaeda's Sahab Institute for Media Production released a new produced video entitled "The Wills of the Heroes: The Martyrs of the Two Holy Places". The video is 00:45:19 in length. It focuses on the 12/13 May 2003 attacks that occurred in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. All images in this report are of stills from the actual video. This is the sixth al-Qaeda video by Sahab and the second one to be released in the past 40 days.

The video contains a statement by Sheikh Abu Omar Mohammed al-Saif and four martyrdom tapes from participants in the Riyadh attack. Two of the martyrdom statements contain threats/addresses in English. This is the first time an English address has ever been made by an al-Qaeda member in a video or audio tape released by the group. The martyrdom videos were shot with the speaker and a Kalishnikov in front of a blue screen. The graphics were added later. The four martyrdom tapes are not played straight through but rather interspersed with each other.

Osama bin Laden appears briefly at the end of the video. The video of Osama bin Laden appears to be new in the sense that we do not believe it has appeared in any other previous videos. The comments Osama bin Laden makes are of a generic nature and do not provide any kind of indication as to when the video of him was made.

The video also contains a roughly 7-8 minute audio recording of the Riyadh attacks as they were occurring. Analysis of this portion of the tape is ongoing.

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MOHAMMED BIN SHATHAF AL-SHEHRI



- The video identifies Mohammed bin Shataf al-Shehri as the leader of the Riyadh attacks.
- In al-Shehri's martyrdom message he lists who the Riyadh attack was done for, including the prisoners in GITMO, the prisoners in Saudi Arabia, and finally, his Sheikh Osama bin Laden.
- Al-Shehri sends a message to the investigators in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He calls them the dogs of the country. He warns them to back off and leave the mujahideen

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alone. He swears to the God who rose the 19 men to victory that if they don't stop following and torturing the mujahideen that they will deal with their swords and weapons.

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MOHAMMED BIN ABD AL-WAHAB AL-MOQEET



• The majority of Mohammed bin Abd al-Wahab al-Moqheet's martyrdom tape is in Arabic, however, he does make an address in English. He says, "I invite you to accept Islam... and you will be my brother in Islam and it doesn't matter what your nationality or your color. After you accept Islam, if any enemy attacked you, I will do what I can even if it costs my life to save you. We want from all Christian and Jewish, to go out from our Islamic countries and release our brothers from jails and stop killing Muslims or we kill you as you are killing Muslims. We will continue in our fighting until we get what

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we want. The real Muslims, they mean what they say. Very soon all the world will see what we will do. You will not enjoy in your life forever.”

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HAZEM BIN MOHAMMED AL-KASHMIRI



- The majority of Hazem bin Mohammed Kashmiri’s martyrdom tape is in Arabic, however, he does make a direct address to American soldiers in English. He says, “For the American soldiers, we say. You have to know that your government has become a big evil, killing innocent people, destroying homes, stealing our money and holding our sons in jail. We promise that we will not let you live safely and you will not see from us anything else just bombs, fire, destroying homes and cutting your heads. Our mujahideen is coming to you very soon to let you see what you didn’t see before.”

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- Al-Kashmiri sends a message to the fathers and sons of the Ummah, telling them that what he is doing is good.

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ASHRAF BIN IBRAHIM AL-SAYD



- Al-Sayd sends a message to Osama bin Laden, who taught them what it means to be righteous and faithful and what it means to sacrifice for Islam. Then says he cannot forget Mullah Omar or Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri or Sulaiman Abu Ghaith. He thanks all four.
- During part of al-Sayd's message he says: I tell all those who listen to my call and my message that when I decided to take up this hope, I was sure of its consistency with Shariah and of the fact that it is my duty. It was not done as an escape from reality or out of over zealotness as is alleged by some ignorant people. When I did it I was convinced

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that it was a path that would lead me closer to God and it was the price for Heaven. At the same time, it was an obligation with the highest level of sacrifice. (slightly paraphrased)

