

Connection- disconnection in *Ahrar Al-Sham* networks

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Perhaps, one of the most mysterious and secret of jihadist movements is *Ahrar Al-Sham*. As for that, it paid the price of by assassination of the most important of its cadres and founders as *Abu Abdallah Al-Hamwi*. It could be said that *Hassan Abboud*, who was devoted to his work and ascetic for the money, has a distinct idea unlike all of his comrades while he has been detained in *Sydnaya* prison. In accordance of a witness of a detained one there who also has been in connection with him until before the assassination: "In addition to the Salafist jihadist culture, *Abu Abdallah* has the organizational mind. As for that, he has been feeling of superiority that allows to him to be *Almurshed* (The leader) of his organization and the decision maker of its militant works. I don't forget his comment on the *Al-Ahrar's* relation to *Al Nusra*, Al Baghdadi (ISIS's Leader) and Free Syrian Army (FSA): "We are organized before what-so-called FSA, and we are jihadist before Al-Qaeda. FSA is under-controlled of the international and regional operation room. *Al-Nusra* assigned by Al-Baghdadi then split to swear allegiance to *Al-Qaeda*. But, we have been sworn allegiance by Syrians and other Muslims all over the world, and we don't need any cover".

This organization, who works rivalry to others, has made Al-Qaeda take notice that is important to put its cadres among them so early. And it has succeeded. Although the assassination of *the following: (Hassan Abboud, Abu Yazan Al-Shami, Abu Talha Al-Makhzomi, Abu Abdelmalek Al-Sharei, Abu Ayman Ram Hamdan, Mehieddin Al-Shami (vice of Abboud), Abu Hamza, Abu Ayman Al-Hamawi, Abu Sarya Al-Shami, Abu Youssef Bennesh, Talal Al-Ahmad Tammam and Abu Al-Zobair Al-Hamawai)* on 9 September 2014 has allowed Ikhwani Islamic groups and other who are backed by Turkey to be in the leadership structure and the second row, it never has made a change to the relation of non-Syrians. The internal estimations say that there have been up to 800 Saudis before *Al-Nusra* and ISIS have

snatched the limelight where the number has declined because nearly half of them left it to the two or have been sent to god.

Ahrar Al-Sham is one of the first militias that received foreigners since earlier months of the Syrian crisis when there have been no ISIS nor *Al-Nusra*. It should be noticed that is the top secret of the existence of Saudis or other foreigners, and it is forbidden to uncover their nationalities but if they died. Training or guidance do not limit Saudis' work, as some believe, they are also in the leadership in high positions as military, legitimate or judicial, and they participate in offensive and suicide operations. One of the most known Saudi, who has joined them, was *Al-Shaikh Othman Al-Nazeh* who swore allegiance to ISIS then had become president of the education office before being killed in *Ein Al-Arab* battle. And also, Abu Mahmoud Al-Jazrawi as "Legitimate Amir" in Ezaz on the north of Aleppo. Abu Mansour Al-Jazrawi in military position in *Handarat* on the north of Aleppo. As for *Abdullah Al-Jandi*, He is in legitimate position. One of the most known leaders on Twitter is *Al-Battar Al-Najdi*. *Abu Obaida Al-Jazrawi* also has big duties in legitimacy and media. Although *Al-Shaikh Mosleh Al-Aliani* is an independent, he is somehow so close to *Al-Ahrar*, he was shown around Lattakia irritating *Al-Ahrar's* fighters before throwing shells on civilians in Lattakia.

The most important camp, where the Saudi fighters take their training, is *Akidi Al-Azm* "The determination owners" in the north of Homs, where there are military and legitimacy training as the ones that *al-Nusra* and ISIS do. Also, some of the fighters who get their training in the Saudi Shaikh *Abdullah Al-Mohisni's* camps, are sent to *Ahrar Al-Sham*. The most important camps are "*Al-Farouk*", "*Al-Battar*" and "*Al-Ghorabaa*".

