

## Survey of Prevalent Al-Qa`ida Manuals



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In this handout we survey some of the most prevalent and important al-Qa`ida training manuals produced and proliferated in the past few years. Many of these manuals are written by leading al-Qa`ida operatives and trainers including Saif al-Adel, the current head of al-Qa`ida's military committee, Yousef Bin Saleh al-Ayeeeri (aka Shaykh al-Battar), former head of al-Qa`ida in Saudi Arabia, and his successor, Abi Hajir Abd al-Aziz al-Muqrin. Other manuals are written by lesser known operatives, obscure militants or unknown authors. These manuals also vary in size and length, from the colossal 1,081 page "Encyclopedia of Jihad" to Saif al-Adel's two page "Safe-House," yet they all provide precious insight and detailed level of instruction that empower cell members with deadly skills.

The objective of this survey is to familiarize law enforcement, homeland security, and intelligence practitioners with prevalent al-Qa`ida manuals and to provide a quick identification tool that can aid them in identifying documents and manuals discovered during the course of an investigation. For that purpose, the front cover of the manual is provided as an image on the right of the page. Moreover, each page contains the name of the author (if known), the number of pages, the year of publication (if known) and a concise review of the manual.

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Note: A description of the well publicized 180 page manual "Military Studies in the Jihad Against the Tyrants" is not provided. An analysis and partial translation of this manual is already available online. For this survey, we chose to examine other less publicized yet equally important manuals.

## GUERRILLA TACTICS:

**Full Title:** "Military Sciences—Targets inside the Cities,"  
*Mu`askar al-Battar (al-Battar Camp) Magazine*, Volume 7, p. 23-27

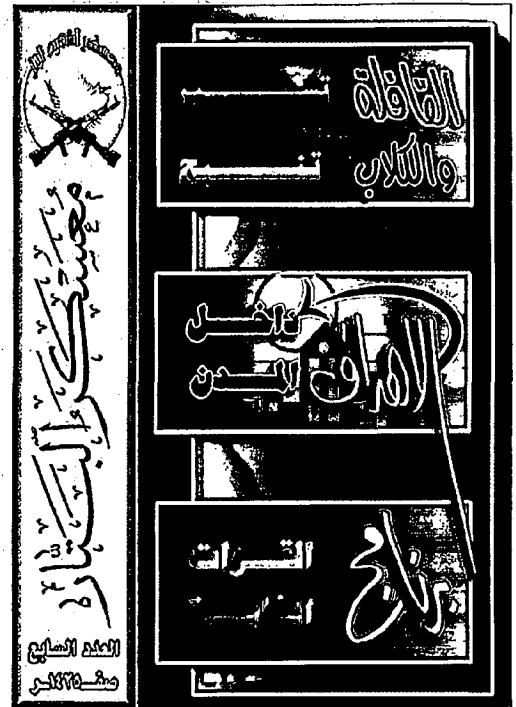
**Author:** Abl Hajir Abd al-Aziz al-Muqrin  
**Year of Publication:** 2004  
**Number of Pages:** 4

### Concise Description:

Arguably the most disturbing of all al-Qa`ida manuals, this four page manual details the network's target selection calculus. It advises individual cell members to concentrate their attacks on economic targets both inside the Arab and Muslim world and beyond. In a sinister fashion, the manual also breaks down in vivid detail the nationality, religion and occupation of al-Qa`ida's prime "human targets." It states that cell members should attack Westerners in the following order of nationality: Americans, British, Spanish, Australians, Canadians and Italians. The following is the preferred order of targets: businessmen; diplomats, politicians, intellectuals,

analysts and political emissaries; scientists and experts; military commanders and soldiers, tourists, visiting entertainers; and apostates.

This manual instructs cell members that American entities of high economic value—such as businessmen and corporations—are the foremost targets. It is important to note, however, that it does not specify in print which specific Western companies or sectors are to be targeted. It is likely that this intentional vagueness serves to make it possible for individual cell leaders to choose appropriate targets on a case-by-case basis, as well as availability of targets in their respective theaters of operation. (Note: 22 issues of *al-Battar* magazine have been published in recent years. Numerous issues contain important short manuals written by leading al-Qa`ida operatives.)



Title: "Kidnapping [and Hostage Taking]," *Mu`askar al-Battar (al-Battar Camp) Magazine*, Volume 10, p. 23-29

Author: Abi Hajir Abd al-Aziz al-Muqrin  
 Year of Publication: 2004  
 Number of Pages: 6

**Concise Description:**

In this manual the former head of al-Qa`ida in Saudi Arabia, Abi Hajir Abdel al-Aziz al-Muqrin, teaches cell members about kidnappings. The manual begins by discussing the objectives of kidnapping Westerners and other victims, and how such acts further the goals of the jihadist community. It also describes the differences between kidnapping and hostage taking. Following this introduction, al-Muqrin outlines specific instructions for cell members on how to plan and carry out successful kidnappings of persons of value.

