


Abu Ghadiyah: Battlefield nickname used by two key individuals. The first was Sulayman Khalid Darwish, a close aide of Abu Mus’ab al-Zarqawi, who was killed in 2005. The second was Turki Badran Hishan al-Mazidh, who was the leading smuggler of jihadis through Syria in 2006 and 2007. He was killed by U.S. Special Operations troops inside Syria in 2008.


Abu Wa‘el (Abu Wa‘el): Only Arab member of Ansar al-Islam’s original Shariah Committee. Reputed by the Bush Administration to be the link between Saddam Hussein’s regime and al-Qaeda. Eventually emerged as a key enemy of the Islamic State of Iraq.

Adnani (Abu Muhammad al-Adnani): Early aide to Abu Mus‘ab al-Zarqawi in Iraq; spokesman for the Islamic State and commander of its external operations branch. Alive as of July 2016.


al-Adl (Sayf al-Adl): Al-Qaeda’s security chief prior to 9/11 and key interlocutor with Abu Mus‘ab al-Zarqawi; primary designer of the seven-stage master plan. Spent approximately fifteen years after 9/11 in Iran, but reportedly went free in early 2015.


al-Muhajir (Abu Abdallah al-Muhajir): Radical Egyptian preacher active in Afghanistan during the 1990s. Highly sectarian; taught Zarqawi to embrace suicide attacks. Spent nearly a decade incarcerated in Iran after 9/11, but was reportedly released to Egypt in 2011.


Husayn (Fuad Husayn): Jordanian journalist imprisoned with Zarqawi during the 1990s. Received and published Sayf al-Adl’s history of Zarqawi, and draft of the seven-stage master plan. Alive as of March 2016.


Maqdisi (Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi): One of the world’s most prominent jihadi ideologues; before their estrangement, a mentor to Abu Mus’ab al-Zarqawi. Alive as of July 2016.

Qar’awi (Salah al-Qar’awi): Founded the Abdallah Azzam Brigades at Zarqawi’s behest. Married Muhammad Khalil al-Hakaymah’s daughter. Wounded by a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan in 2012, Qar’awi is in custody in Saudi Arabia.
Teusant (Nicholas Teausant): American that pled guilty in 2015 of attempting to provide material support to a terrorist organization, namely the Islamic State.


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