Ahrar Al-Sham does the same tradition of Saudi fighters' nicknames as *Al-Qaeda*, they use terms as "*Al-Jazrawi*" or "*Al-Najdi*" which means non-recognition of *Al Saud* and non-satisfaction of naming the country as the

name of the royal family. Tens of those Saudi were killed last year, as *Mohammad Al-Twijri* who was a leader in the military section around Idlib and a leader in "*Liwaah Ahfad Ali*" militia. *Abdulrahman Al-Khodair* "*Abi Badr Al-Najdi*" who was killed in *Al-Faoua* battle. *Ibrahim Al-yehia* "*Abi Saleh Al-Najdi*" who has been a legitimate leader in "*Liwaah Ahfad Ali*" militia before being killed in the south of Idlib. "*Abu Mosaab Al-Jazrawi*", *Khaled Al-Bareki* who was killed by suicide operation at *Al-Sarmanieh* checkpoint. "*Abu Hamze Al-Najdi*", *Hani Abdulkarim Al-Lahem*, has been one of the leaders of "*Al-Forkan*" militia. *Abu Asid Al-Jazrawi* who has been killed by *Al-Nusra* in order to conflict that took place on a checkpoint. And more...

Al-Ahrar prepares the suicide bombers regardless of the militia that they belong to, as an example: *Eid Al-Otaibi* "*Abi Salem Al-Rawki*", *Al-Nusra's* fighter, whose vehicle been booby-trapped by *Al-Ahrar* in order to blow himself up in *Al-Ghab* in Hama, in April 2015.

As for the necessary of foreigners' existence among *Al-Ahrar*, *Abu Azzam Al-Ansari* said that they work on giving the fighters the nationality and prevent any state to judge them.

Notes about the Islamic Front (IF) in Syria:

Robert Ford, the former ambassador to U.S in Damascus and the responsible of the Syrian crisis in U.S Department of state, left Istanbul to Antakya in order to meet the "Islamic Front" just days after being established. The meeting, where has taken hours, has been with leaders of the militias as preparation to another meeting that has announced the official name *Al-Jabha* (The front). One of the most important reasons to get that ideal attention in media and politics might be the decline of attention that accompanied the FSA which has gotten regional and international efforts to make it the one who represents and lead the armed work against the regime. The forces' command have spoken to the

"Friends of Syria" group in a way that interests the group while practically they have had no control over the operations process or the plan. Also, they were limited as result of many operations with *Al-Nusra* and ISIS to become the organization which smuggling weapons to the extremist organizations directly or indirectly via some of the forces' command as what happened in Aleppo, Idlib, Al-Jazeera, Dir-Ezzor, Arriqa, Rif-Hama, the north of Rif-Lattakia and Qalamon. This command forces couldn't stand along in order of increasing of other Islamic organizations, which have Ikhwani and Salafi ideology and have been in the core of FSA. So, the Qatari and Saudi intelligence have coordinated the third after the failure of the two: "Syrian Islamic Front" (SIF) that included *Ahrar Al-Sham*, *Liwa Al-Haq* and *Ansar Al-Sham*, and "Releasing Islamic Syria Front" (RISF) that included *Liwa Al-Tawhid*, Islam Army, and *Suqor Al-Sham*.

22 November 2013, The IF constituted by Islamic militias as *Ahrar Al-Sham*, Islam Army, *Liwa Al-Tawhid*, *Suqor Al-Sham*, *Liwa Al-Haq*, *Ansar Al-Sham*, Kurdish Islamic Front, *Liwa Al-Iman* and *Al-Fagr* Islamic Movement.

We don't need big efforts to find that the merge of the two fronts have shown clearly the influence of SIF on RISF where the IF become as like the first one as for the form and the core.

Al-Ahrar is the backbone and the mastermind of SIF that established on 22 December 2012. It is clear the IF has the same name but, without the national affiliation, the word "Syrian", which means the regional goal or might be the global goal of achieving the Islamic Caliphate and fighting what-so-called *Kuffar* anywhere. And also, the logo of the IF is the same of SIF that is the logo of *Al-Ahrar*.

As for the core of the front, there is not only the chef of political office that has been led by the Amir "*Hassan Abboud*" (*Abu Abdallah Al-Hamwi*) but also, there is Grand Mufti which was led by the same of *Al-Ahrar's* and SIF's, *Abu Al-Abbas Al-Shami* until September 2014.

Al-Ahrar belongs to the "Salafi Jihadi" current that adopts Jihad as an approach for change and the Islam as a rule, and also refuses man-made laws and their regulations as democracy, elections, and parliament. That means, "The grand mufti of IF" will limit the work by the principles of Salafi Jihadi especially that the charter of IF refuses clearly each of democracy, civic and secularism in order to build the state of Islam rule.