He describes the multiple stages involved in the planning of a kidnapping operation, including

target selection, surveillance and reconnaissance, plan formation, training, and the formation of different squads. Finally, al-Muqrin details how to handle the hostages. He instructs kidnappers to search the hostages and to separate the women from the men and to keep a relative distance from the hostages at all times. He also states that when capturing a group of people, cell members should kill the security personnel (soldiers, guards, etc.) immediately to enhance their control over the hostages and to keep the survivors in line. He instructs potential terrorists to blindfold the hostages so they cannot recognize the hostage takers, and he advises the latter not to speak in their native language or native dialect so their origin cannot be recognized. He concludes by instructing cell members to booby-trap the location where the hostages are being held in anticipation of a rescue mission by authorities.



Title: Al-`Amn Wal -Istikhbarat (also known as the "Encyclopedia of Jihad")

Author: Maktab al-Khidamat, the precursor to al-Qa`ida

Year of Publication: Unspecified

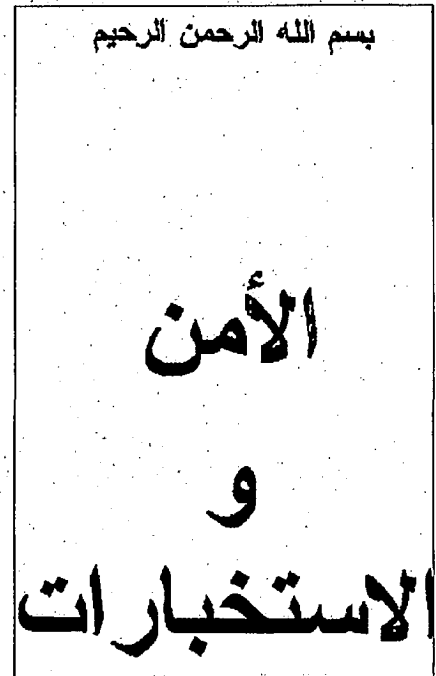
Number of Pages: 1,081

**Concise Description:**

A colossal manual at 1,081 pages, the so-called "Encyclopedia of Jihad" is the most comprehensive and detailed training manual ever produced by al-Qa`ida. This well written and extensive text empowers cell members with detailed, all encompassing terrorist and operational knowledge through step-by-step instructions on each of the following topics: religious doctrine, basic security guidelines, reconnaissance, information gathering, arrests, interrogation methods, clandestine covers, communication equipment and communication security, wiretaps and equipment, jihadist cell formations, cell security, intelligence and counter-intelligence, spying and recruiting, training and operating spies, secret searches, surveillance, disguises and concealment,

assassination, kidnapping and hostage taking, remote detonators, explosive letters, psychological warfare, propaganda, utility of rumors, VIP protection and escort, security details, searching methods, protecting VIPs in transition in cars or boats, vehicle security, planning and studying transportation roads, manufacturing poisons and deadly gases, basic demolition principles, manufacturing various explosives, fuses, detonators, handgun training, marksmanship, manufacturing silencers, assassination with rockets, lock-picking, how to act during home searches, sniper training and marksmanship, using motorcycles for assassination operations, using cars for assassination operations, how to attack an armored vehicle, secret communications, and using machine guns.

Of all al-Qa`ida manuals, this is the most troubling as it contains limitless perilous information for cell members and potential terrorists.



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Title: "The Safe-House,"

Mu`askar al-Battar (al-Battar Camp) Magazine, Volume 14, p. 32-33

Author: Saif al-Adel

Year of Publication: 2004

Number of Pages: 2

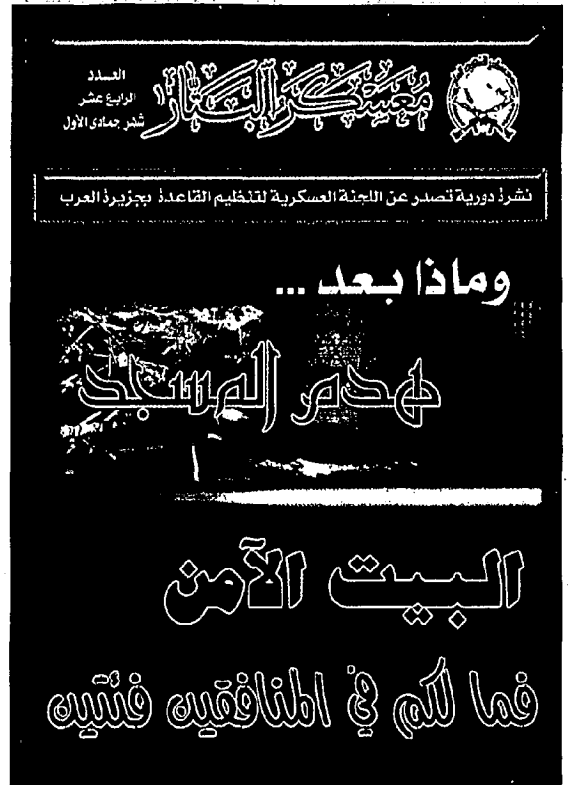
Concise Description:

In this short yet important manual, al-Qa`ida's leading operative and head of the military committee, Saif al-Adel, explains to cell members the importance of safe-houses and provides them with a best practices list for properly choosing and operating a safe-house. He starts by explaining the utility of safe-houses and how they can be used for planning, hiding, holding hostages, resting and storage.

He continues by advocating that a good safe-house should be in a location that is distant from critical infrastructure facilities that are under the regular watch of guards; distant from dangerous areas that contain drugs and crime due to the high presence of police officers in these locations; and distant from

heavily populated areas, for in these communities strangers raise suspicion.

