



(U//FOUO) New AQAP Magazine Encourages Western Readers to Conduct Attacks in the West

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(U) Scope

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(U//FOUO) *Inspire* Magazine Advocates Anti-Western Ideology and Offers Extremist Tradecraft Guidance

(U//FOUO) On 11 July 2010, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) published the first edition of an English-language online magazine, *Inspire*, which encourages Western readers to conduct attacks in the West and to join the "jihad." There has been limited reaction posted in response to the magazine's release; however, the magazine has been replicated on several social media Web sites.

(U//FOUO) The magazine includes an interview with AQAP emir Nasir al-Wahishi (aka Abu Basir) and articles by Anwar al-Aulaqi^{USPER}, al-Qa'ida leader Usama bin Laden, and al-Qa'ida deputy leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. Additionally, the magazine provides guidance on making an explosive device.

- (U//FOUO) Al-Wahishi, in what is described as an exclusive interview for *Inspire*, states that America's actions "require us to wipe them out of the map completely. America is a cancer that needs to be removed along with the West." Al-Wahishi advises Muslims in the West to "acquire weapons and learn methods of war" and states that Muslims in the West are "living in a place where they can cause great harm to the enemy."
- (U//FOUO) In a section titled, "The Dust Will Never Settle Down Campaign," AQAP provides a "hit list" of individuals associated with defaming the prophet Mohammed and Islam. As part of the campaign, al-Aulaqi claims the proper response to Western defamation of Islam "is the execution of those involved" and that "assassination, bombings, and acts of arson" are legitimate tactics. Al-Aulaqi also says "any Western target [is] legal from an Islamic viewpoint."
- (U//FOUO) Included in the section called "Open Source Jihad"—referred to by AQAP as "America's worst nightmare"—is an article titled, "Make a Bomb in the Kitchen of Your Mom." The article provides general step-by-step instructions for constructing a pipe bomb using readily accessible items that could be acquired without arousing suspicion.

(U) Outlook

(U//FOUO) The DHS/Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) and the FBI have no information to indicate AQAP or its followers are planning an attack in coordination with the publication of this magazine. As of 13 July 2010 at 1400 EDT, the DHS Open Source Enterprise found no individuals stating their intent to conduct violent actions in response to the *Inspire* publication. DHS/I&A and the FBI are concerned, however, that the sophisticated, colloquial English-language magazine could appeal to certain Western individuals and inspire them to conduct attacks in the United States in the future. As AQAP's first official publication geared towards English-speaking readers, *Inspire* reflects the group's interest in reaching a Western audience and is a significant addition

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to the group's media campaign. DHS/I&A and the FBI encourage the reporting of suspicious activity to appropriate authorities and vigilance on the part of our homeland security, military, and law enforcement partners.

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