

Abu Faraj Al Libi

ISN 10017



Backgrounder

ISN 10017 Mustafa Faraj Muhammad Muhammad Mas'ud Al Jadid Al Uzaybi, who also answers to the kunya "Abu Faraj Al Libi," is a 48-year-old Libyan citizen. A combination of intelligence/investigation and the reports of other GTMO detainees, partially confirmed by ISN 10017, indicate that he was recruited by Al Qa'ida in Tripoli, traveled to the Al Farouq training camp in Afghanistan. He developed expertise and became a trainer in artillery and arms, but then retired from fieldwork to run the camp. When much of Al Qa'ida relocated to Pakistan, ISN 10017 took charge of logistical management of the fighters and their families and oversaw financial needs. Prior to his capture in May 2005 and transfer to GTMO in September 2006, he developed contacts between other terrorist organizations and Osama Bin Laden.

The initial Periodic Review Board (PRB) for ISN 10017 occurred on 16 August 2016, and he elected not to attend. The Board stated its inability to assess the credibility of his profession that he no longer remains a threat to the U.S. As a result of his refusal to participate, he was assessed to be a continuing threat requiring retention. The Board reviewed ISN 10017's file and filings for mitigating or changed circumstances that would necessitate a new hearing on 8 March 2017, 18 October 2017, 11 April 2018, and 17 October 2018, and four times concluded their review raised no question as to whether continued detention was warranted. The subsequent full PRB review on 21 May 2019 was triggered by review schedule requirements.