As for the physical characteristics of the building itself, Saif al-Adel instructs his students that the house should blend in easily and not stand out in any way; should have various entrances and exits with a preferable secret entrance; and should be a building that is difficult to monitor continuously. He concludes by instructing cell members that a successful safe-house should be proportionate to the number of residents; that residents should have an appropriate cover story; and that it should be stocked with necessities (food, water, medicine and communication equipment) to minimize movement in and out. He warns against using the same safe-house for more than one operation, advises to change safe-houses regularly to prevent carelessness, and to evacuate the safe-house if suspicions arise.



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Title: "Military Sciences—Secret Operations Group,"  
Mu`askar al-Battar (al-Battar Camp) Magazine, Volume 6, p. 16-20

Author: Abi Hajir Abd al-Aziz  
al-Muqrin

Year of Publication: 2004

Number of Pages: 4

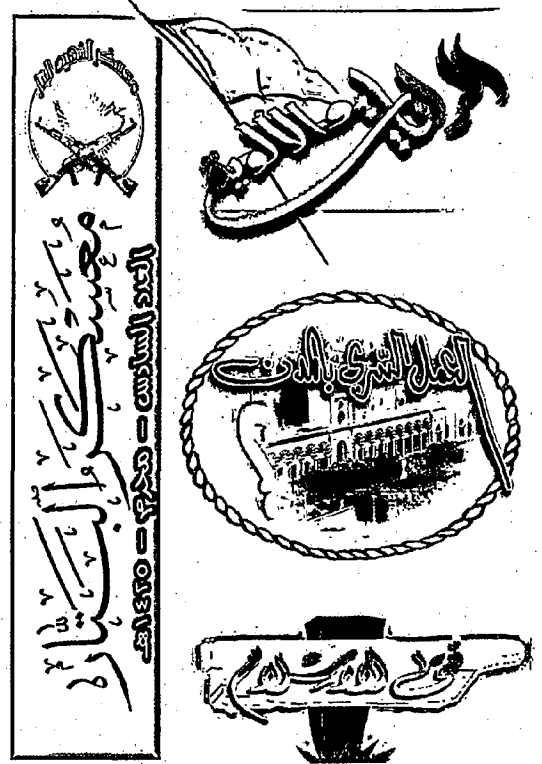
**Concise Description:**

In this short yet detailed manual, Abi Hajir Abd al-Aziz al-Muqrin, the former head of al-Qa`ida in Saudi Arabia, provides precise and detailed instruction to potential jihadists about the ideal size and make-up of al-Qa`ida cell formations in urban settings. He indicates that ideally large cities are divided into numerous sections, and an individual cell operates in each section of the city.

Al-Muqrin adds that each jihadist cell is made up of four crews: operations officers (ring leaders), a reconnaissance and data collection crew, a preparation crew, and an implementation crew. He then elaborates on the desired

size, characteristics and skill-set of each team, clarifying that the ring leaders are the most important and are chosen carefully by the group leadership based on their experience, training and leadership skills. As for the other teams, they are chosen and managed by the ring leaders based on their skill-set and experience, indicating that each crew requires different levels of technical skills and relevant expertise.

The author concludes by discussing the flow of information within an al-Qa`ida cell. He clarifies that correct cell management requires compartmentalization of information and that there should not be any direct interaction between the reconnaissance crew, the preparation crew and the implementation crew. On the contrary, they should each operate separately and interact individually with the cell leaders.



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Title: "Secret Searches," *Mu`askar al-Battar (al-Battar Camp) Magazine*, Volume 12, p. 29-30

Author: Saif al-Adel

Year of Publication: 2004

Number of Pages: 2

Concise Description:

In this short and important manual, al-Qa`ida's leading operative and head of the military committee, Saif al-Adel, explains to cell members the importance of secret searches. He provides them with a list of best practices for conducting secret searches and guarding against them. He states that secret searches are a valuable tool for gathering intelligence about the activities of the enemy and for acquiring funds to support jihadist operations. Through these searches, cell members can gather information by photographing documents or plans, plant technical equipment (listening devices and cameras), learn about the enemy's tactics and security plans, acquire funds, or plant information or documents to cause distrust among the enemy's ranks.

Saif al-Adel further describes the tools needed to carry out a secret search of a site, and that ideally four squads are required for the operation to be successful. He includes the search squad, an observation squad that monitors the target, a delay squad that delays the target if it returns, and a warning squad that warns the team to abandon the operation.

He also instructs members to follow simple procedures to maximize success, including: wearing gloves and shoe covers, working in the dark, and returning everything to its original location. Finally, the author also advises cell members how to guard their safe-houses against secret searches from intelligence and law enforcement organizations by spraying powder on the floor to detect foot prints or by turning on recording devices when they leave.