As for the other militias of IF, they have no clear approach as *Al-Ahrar* so they change their approaches or goals in order of circumstances. As an example: *Zahran Alesh*, the leader of Islam Army, agreed on the charter of "Ansar Al-Islam Assemble" last August, which confirms that the goal is to build the reasonable Islamic Caliphate.

Liwa Al-Islam has been the backbone of this assemble, later *Zahran* has retracted of this demand. Following establishing of Islam Army he said that the only demand is the state of justice but, sometimes been talking about the demand of Islamic State which is to some extent a different form of Caliphate.

The leader of "*Alwiet Suqor Al-Sham*", *Ahmad Abu Issa Al-Sheikh*, has demanded a civic state of democracy and equality on the beginning of Syrian crisis, and he has been not against any Christian to be as minister accordance to a leaked video. But after establishing of IF, he has twittered: "For the video, which traded by the owners of sedition, two years after his appearance on the media, they should be aware of the stages; we might say something today to deny later !!", then has joined in *Ahrar Al-Sham*.

And also for *Liwa Al-Tawhid*, the third militia of RISF, its leaders has been talking about democracy and civic state as revolutionary speech, and it was considered as a military wing of Muslims Brotherhood, but it has become apparently that it has had no ideology regardless of Ikhwani and Salafi they were joined. The legitimate responsible of *Al-Nusra*, *Abu Maria Al-Qahtani* has sworn by Allah that the leader of *Liwa Al-Tawhid*, *Abd Al-*

Qader Saleh, said before being killed via Twitter that the goal of *Liwa* is reasonable Prophetic Caliphate, but there is no evidence.

The Charter of the front: The rule is for Allah

According to the article 1 of IF charter they adopted, without doubt, the principles of Salafi Jihadi, "the rule of Allah", by saying: the IF's goal is "to build Islamic state where there is no sovereignty, but Allah and his highness is only the reference, the ruler and the guidance of individual, society, and state". Later, *Al-Ahrar* has adopted the principle "Loyalty and Enmity", which means the base of the state is only the Islam away from popular or pan-national one, where the loyalty of it, is to the Islam and Muslims and against Kuffar. It is a state that adopts Islam as an internal policy in order to put Muslims in high positions and to let them rule the state. As for external one, its goal is "Uphold the word of God and the establishment of a strong global Islamic state, a state which is against fighting and illegitimate systems. It means in the point of view of Salafist jurisprudence: (The state has to be Islamic, to pay tribute or to make a treaty). The last is stipulated in Article 5 of the Charter, by saying "the sons of the front are Muslims, their loyalty is to the religion of Allah, gathered by Jihad for the sake of Allah and the rejection of injustice and tyranny, their goal is to establish the law of Allah, proud of belonging to the Islamic nation and consider themselves an integral part of it,". As well as Article 14, which stipulates that "the front has good international relations with all countries that do not hostile it, and to achieve the interests in accordance with the *Sharia*", which means "Loyalty and Enmity" mentioned above. At this point, we note convergence with "al-Qaeda", which recognizes the importance of the external factor, according to the research paper entitled "regional war on the land of Sham strategy". Also, it drew a big attention, by stating: "Any local players do not take into account the broader circle, understand how to link with it and coordinates the efforts, under that, it will not succeed in moving anything but only by

Allah's will ." This detailed strategy based on a major axis which is flexibility, by stating: "any jihadi force wants to work on the Levantine arena that ripple, and will ripple over by the level of greater violence, and also the number of more players should be based on a flexible strategy to move according to any activity in the arena, or against any conditions imposed by the great powers."

Although the IF Charter did not explicitly declares that it seeks to establish a global Caliphate State, but on the contrary, it may be suggested that it aims to build an Islamic state within the recognized borders of the Syrian state only. However, several reasons to believe that the Charter resorted to dissimulation and camouflage, to express their real wills that they intended to reach.

The first of these reasons that the Charter called itself "nation project", and explicitly suggested that the IF sees itself as the legitimate godfather of the Islamic nation project which has only one name, "Islamic caliphate". But the drafter of the charter might have taken in their account "the stages" as in the words of *Sheikh Abu Issa*, and did not want to show everything in their baskets at once, but they adopted a policy which was "the staging", one of the policies adopted in the Charter of *Al-Ahrar*.

