

**Periodic Review Board:
Subsequent Full Review Hearing, ISN 242 Khalid Ahmed Qasim**

Hearing Summary:

On November 16, 2021, three representatives of non-governmental organizations and two media members observed the Periodic Review Board (PRB) subsequent full review hearing for ISN 242 Khalid Ahmed Qasim. The attendees represented:

- Judicial Watch, Inc.
- Indiana University
- *Al Jazeera English*
- *The Washington Post*

ISN 242 attended this hearing in the company of his personal representative and one of his private counselors, along with an interpreter.

The government reiterated that ISN 242 had traveled to the Al Farouq training camp before the events of 9/11, with the intent of learning to build explosives and use weapons. He remained there and provided explosives and weapons training to others. Though the detainee denies swearing bayat (allegiance) to Osama Bin Laden, he may have performed security and bodyguarding duties for Bin Laden. ISN 242 was captured while fleeing from Tora Bora with a large group of men who primarily served as Bin Laden's personal bodyguards.

The personal representative noted that ISN 242 was educated in both English and Spanish, and he maintained contact with him through letters. He reported that the detainee paints, sketches, and sculpts.

His private counselor presented a statement that he disclosed was partially written by fellow counsel, Sullivan-Bennis, who was not in attendance. The counselor described ISN 242 as a thoughtful and kind man with a passion for art, who always asked about his attorneys, their families, and their faith traditions. The counselor praised the detainee's "keen understanding of light," and noted that he writes poetry in English and is driven to hone his art skills. The detainee's family provided statements indicating he had been accepted in the "Life After GTMO" program, and that he is "not bitter about the past, [...] but looking to the future."

Observations:

ISN 242 appeared to be in good health and well nourished. However, his mannerisms seemed calculated to make himself appear as a stereotypical artist. He spent a lot of time during the hearing leaning back in his chair, with a sweater draped over his shoulders, either staring into the distance while stroking his beard or shooting his cuffs.

The fact that his private counsel stated that the detainee's attorneys and family would be supporting him is significant in the sense of how closely it resembles the support or pension that Al Qaeda is known to sometimes provide to fighters or their widows. This association is supported by the fact that no information was provided at the hearing as to how the detainee would support himself. And other than his skills with explosives and weapons training, his artwork does not support Islamic tradition in such a way that could be considered a reliable means of financial support.

The PRB has not made a determination regarding ISN 242's threat status as of December 29, 2021.