Title: "39 Ways to Serve the Jihad and the Mujahidin in the Path of God"

Author: Muhammad Bin Ahmed al-Salem

Year of Publication: 2003

Number of Pages: 49

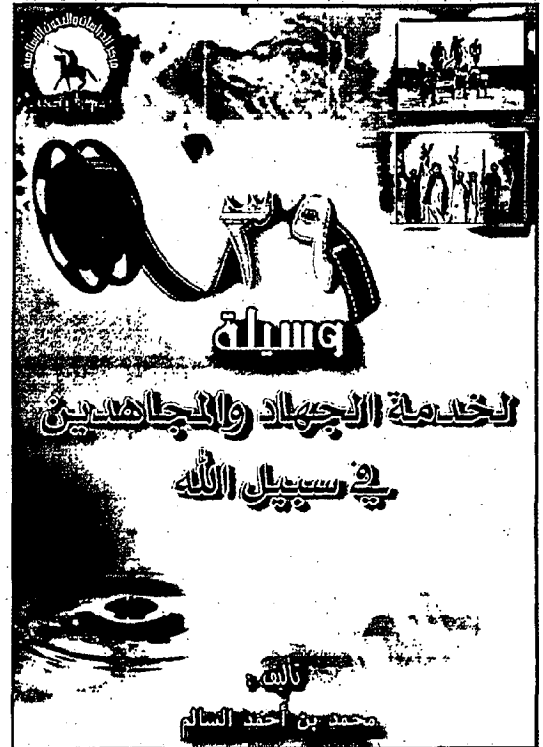
Concise Description:

This is a prolific and popular manual among jihadists. It advocates 39 ways that cell members, and more importantly the surrounding community of supporters and enablers, can serve the global jihadist movement both directly or indirectly.

It instructs the reader that depending on his physical or financial means and life circumstances, he should: prepare oneself for jihad and ask god for martyrdom; volunteer and pursue jihad; support the jihad financially; champion the rights and causes of the prisoners (jihadist detainees); help the families of the martyred, injured or imprisoned jihadists both financially and by other means; collect contributions for the jihadists

and give them *zakat* (charity); attend to the injured and wounded; champion the causes of the jihadists; encourage them; defend them; call on the masses to join the jihad; uncover government collaborators; protect the secrets and aliases of the jihadists; regularly follow the news of the global jihad; publish and proliferate their books and literature; issue fatwas to support them; and boycott the goods of the enemy (Western products).

The manual also instructs individuals who wish to take an active part in the jihad to: engage in physical fitness; engage in weapons training and marksmanship; learn first aid, swimming and horseback riding; learn the skills of electronic jihad. Finally, it instructs individuals to learn the doctrine of jihad by reading the works of Abdallah Azzam, Yousef al-'Ayeeri, Abu Muhammed al-Maqdisi, Abu Qatada and Abd al-Qadr Abd al-Aziz.



Survey of Prevalent Al-Qa`ida Manuals

Title: "Military Studies—Guerrilla Warfare"

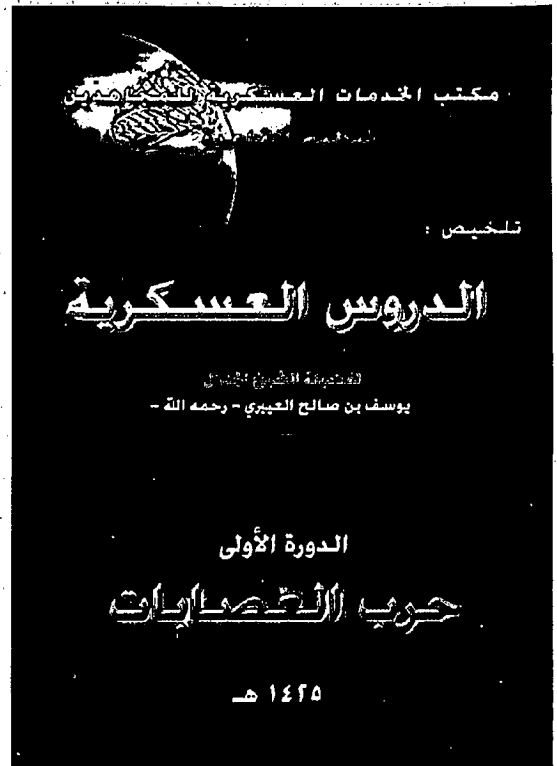
Author: Yousef Bin Saleh al-`Ayeeri  
Year of Publication: 2004  
Number of Pages: 35

Concise Description:

In this 35 page manual, the former commander of al-Qa`ida in Saudi Arabia, Yousef Bin Saleh al-`Ayeeri, who is also known as Shaykh al-Battar, teaches cell members about the history, tactics and utility of guerrilla warfare. He also explains the four types of guerrilla warfare campaigns that can be fought in the mountains, jungles, cities and deserts. He claims that guerrilla warfare in the cities "if fought correctly it can paralyze the enemy...but it is also among the most difficult types of warfare."

Al-`Ayeeri also instructs his students that guerrilla warfare is divided into three phases, which he identifies as engagement, balance and resolution (meaning

victory). He states that the initial phase of attrition tends to be the longest, and the jihadists are to utilize underground cellular formations to bleed the enemy. In this phase, cell members are to be selective in their engagement of the enemy, should master the art of escape and attempt to stretch the enemy thin across an extended geographical area. In the second phase, jihadist formations should take a semi-organized structure. In the final phase, when the enemy is weak and on the defensive, the jihadists should engage in a full blown overt confrontation to reach a decisive victory. In the final pages, the author explains the actual cell formations that are to be used by al-Qa`ida in urban warfare, including the number of members and squads that cell leaders should aspire to and the prerequisite skills needed to conduct their activities and manage their actions.