Another reason is that Amir "*Ahrar Al-Sham*" *Hassan Abboud* said, in an interview with the channel "*Al Jazeera*" on June 13, 2013, "We aspire to the day when our hands knock down Sykes-Picot walls which are imposed on us. It is now a reality, and we do not go beyond it and its factors, but what our will and we hope to, is to see this nation as one entity again".

Islamic Front and the alliances:

Apparently, the loyalty in the Islamic Front splits according to the sources of funding, arming, and needs of jihad. So militias of it have built good relations with (UK, France, and U.S.A). Three of its militias have had an old

alliance with Mr. Ford. Despite, it gets benefits from *Salafis* in the Gulf, some on Qatari aids and some on Saudi one, there are signs and indicators confirm the existence of direct and indirect links between the "Islamic Front" and sub-Qaeda in Syria as an approach has been followed in many experiments. However, the conflicts and alliances in the field have not been solved without the existence of differences was being expressed in some ways. After the release of ISIS' detainees in Iraqi prisons, *Abu Abbas al-Shami* wrote on Twitter: "I wonder what makes my heart suspicious of the liberation of Iraq prisons" (22/07/2013). The pre-ISIS' sites answered that day: "Abu Abbas supposes to praise Allah for conquering Rafidi (Shiites) and bringing out the prisoners ... But what we do in who is extremist as for his party and come to the stage of hyperbole in it" (Ana Al-Muslim site). It seems sometimes there is disagreement in funding issues while we find praise to *Shafi Al-Ajami Al-Kuwaiti* (owner of Islamic project accordance to *Abu Al-Abbas Al-Shami*). For its financial aid to *Ahrar Al-Sham*, ISIS' supporters do not hesitate to call him "the pernicious and glamorous *Shafi Al-Kuwaiti*". *Zahran Alesh* enters in this debate but also in terms of money saying: "My beloved brother, we did not get anything of *Sheikh Shafi's* campaign yet. Note that *Sheikh Shafi* did not support *Liwaa Al-Islam*, not even one dinar". (25/06/2013).

"Islamic Front" Charter has acknowledged the existence of "immigrants" who are fighting in Syria. He said about them, "They are our brothers who support us in Jihad that we appreciate and thank ... so we share weal and woe". But the facts which reveal day after day suggest that it is not limited to them through appreciation and thanks.

Evidence suggests that the organization is the one that is pivotal as for IF, and has been begun work on its composition since the beginning of the Syrian crisis. In May 2011, the pace accelerated after the release of the numbers of detainees of *Sednaya* prison, following the issuance of a decree of a general amnesty, which included the Amir, *Hassan Abboud*.

The work was at that time secret and surrounded by closely guards, but after two and a half years it has become certain that *Al-Ahrar* is the first Syrian organization that received "jihadists immigrants". Despite the lack of information on the numbers of "immigrants" who have joined it, but most of them have begun to move to *Al-Nusra* after the announcement of its founding in late 2011, which led to the dissonance between *Al-Ahrar* and *Al-Nusra* that constructed among the "jihadists" heated debates about the strained relationship between the two. It might be enough to point out that *Abu Basir al-Tartusi*, one of the most theorists of "jihad" in the world, was first questioned *Al-Nusra* and continued for several months accusing them, it did not rule out to be a creature of the system. Note that *Tartusi* is one of fundamental legal references in *Al-Ahrar*. It was the fallout from the dispute between *Al-Nusra* and *Al-Ahrar*, we have heard for the first time in Syria about "Awakening". *Al-Ahrar* was the first militia that was accused by *Al-Nusra*. (We should take into account the period of joint work between *al-Baghdadi* and *Al-Nusra*), that is the awakening project against Jihadis.

Among the "immigrants", who joined *Al-Ahrar*, were former and current "Jihadi" in "Al-Qaeda" also including some of the leaders. If it is not confirmed yet that there are some of Al-Qaeda leaders in militias of IF, but there are Syrian ones such as Abu Khaled Al-Souri.

