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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to provide a visual recognition guide for those that do not speak Arabic, as well as those who do, of the various publications, training manuals, books and other materials that are directly associated with al-Qaeda. It is meant to assist those working checkpoints, conducting searches and performing other tasks where there is a need to recognize and identify relevant documents.

The publications represented in this guide are not merely supportive of al-Qaeda but rather contain actual writings by group members and to the best of our ability to determine are produced directly or indirectly by the group or its affiliates.

Possession of any of the documents listed in this recognition guide does not necessarily signify that one is a member of al-Qaeda or even a supporter of the group. However, it does demonstrate some knowledge of the group and where to obtain these publications, which while widely circulated in the jihadi community are not otherwise broadly available. If the individual possessing the materials is not a member of the counterterrorism community or have another professional justification for why they are in possession of such materials, it may serve as an indicator of some level of participation or support of the group and should be considered as one point of interest in the greater context of the situation.

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Updates of this report will be made available on a regular basis. The most current version will always be available in the IntelCenter SIG of the FBI's LEO network. Future versions will contain new releases of the publications already listed as well as al-Qaeda training manuals and other publications and books, which were released over the course of the past three years.

### **FORMAT**

- Unless where otherwise noted the images are representative of the covers of the publications. These publications are frequently distributed electronically as Word or PDF files. Consequently, hard copies are often likely to be in the form of computer printouts and in black and white.
- Each publication is listed with the most recent issue as first and then going backwards from that issue chronologically.

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- Current al-Qaeda training publication. The magazine is published by the Military Committee of the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula. Four issues have been released to date.



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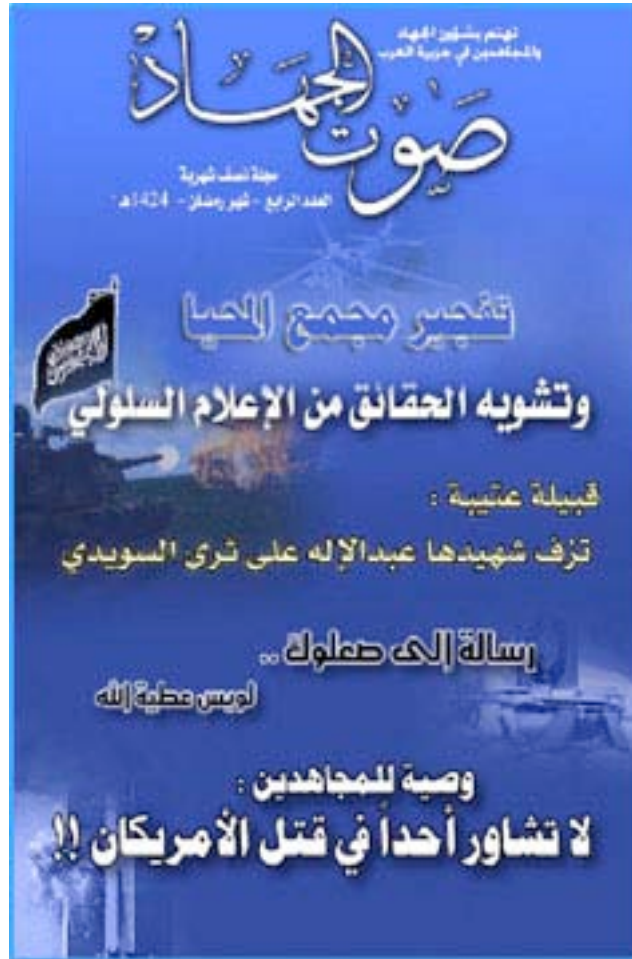
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