Title: "Fatal Ambushes on the Streets of the Capital"

Author: Abu al-Khansa  
 Year of Publication: Unspecified  
 Number of Pages: 14

Concise Description:

In this detailed 14 page manual, the author provides much insight into the dynamics of an average al-Qa`ida cell and their planning methods for conducting ambushes in urban settings to disrupt public discourse or to kill high-value targets. In the initial pages, the author discusses the goals of ambush operations in urban settings and states that ambushes are meant to "frighten and paralyze the tyrants... to cause the tyrants major losses... [and] cause chaos in the country."

Afterwards, the author describes the inter-group dynamics of how specific squads are to be formed on short notice to carry out an ambush. He states that these

squads are typically made up of five well-experienced and athletic members who are completely isolated from the rest of the group and only interact with the leader of their cell. Specifically, the manual states that these members are to be unfamiliar to authorities and should not frequent mosques or display any militant characteristics, and should be familiar with the city. The bulk of the manual deals with planning, execution and the roles of different squad members. Moreover, it concludes with a detailed check list of tasks and duties to be completed on two separate meetings. The first meeting is to be conducted a day before the operation when the squad and its leader meet to finalize the plan, and the second is to be held two hours prior to the operation when the squad is provided with the weapons.

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مقدمة الدورة

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### Title: "A Course in Popular Poisons and Deadly Gases"

Author: Abu Hadhifa al-Shami  
Year of Publication: Unspecified  
Number of Pages: 27

#### Concise Description:

In this 27 page manual, Abu Hadhifa al-Shami familiarizes al-Qa`ida cell members with different types of chemical agents, toxins, poisons and poisonous gases and discusses their utility and killing potential. Specifically, he instructs jihadists on how to produce and use botulinum toxin, which he refers to as "rotten meat poison," and ricin, which he refers to as "castor beans poison." He also instructs jihadists on how to prepare potassium cyanide and hydrogen cyanide, in addition to nicotine, hydrogen sulfide, sodium nitrate and numerous other substances.

In general, it is obvious that these

instructions are rudimentary and adequate only for the production of small quantities of crude agents. The formulation portrayed for ricin is only sufficient for the production of a small amount of the crude agent, as is the process outlined for botulinum toxin, which is very difficult to master and likely would not have resulted in the successful production of the agent. As for cyanide, the instructions do not indicate that the precursor chemicals are difficult to procure. The author instructs the cell members to test these poisons on rabbits to verify their potency and effectiveness prior to using them in terrorist attacks. This ominous manual is mostly geared toward the production of crude agents that are more suitable for assassination and poisoning.



**Title: "Encyclopedia of Poisons"**

**Author:** Ansar al-Qa`ida

**Year of Publication:** Unspecified

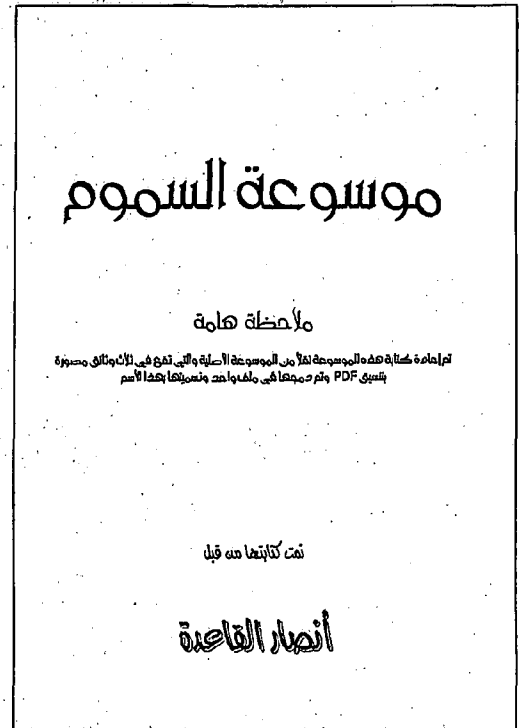
**Number of Pages:** 77

**Concise Description:**

This 77 page manual written by Ansar al-Qa`ida is superior to the previous manual dealing with CBW agents, titled "A Course in Popular Poisons and Deadly Gases." It provides al-Qa`ida members with greater detail and a more comprehensive survey of chemical agents, toxins, poisons and poisonous gases. In the first chapter, it provides a general explanation of different types of poisons, how they work, and their various adverse effects on humans.

In the second chapter, the authors provide instructions for the production of botulinum toxin, which they refer to as "rotten meat poison," and ricin, which they refer

to as "castor beans poison." They also discuss various experiments involving these toxins, while exploring their utility and killing potential along with three other poisons. The third chapter specifically deals with poisonous gases and provides step-by-step instructions for the production of the chemical agents cyanogen chloride, hydrogen sulfide, chlorine gas, phosgene gas and hydrogen cyanide. In addition, the chapter touches on mustard gas, tabun, sarin, soman and VX. The fourth chapter deals with cyanide, aniline, sodium nitrate, thallium and other substances that can be manufactured by combining chemical precursors. The fifth chapter deals with poisons that can be extracted from plants, insects and reptiles. The sixth and final chapter explores rudimentary methods that enable cell members to use these poisons for assassination and poisoning.