Abu Khaled Syrian, who is one of the founders of "*Al-Ahrar*" and served in a leadership position, was taken much of the secrecy. It was at the same time one of the leaders of "al-Qaeda" who associates with the late leader, Osama bin Laden and coordinates with al-Jazeera's journalist, *Tayseer Alouni*. He has been described by *Ayman Zawahiri* that he is "the best of our report whom we knew," also entrusted with the supervision of resolving the dispute between *Abu Mohammed Joulani* and *Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi*, he has been the third who has received the "judge of disputing" as like *Al-Baghdadi* and *Al-Joulani*.

In addition to the *Abu Khaled al-Souri* and *Abu Basir al-Tartusi*, the name of *Abu Maria al-Falastini* has been emerged, who was arrested by the Jordanian authorities as legitimate leadership in *Al-Ahrar*. Also, the name of *Abu-Mohammad Al-Faransi* after *Maskana's* event in Aleppo serves as "the Grand Mufti of the *Liwa al-Musab bin Omair*" who has orders from *Al-Ahrar*.

But the most important evidence on the link between "*Ahrar al-Sham*" and "Islamic Front" of global jihad is "*Katibat Al-Furkan*" which is established by Jihadi immigrants all over the world.

To be sure, "*Ahrar a-Sham*" is involving important internally current belongs to the "Al-Qaeda", as an organ and an approach belong. This current is the one who recently was able to dominate the decision in the movement and thus the "Islamic Front", then the influence and leadership in *Al-Fateh* Army independently as for IF's militias. And the National Alliance between the front on the hand and the "*Al-Nusra*" on the other hand is indication because, *Al-Ahrar* as the majority of the armed factions, has initially taken a critical position of allegiance of *Joulani* to *Zawahiri* and felt like it's in favor of the Syrian regime. But after the dispute between "*Al-Nusra*" and "*Daesh*", It finds nothing wrong in coalition with whom it accuses of as worker in service of the regime. Aground to distinguish between ISIS's hyperbole and *Al-Nusra's* understand. While *Al-Ahrar* introduces itself as "comprehensive Islamic movement working to liberate the land, to promote the human being and to build a reasonable Islamic community in Syria". On its website, *Al-Ahrar* uses an expression of the Shiite to describe the Syrian army and who is fighting with it and also expressions such as gangs or militias in the description of Kurdish "People's Protection Units". Comfortably, *Al-Ahrar* talks about the conflict against the Shiites, *Nusayris* and the Magi in operations films distributed by it.

He said: "The Magi and *Nusayris* are besieging *Al-Gouta*, I bring them good tidings, as Omayyad has broken their heads, *Al-Gouta* and *Al-Sham*' people would do it later. They will torture you (Bastards) in life before Allah do it on the Day of resurrection. Bastards!! You will face the thing that you do not count to". As for the relationship with al-Qaeda, *Alloush*, head of the military body in the front and the commander of the Army of Islam, said to *Al-Hayat* newspaper on 21 November 2013: "*Al-Nusra* is an Islamist faction which is widespread in Syria, they are our brothers who are men of valor and severe Defiance in enemies, we have been involved with them in many battles and we saw them taking Jihad in a good way. Personally, I met the juridical of them as Abu Maria *Al-Qahtani* (in charge of the legitimate) and there is no different between us. If we are one, *Al-Qahtani* would be the one" He added that he commends Abu Mohammed Joulani *Al-Fatih* (*Al-Nusra* leader) who "during a meeting with him (two years ago) I touched the concern for the future of the nation."

Joint military operations and the formation of leaders in the field Indicates as in the *Qalamon* and *Arsal*, for example, and the joint operation in the central prison of Aleppo and *Al-Qunaitra* the overlap and cooperation and also competition for the organization and gain "immigrants", foreign fighters. Elements of *Al-Nusra* claims a large number of "Islamic Front" in the joint coordination areas, regardless of overlap, compatibility in approach, mobilizing, kidnapping and sectarian killing. The human rights organizations consider that there is no difference in theory and practice between *Al-Nusra* and *Al-Ahrar* which joint *Suqor Al-Sham* and *Ghorabaa Al-Sham*. Coordination is based on full swing, and joint operations exceed 80% of the total number of operations carried out by both parties. There is one difference that the proportion of foreign fighters in the *Ahrar al-Sham* lower than in *Al-Qaeda*, and also the last maintains good relations with the British, French, American and Qatari intelligence and will to a good relationship with Saudi Arabia since the death of *Abdullah*. It grants its

support and protection and allows it with the rest of the Islamic Front components to get the lion's share of the Gulf and Western government aid.

