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COUNTRY OR NONSTATE ENTITY: (U) LIBYA (LBY).
SUBJECT: (S/NF) BRIGADES OF THE CAPTIVE OMAR ABDUL
Rahman Claim Responsibility for Attack on Benghazi, Libya

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SUMMARY: (U) SEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, TEXT PARAGRAPH 1, BELOW.
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TEXT: 1. (S//NF) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. Brigades of the Captive Omar Abdul Rahman claim ultimate responsibility for the attacks on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. The group has training locations around Libya and subscribe to AQ ideologies.

2. (S//NF) The attack on the American consulate in Benghazi was planned and executed by The Brigades of the Captive Omar Abdul Rahman (BCOAR). BCOAR is also responsible for past attacks on the Red Cross in Benghazi and the attack on the British ambassador, they have approximately 120 members. The BCOAR are connected to Ansar al Sharia katiba, commanded by Sofian AL ((GUMMA)), they are based in Derna but have a branch in Benghazi. Ansar al Sharia share the same ideology as BCOAR, but it is not thought that they were involved in the attack on the U.S. American Consulate on 11 September 2012.

3. (S//NF) The attack was planned ten or more days prior on approximately 01 September 2012. The intention was to attack the consulate and to kill as many Americans as possible to seek revenge for U.S. killing of Aboyshiyne ((ALALIBY)) in Pakistan and in memorial of the 11 September 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings.

4. (S//NF) The leader of BCOAR is Abdul Baset ((AZUZ)), AZUZ was sent by ((ZAWARI)) to set up Al Qaeda (AQ) bases in Libya. It was stated that AZUZ was not a charismatic leader but rather just a violent radical. He is also a member of the Abu Slim Martyrs Katiba, run by Fati ((AGIB)).

5. (S//NF) Within the last year AZUZ established the Al-Tawheed (Oneness of God) college in Derna, the establishment of this college was authorized by the Ministry of Education with the approval of the Under Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Fathi ((AL-KA'ARY)), a member of the Muslim brother hood movement and currently one of the eight presidential candidates. Al-Tawheed College is the headquarters of BCOAR and is located next to the main Derna hospital. The majority of its members are under the age of 28 with a large number between the ages of 17-21 years of age. AZUZ has managed to establish a headquarters and training facility in Derna, they train in the mountains surrounding Derna where they have large caches of
weapons. Some of these caches are disguised by feeding troughs for livestock. They have SA-7 and SA-23/4 MANPADS as well as unidentified missiles over two meters in length. They train almost every day focusing on religious lessons and scripture including three lessons a day of jihadist ideology.

6. *(S/NF)* Approximately 120 men of the BCOAR train in this area and sometimes they are joined by other radical groups such as Abu Slim Martyrs Katiba, Ansar al Sharia Katiba. One of BCOAR’s main planning locations is Hamza Mosque. Nobody with the exception of their group is allowed to pray there, everyone in Derna is aware of this.

7. *(S/NF)* The most important location is Al-Sadaqa Mosque. There is a small rectangular room, approximately 12 meters by 6 meters in the vicinity of the mosque that contains a large number of written documents. The majority of their documentation is written as the group very rarely uses e-mail, these documents contain information on all of the AQ activity in Libya.