Title: "Al-Mubtakkar (The Unique Invention): To Send the Gaseous Killer to the Stubborn Infidels"

Author: Unspecified  
 Year of Publication: 2005  
 Number of Pages: 8

**Concise Description:**

This eight page manual, entitled *al-Mubtakkar al-Farid: Li Irsaal al-Safah al-Ashiri Ila al-Kafir al-Anid* (The Unique Invention: To Deliver the Gaseous Killer to the Stubborn Infidels), provides al-Qa`ida members with specific instructions for the production and dispersal of hydrogen cyanide by combining specific quantities of hydrochloric acid with potassium cyanide in a rudimentary device, consisting of four glass bottles in a metal container. The manual includes 34 images that carefully illustrate the materials and components used in the device and also instruct cell members on precise assembly and precautionary steps to enhance the potency of *al-Mubtakkar*. The manual consists of six short chapters dealing with an introduction, the advantages of the device, locations and facilities where

*al-Mubtakkar* can be used, words of caution, a list of the specific necessary ingredients and quantities, preparation methods of the *al-Mubtakkar* device and the assembly of the detonator.

In its discussion of potential targets, the *al-Mubtakkar al-Farid* manual specifically suggests that the weapon be used against "soft targets," including bars, restaurants, theaters, markets, shopping malls, cinemas, synagogues, churches, gyms, casinos, trains, schools, hospitals and government buildings.

This target selection reveals al-Qa`ida's continued plan of targeting innocent civilians. The manual states that "the most effective way to disperse this gas is in closed quarters by using the central air conditioning and ventilation systems within a building or by using multiple devices if available." It also adds, "When placing these devices inside buildings it should specifically be placed by the entrances and the emergency exits."

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# المبتكر الفريد

لإيصال السفاح الأثيري إلى الكافر العنيد

Title: "The Biological Weapon"

Author: Unspecified  
 Year of Publication: Unspecified  
 Number of Pages: 20

Concise Description:

This manual deals with the production of biological agents, specifically *Yersinia pestis*, which causes plague, and *Clostridium botulinum*, which causes botulinum toxin. In this well structured text, the author provides cell members with step-by-step instructions and diagrams for the cultivation of these two biological agents. The author begins the manual with a religious text and proceeds to discuss the production of these agents. He spends multiple pages discussing their specific characteristics, qualities and variants. He then details extraction and propagation methods, including providing details on animals that are natural carriers of *Yersinia Pestis*, the correct usage of a petri dish and the type and amount of nutrient broth.

An examination of this manual, however, revealed that the author extensively borrowed text and sketches from the 1977 American biology textbook *Microbiology* written by Michael J. Pelzcar, Roger D. Reid, and E. C. S. Chan (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1977). Specifically, the author borrowed and translated the following pages into Arabic: pp. 97, 108-10, 114, 129-30, 136-40, 145, 217, 224, 644-45, and 659. It also becomes obvious that the instructions provided are only adequate for the production of small quantities of crude agents. The process outlined for botulinum toxin is very difficult to master and it is unlikely that it would result in the successful production of the agent. As for the instructions dealing with the plague bacteria, they too are rudimentary and do not indicate that it is difficult to find a suitable host to extract a culture, or that plague is fragile and is difficult to weaponize and disperse effectively.

السلاح البيولوجي

إن الحمد لله نستعينه ونستغديه ونستغفره ونعوذ بالله من شرور أنفسنا ومنيات أعمالنا من يهده الله فهو المهتد ومن يضلل فلا هادي له وأشهد ألا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له وأن محمدا رسول الله

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قال تعالى: وأعدوا لهم ما استطعتم من قوة ومن رباط الخيل ترهبون به عدو الله وعدوكم وآخرين من دونهم لا تعلمونهم الله يعلمهم وقال صلي الله عليه وسلم : إن الله ليدخل بالسهم الواحد ثلاثة نفر الجنة: صانعه يحتسب في صنعه الخير والرامي به ومنبله وارموا واركبوا وأن ترموا أحب الي من أن تركبوا ليس اللهو إلا في ثلاثة تأديب الرجل فرسه وملاعبته أهله ورميه بقوسه أو نبله وقال صلي الله عليه وسلم: لا يجتمع كافر وقتله في النار.

**Title: "The Nuclear Preparation Encyclopedia (also known as the 'Jihadi Nuclear Bomb')"**

**Author:** Layth al-Islam  
**Year of Publication:** 2005  
**Number of Pages:** 287

**Concise Description:**

The "Nuclear Preparation Encyclopedia" is a 14 chapter collection compiled by jihadist activist Layth al-Islam (Lion of Islam), who claimed that the aim of the posting was to empower the jihadist community with knowledge of nuclear weapons. Although the manual is largely comprised of a historical survey of nuclear technology, including the explanation of various nuclear experiments and the discussion of notable nuclear pioneers such as famed scientist Enrico Fermi, it also includes various diagrams and sketches of reported early nuclear warheads used against Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Little Boy and Fat Man) and a detailed explanation of both nuclear gun type and implosion devices. Several of the sketches detail the make-up of nuclear weapons, critical mass, and

the amount of needed fissile and other materials used in their construction.