An overview about the first link between *Al-Ahrar* and *Al-Qaeda*.

Abu Khaled Al-Souri:

Mohammad Bahaya, high school student, from Aleppo (1963-2014). He enrolled *Al-Taliaa Al-Muqatila* before 16 years of age. Although he did not participate in of little importance operations, *Bahaya* he went to Turkey after the massacre of Hama in February 1982 as in charge of logistical support and the smuggling of fighters to and from inside Syrian territory. It has survived from the arrest of the will claim his life when he broke his leg in the day when planned to enter the Syrian territories with the organization's leader, *Adnan Okle*, who disappeared since that time, where security forces have arrested all of who entered Syrian territory. At the end of 1987, he decided to join the jihad in Afghanistan with one of the most prominent symbols, *Sheikh Abdullah Azzam* (which emphasizes more than an official at *Al-Taliaa* his membership in the organization and his relationship with the engineer *Marwan Hadid*). *Azzam* has founded Pakistan's so-called *Bait Al-Ansar* where *Bahaya* enrolled once arriving there and chose codenamed "*Abu Khaled*". *Bait al-Ansar* has become *Bait Qaedat Al-Jihad*, and *Abu-Khaled* has become trainee there.

Out there, *Abu Khaled* has met his friend of childhood, *Abu Mosaab Al-Souri* again.

Abu Mosaab Al-Souri:

Mustafa Setmariam Rifai (1956) was born in the city of Aleppo also he joined early *Al-Taliaa*. He has spoken in his books about that period and the journey where he received some military courses under the

supervision of deserters from the Syrian army in Jordan and officers of the Iraqi army and the Egyptian ones in Baghdad and Cairo.

He majored in science explosives engineering, urban guerrilla warfare, and special operations, and also worked as a coach in the military system of the Muslim Brotherhood in Jordan and the rules of his camps in Baghdad. During Hama's battle, the organization's leaders have appointed him a member of the military high command in the Emirate *Sheikh Saeed Hawa*, the military responsible of Brotherhoods and also as vice responsible for Syria's northwest region. That era ended with the massacre of Hama and the collapse of the confrontation program with the regime. He announced separation from the Muslim Brotherhood to protest the "agreement" National Alliance "with the secular and communist parties and the Iraqi branch of the Baath Party." To move to what he calls the revival of jihad work in the Levant stage. Revival jihadi action moved to Pakistan by him where he met *Abdullah Azzam* in Peshawar where he worked with Arab jihadi and trained many of them in the arts of explosives and other military experiences with his friend *Abu Khaled*.

Abu Musab's expertise in both, combating and organizing, has been mixed with jurisprudence approach in the writings of *Abdul Qadir bin Abdul Aziz* who wrote both "*Al-Omda*", "*Al-Jame*". Consequently, "The Syrian experience" has been published and also the other book "the first call of the World Islamic resistance". *Abu Musab* did not stop at Ibn Abdul Aziz, but he studied during his jihadist term in Pakistan and Afghanistan, *Ibn Taymiyyah* and *Ibn Qaiem Al-Jawziya* books and also the work of *Sayyid Qutb* and *Abdullah Azzam*.

Abu Musab describes the formation of the new ideological influences, saying: "in 1990 during the Gulf War, there was in Peshawar every spectrum of the Islamic currents, from Awakenings ones to jihadis ones. Where the positions of Arab governments and peoples and Sheikhs have



shown towards the war, inciting us what it's like earthquakes". With the appearance of the new world system, what turned out by Islamic awakening that it becomes with no value so, must be a new way of comparing the new system in the way we confront. And then I wrote a statement for the global Islamic resistance. The mentioned the three holy sites Qaaba, Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Prophet's mosque that are occupied by Crusaders and the Jews, either directly or indirectly, from about 50 to 60 years, which means an explicit statement of terrorism call in parts of the world against this new system".

