Muhammad Tahir Shahzad AKA Abu Hamza

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REAL NAME: Muhammad Tahir Shahzad
ALIAS: Abu Hamza, Saif, “Hamza from Haribour”
TO USA, ISAF, NATO
AGE: 25-28

POSITION: AL- QA’ IDA EXTERNAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, GLOBAL MUJAHIDIN MENTOR, AND PAKISTAN IED COMPONENT FACILITATOR
(TS/SI/REL) GROUP ASSOCIATIONS: Al-Qa’ida (AQ), Laskhar-e-Teyyiba (LeT), and Taliban
ADDRESS: Pakistan

MAINTAINS OVER 60 DNI SELECTORS (attached at end)

BACKGROUND:
Muhammad Tahir Shahzad, aka Abu-Hamza, user of is Pakistan-based extremist involved in terrorist and foreign fighter recruiting, AFD IED building, training, and planning, and external operations coordination. Abu-Hamza acted as an intermediary between AQ and Indonesia-based extremist groups Jemaah Islamiyah (JI)/Jemaah Ansharut Tauhid (JAT) members, and was responsible for facilitating the meeting between JI member and AQSL figure. Abu-Hamza and associate have been identified in their involvement with the Abdul Samad IED network in Chaman, PK, where Hamza is reported to play an active role in training commanders in explosives. Recently, Abu-Hamza received fugitive Bali bombing suspect Umar Patek and mediated his travel to Waziristan to meet with senior leadership, and is coordinating the travel and training of two members of a France-based extremist cell to Pakistan. Abu-Hamza’s activities are currently being monitored for his widespread contacts and concurrent activities with elements of AQ, Taliban, LeT, JI, JAT, and others.