In addition, the manual includes detailed information concerning the technical operation and composition of nuclear weapons. Most importantly, it includes sketches and diagrams of nuclear weapon designs, measurements of warheads and amounts of necessary fissile material. It appears that the sketches were copied from open sources, including websites and possibly physics textbooks. The manual does not provide jihadists with a step-by-step blueprint for the manufacture of nuclear weapons and does contain some erroneous technical information. It does, however, outline steps for the extraction of radium and the assembly of a radium-based Radiological Dispersion Device (RDD), or "dirty bomb."

**Note:** Image of original manual not available. The image displayed is of a second posting.

**القنبلة النووية الجهادية**

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
 ولا عدوان إلا على الظالمين  
 و صلاة و سلاما على المبعوث الأمين  
 محمد بن عبد الله  
 عليه و على آله و صحبه و من وآله  
 إلى يوم الدين  
 قال تعالى

إِذَا لَمْ يَأْتِ الْبُرْهَانَ كَذَبُوا وَافْتَرَبُوا الزَّوْجَابِ حَتَّىٰ  
 إِذَا أَخْتَسَرْتُم مَّا فَشَدُّوا زُرُقًا لَئِنَّمَا بَعْدَ مَا بَدَأْنَا مِنَّا حَتَّىٰ تَبْلُغَ الْحَرْثَ  
 أَوْ تَزْدَازِمًا ذَلِكَ وَرِثَاقُ اللَّهِ لَا تَصْرَعْتُمْ وَلَكِنَّ بَشِيرًا بَعْضَكُمْ  
 يَنْصَحُ وَالَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُوهُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَمِنْ صَحْبٍ مِّنْكُمْ

مدى الله العظيم  
 بعد للتوكل على الله  
 اللهم انى برؤى من كل من يكفل مسلما وجهه لك بغير حق  
 اللهم كنت علم السموات سبحك  
 و تقبلنا مع الصالحين  
 بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

مقدمة

ويعا كان السلاح النووي و الصواريخ من تكنولوجيا اواسط الأربعينات من  
 القرن المنصرم , إلا أن أوباء الشيطان من أهل الصليب, طيهم لعنة الله  
 يصرون على حرمان المجاهدين من ميزة هذا السلاح

أما الآن فقد تعرف المجاهدون على ميزات تكنولوجيا متقدم بحول الله و قوته  
 من بلوغ فهم هذه التكنولوجيا , و أصبح في إمكانهم تحقيق فقرة نوعية  
 بتصنيع هذه النوعية من السلاح الاستراتيجي , حتى لو في مطلع يومهم

المهم الآن أن السلاح النووي هو قبيلة لها مواصفات خاصة  
 و تحتاج إلى وسيلة توصيلها بها إلى مقرها الأخير  
 فإما أن توضع داخل طائرة أو توضع داخل صاروخ

## EXPLOSIVES AND DEMOLITION:

Title: "The Abdullah Dhu al-Bajadeen Encyclopedia for the Manufacture of Explosives in Pictures Part I-III"

**Author:** Abdullah Dhu al-Bajadeen  
**Year of Publication:** Unspecified  
**Number of Pages:** 187 total [Part I (95); Part II (57); Part III (35)]

### Concise Description:

While there are numerous al-Qa`ida manuals dealing with the manufacture of explosives, the Abdullah Dhu al-Bajadeen encyclopedia is the most detailed and complete. It provides cell members with complete easy to follow steps and dozens of images to familiarize the individual with the chemistry and science of explosives and aid in the manufacture of a large number of variants of explosives, fuses, detonators and precursor materials.

Specifically, Part I of the encyclopedia includes instructions for the preparation of sulfuric acid, potassium nitrate, acetone peroxide,

ammonium nitrate, fuses, a simple timing device, nitroglycerin, electronic fuses, methyl ethyl ketone peroxide, and numerous other explosives and bomb designs. In addition, this part provides a large number of images and photographs and a FAQ section to answer many of the concerns that the reader may have.

Part II of the encyclopedia details the manufacture of nitroglycerin, acetone peroxide, an acetone peroxide detonator, liquid nitroglycol, ammonium nitrate, potassium nitrate, capacitors, mercuric fulminate, the powerful RDX, and nitrocellulose. Part III details the manufacture of nitronaphthalene, smoke and pipe bombs, aluminum powder, armor piercing shaped bombs, anti-ship bombs and hydrogen peroxide.