Abu Musab has left the most important jihadi experience writings as "Notes on Syrian jihadist experience" and "the people of Syria in the face of *Nasiriyah* and the Crusades and the Jews" and "invitation to the Islamic resistance." *Abu Musab* summarizes his conception of the jihadist organization saying: "The all jihadi generation that generates scientific theory, through their own experience, and that develops in the light of the harvest of the previous experiments. The theory jihadist scientific is not generated in the authors and thinkers heads above the elegant offices. And not through the life of comfortable complacency. It is not descended from the owners of the top of the organizational hierarchy of the movement ... But it was born in the fighting trenches and Yards setting, and the path of the ordeal and its impact. The theory that costs their owners a fuss, making them pay the price for each error and experience of their blood and suffering, even groping Subsequent what fits every stage to come from the right steps. The failed experiments are expensive, but the failure is often more enriching to the path of victory. It combines the experience to the experimenter. If what. If it fortitude and determination to march, it constitutes the floor of his next decisive victory, God willing, Leave the *Kafer* democracy and rode to join the jihad to achieve an Islamic caliphate ".

With the fall of the *Najibullah*, the loyal to the Soviet Union, and the developments of the subsequent Afghan jihad, and in particular the fighting between warlords, *Abu Khaled* returned to Turkey in mid-1992, where he spent a few months, before moving to Spain where his friend *Abu Musab*. He stayed there until mid-1994, then went back to Turkey while *Abu Musab* moved to London to work with Algerian London cell which is the group that published *Al-Ansar* newspaper that supports armed Islamic group in Algeria.

Abu Khaled remained in Spain more than two years, he was involved in the full views and ideas of *Abu Musab*, then returned to Turkey again. He has been closely linked to *Abu Musab* and he remained moving between London and Istanbul, which helped him to be close to the events in Algeria until the ideological divorce with Algerian experience and debates between them and the silence to which atonement.

They went back to Afghanistan in late 1997 after a year of *Taliban* seize power. *Abu Khaled* and *Abu Musab* had a closed link to Osama bin Laden's, then *Abu Khaled* has become his bodyguard for a while. During his work in London have bonds linked with the Western media, where they arranged a television interview to CNN in end of 1997. They have opened the door across their schoolmate (*Taysir Alouny*) to work as a journalist in Afghanistan before channel CNN, and Aljazeera had a license to work in Kabul. The two remained in Afghanistan working for the military, religious and other training until the announcement of the United States and its allies in the war against the *Taliban*, October 2001, where they withdrew to Pakistan.

In Pakistan 5 May 2005, US forces arrested *Abu Musab*, and also arrested *Abu Khaled* on 3 November 2005. They were imprisoned in Pakistani jails to collect important information about al-Qaeda. *Abu Musab* stayed in Pakistani prisons a year to be moved at the beginning of 2006 to Diego

Garcia (under British control) before being handed over to the Syrian authorities while Abu Khaled handed to Syrian authorities within the security coordination at that time. He stayed in one of intelligence branches in Damascus and Aleppo then there has been no news of him, at a time when Abu Khaled has been in *Sednaya* military prison where he spent more than seven years. The latter was summoned to trial at the end of November 2011 on charges of belonging to al-Qaeda. He denied the belonging, on the other hand, he admitted his relationship with Taliban who sometimes fought factions of the Afghan Arabs. He has been sentenced to seven years (he had spent it surely), Syrian authorities released him after a decision to release the Salafist jihadist currents / May 2011 after a presidential amnesty which came out the most important current detainees from prisons. Despite the declaration of the release of *Abu Musab* on the same date, we do not get any certificate confirming the news. Then external media announced twice release in 2012, but the evidence in our possession confirm that he is still present in one of the branches of the Syrian intelligence in a break from the world three years ago.

Abu Khaled was released on 17 December 2011 and began to communicate with "Sednaya group" in which found the most party that was able to polarization between the jihad work, social work and legitimate. He gave his experience and served as a theoretical and organizational point between the movement and "Al Qaeda". He helped the movement by financial, media and aid support by his Salafi jihadi network in the Gulf let alone attract a large number of foreign arrivals to Syria. He has contacted ISIS and has tried his best to prevent confrontation between the factions that are considered with a single reference. Ayman al-Zawahiri entrusted him to mediate between the two parties. He did not accept to join *Al-Nusra* and moved away from ISIS and also put his efforts on strengthening the power of *Al-Ahrar* which officially joined it, as one of

its leaders at the end of 2012. He started to train his fighters in headquarters in western Rif of Aleppo when he started to use the nickname "*Abu Omair Al-Shami*" which is chosen as fulfillment to Qatari Salafi Sheikh who supported him in the period's prosecution. Starting in early 2013 took over the task as Amir of *Al-Ahrar* in Aleppo.