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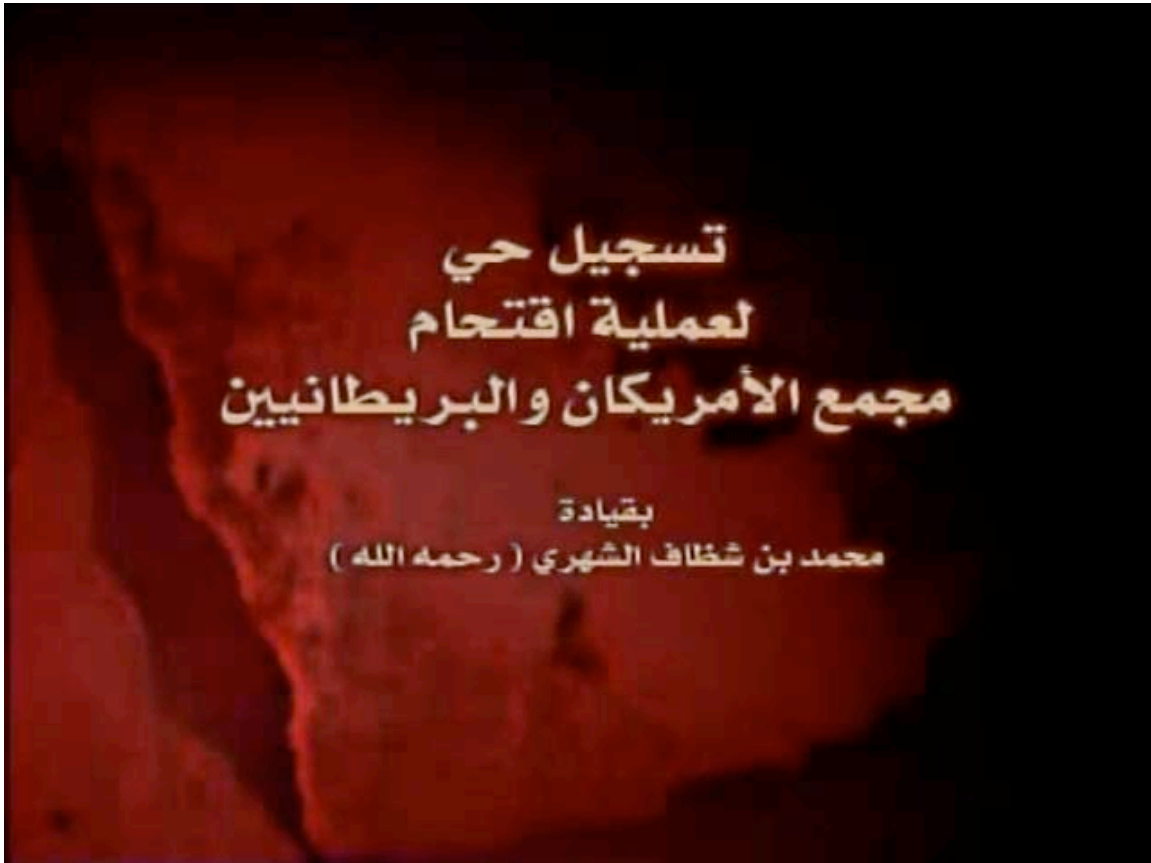
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AUDIO OF RIYADH ATTACKS OCCURRING



- The tape includes a roughly 7-8 minute audio recording of the Riyadh attacks as they occurred. Analysis of this portion of the tape is ongoing.
- The text in the above still is what the video displays while the audio portion plays. It translates as: “Live Recording of the Operation of Storming the Complex of the Americans and the British Under the Leadership of Mohammed bin Shathaf al-Shehri (May God Rest His Soul)”

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STATEMENT BY SHEIKH ABU OMAR MOHAMMED AL-SAIF



- During Sheikh Abu Omar Mohammed al-Saif's address, the video cycles through imagery of the US presence in Saudi Arabia, including satellite imagery of bases.

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The Sahab Institute for Media Production has served as the primary source of produced al-Qaeda videos and some audio tapes. Including this most recent video, Sahab has produced six al-Qaeda videos. Two have been released in the past 40 days. A full listing of the videos is below.

“The Wills of the Heroes: The Martyrs of the Two Holy Place” – 17 October 2003

“American Hell in Afghanistan and Iraq” – 10 September 2003

“The Nineteen Martyrs” – September 2002

“The Wills of the New York and Washington Martyrs” – 15 April 2002

“The New Crusader Wars – 1” – circa February 2002

“The Destruction of the Destroyer, USS Cole” - 2001

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