### موسوعة عبد الله ذو البجاديين لتصنيع المتفجرات بالصور\_الجزء الاول

سلسلة دروس تصنيع المتفجرات في البيت بمواد بسيطة بالصور  
 ولكن لان القول لكم ان يحلف كل شخص على ان لا يستخدم هذه المواد في ضرر اخوانه  
 ولكن اقول اللهم فاشهد فان هذه الدروس لله وفي سبيل الله

هذه الدروس للجهاد والمجاهدين (المسلمين) اذا قُتِبتْه سوف يكون ضد الكفرة واليهود  
 واي استخدام لها بشكل خاطي او ضد اي مسلم فانا بريء منه ومن عملة

لهذه هي ان تكون كلمة الله حيا العلياً

سيكون شرحي للمواد المتفجرة مدعماً بالصور وبالشرح الوافي لكل صورة اذا سيكون  
 العمل انشاء الله من النظر الى التطبيق واريد ان اسمع منكم انكم صنعتهم بعض من هذه  
 المواد بكميات قليلة  
 لعدة اسباب اهمها سوف تتعودر صناعة هذه المواد وان يكون لديكم ذلك الخوف عند  
 صناعتها بكمية كبيرة عند الحاجة

وايضاً سوف تعرفون بعض خصائص هذه المواد من خلال تجاربكم كدرجة الحرارة  
 وقوتها

ومتي تضيف هذه المادة ومتي تتوقف وهكذا... الخ

## RESISTING INTERROGATION:

Title: "Security Lessons for the Mujahidin"

Author: Saif al-Din al-Tunisi

Year of Publication: Unspecified

Number of Pages: 38

### Concise Description:

This well written and comprehensive manual is a cautionary text aimed at urging cell members to pay more attention to security procedures. As stated by the author, "the objective of studying this matter is to show the jihadist what awaits him in prison if he falls victim to arrest due to his neglect of security procedures, to make him more vigilant."

Initially, the manual explains different types of arrests and details different interrogation styles used in the Middle East. It instructs cell members to practice caution and specifically to be very secretive in their work, not inform

their spouses of their activities, not become creatures of habit, regularly clean their residences and remove any evidence, and be wary of using telephones. It also advocates speaking slowly, asking counter questions and carrying on conversations about unrelated matters to throw off the interrogator.

Of note are the different postures this manual urges cell members to adopt following their arrest. It instructs cell members to pretend to be afraid, weak and fragile if they are arrested for simple suspicion; to be confident, cooperative yet stern if faced with alleged witnesses; and to be stubborn, forceful and obstinate if they are arrested in the aftermath of a manhunt.

## دروس أمنية للمجاهدين

التحقيق، أسبابه، مراحلته، أساليبه  
كيفية مواجهة المحققين والتصدي للمباحث

Title: "How to Confront and Deal with Intelligence Interrogators"

Author: Unspecified

Year of Publication: Unspecified

Number of Pages: 24

Concise Description:

In this manual the author borrows from a 250 page book titled "The Philosophy of Confrontation Behind Bars," originally written by Jelibib al-Khandahari, that draws on the collective experiences of a group of prisoners who opted to educate the jihadist community of the interrogation methods used in the Middle East and the Muslim world to prepare them to that eventuality and help them persevere during interrogation. The authors of this short text state that "reading these simplified pages will aid the detainee in understanding what is occurring around him during the investigation...to safeguard himself from breaking down."

This manual explains common arrest procedures in the Middle East, including aggressive techniques when suspects are manhandled, insulted and degraded. It also outlines the various stages of interrogation. The bulk of the manual deals with common interrogation techniques and provides cell members with advice and the best practices to confront them. It emphasizes that arrest does not necessarily indicate presence of evidence of the suspect's culpability and that partial admission to any act during the interrogation will serve to prolong detainment and mistreatment. It states that "only fools believe interrogators" and urges repeatedly that interrogators should never be trusted regardless of their statements, promises, methods or levels of hostility.

{ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا خُذُوا حِذْرَكُمْ فَانفِرُوا تَابًا أَوْ تَفِرُوا جَمِيعًا }  
 كيف تواجه وتتعامل مع المحققين في المخابرات

استخلاص من كتاب " فلسفة المواجهة وراء القضبان "  
 زاد وعدل عليه بتصريف جليبيب القندهاري

Title: "Interrogation Methods in the Prisons of the Zionist Enemy and How to Counter Them"

Author: Abu Jihad Tal'at

Year of Publication: Unspecified

Number of Pages: 60

**Concise Description:**

This is a Palestinian manual detailing interrogation techniques in Israeli prisons. While this manual was probably not intended for al-Qa`ida, it was extensively circulated on numerous al-Qa`ida websites in 2005 and early 2006. In this manual, the author Abu Jihad Tal'at details the collective lessons that Palestinian militants have learned from their decades long experiences with Israeli arrest procedures and interrogation methods. In this well written manual, the author begins with a brief discussion of basic human flaws (the desire to stand out, desire to appease, fear, lack of commitment, lack of knowledge) and how they can jeopardize the activities and effectiveness of a militant cell. He also discussed effective cell formations that can reduce the likelihood of capture and arrest.

The bulk of the manual advocates that militants should increase their familiarity with "arrest and interrogation" techniques to mentally prepare for that eventuality and to minimize their chances of breaking down under interrogation. Specifically, the author details different arrest techniques used by the Israelis in the Palestinian territories and how they are designed to have a psychological impact on the militant. The author claims to detail the most common interrogation methods, including: confrontational interviews; deception; sleep deprivation; food and water deprivation; stress positions; humiliation; bringing the militant's parents to the prison; loud music; polygraphs tests; and physical torture including electric shock, cold water, mock executions, water boarding, etc. The author provides details and testimonials from other militants who have survived these practices to motivate readers to persevere under duress.

أساليب التحقيق  
في سجون العدو الصهيوني  
وطرق مواجهته

الدراسة من إعداد  
أبو جهاد طلعت