Abu Al-Hasan Al-Tabouki (Iyad Al-Shaar)

The leader of *Al-Ahrar* in the Syrian coast and *Jusr-Eshoghor*: the leader's brother of Moscow's theater operation:

More facts reveal about the operation carried out by some extreme factions in the northern countryside of *Lattakia*, specifically in *Kasab* and its environs and then in Idlib and *Jusr-Eshoghor*.

The Lebanese newspaper "*As-safir*" was the first who revealed the fact that "General Amir" of this process is "*Abu Musa Al-Shishani*", before revealing the role of jihadis from *Chechnya* as the backbone of this attack. It culminated in the participation of both leadership, the famous *Muslim Al-Shishani* "*Abu Al-Walid*" *Junod-Alsham's* Amir in Rif-Lattakia and his deputy *Abu Turab Al-Shishani*, who were and are still supervisors of the attack on the observatory point 45.

It was significant that the attack on the countryside of Lattakia in 2014 held by commanders from Chechnya, or from anti-Russia commanders, which would provide more evidence that the attack leaders on *Kasab*, have links with link Turkish intelligence that collects with Islamic movements interests in Chechnya and a long history of continuous relations yet. Both *Muslim Al-Shishani* and *Abu Musa Al-Shishani* have participated in many terrorist attacks against Russian forces in the nineties of the last century, most notably was the "Allah's good". Not only that, the military commander in the countryside of Lattakia in *Ahrar Al-Sham* is *Abu Al-Hasan Al-Tabouki* (despite he is Syrian, not Saudi). Also there is enmity

extends between him and Russia which is not less than the enmity of Chechnya. He is one of the senior commanders on the ground of attack operation on *Kasab* 2014 and *jusr-eshoghor* 2015, so who is he?

Iyad Al-Shaar left his city (*jusr-eshoghor*) in 1978 at the age of 11 years, with his family to Saudi Arabia, where his father worked in *Tabuk*. Has been influenced by Salafi Wahhabism early, he is known to an earlier date in the fighting in Afghanistan, he is of latecomers Arab Afghans and fights in the ranks of al-Qaeda with his brother, *Yasser*.

He returned to his hometown after 37 years of leaving by *Jaish Al-Fateh* within the *Al-Ahrar* in 2015 and he was injured. Many rumors appeared of his health on the social network.

So, Abu Hassan is the brother of "*Yasser Al-Souri*", named *Yasser Al-Shaar*, the only Arab who was involved in the terrorist operation that targeted one of the theaters of Russia 12 years ago. There is information confirming that *Al-Souri* who planned and carried out this operation, not just a normal component.

With the outbreak of the Syrian crisis, Abu Hassan returned to Syria, where he joined *Al-Ahrar* by a request of his organization. They are as the organization has no different from "Al-Qaeda", whether in terms of doctrine or behavior or in terms of the quality of leadership that controls the most important joints. From each of these leaders has emerged leaders as *Abu Khaled*, *Abu Maryam Al-Falastini*, *Abu Mohammad Al-Faransi* and many others, all of whom were on the previous organizational links to "Al-Qaeda" or to the global "jihad" in Afghanistan.

In another report, we have dealt with the close relationship between *Al-Ahrar* and the Turkish intelligence, primarily by some of their leaders. We mention them here as *Abu Hassan*, who had with his brother *Yasser* strong relations with the Turkish intelligence services, and the same applies to



Ayman Abu Al-Tot, nicknamed as "*Abu Al-Abbas Al Shami*", who was "the grand mufti of Islamic front" before his death. He was a resident in Turkey for several years, by the knowing of Turkish security services that turned a blind eye for the many links with some terrorist organizations, before being arrested by the Syrian authorities and thrown in *Sednaya* prison and released a presidential amnesty in May 2011.

It is noteworthy that the Moscow theater operation carried out by a group of about 50 Chechen extremists, including Yasser. They attacked, led by Movsar Bariev, a theater in Moscow on October 23, 2002, and held hundreds of hostages, demanding the withdrawal of Russian troops from Chechnya to end the second Chechen war. After two and half days of the siege, Russian Special Forces pumped dignified chemically in the ventilation openings in the building, then stormed it. This operation has killed 39 of the attackers, including *Yasser* by Russian forces, and at least 129 of the hostages.