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## **APPENDIX: How dangerous are Freed Guantanamo Prisoners?**

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As of June 5, 2014, 620 Guantanamo prisoners have been released or transferred abroad. Of those 620, we have identified 54 who are either confirmed to be or suspected of engaging in militant activities against either the U.S. or non-U.S. targets. We have placed them in the following categories:

**Category 1: GTMO detainees confirmed to be engaging in militant activities against U.S. targets.**

**TOTAL: 15, 2.4%**

**Category 2: GTMO detainees suspected of engaging in militant activities against U.S. targets**

**TOTAL: 21, 3.4%**

**Category 3: GTMO detainees confirmed to be engaging in militant activities against non-U.S. targets**

**TOTAL: 9, 1.2%**

**Category 4: GTMO detainees suspected of engaging in militant activities against non-U.S. targets**

**TOTAL: 9, 1.2%**

**GRAND TOTAL: 54, 8.7%**

\*NOTE: In cases where we could not independently verify the Pentagon's assessment of a named individual's confirmed or suspected involvement in any form of militant activity, we took the Pentagon's assessment at face value. The former detainees are grouped first according to their DoD status -- confirmed, suspected, not publicly listed -- and then listed chronologically by release date.

**Category 1: FORMER GTMO DETAINEES CONFIRMED TO BE ENGAGING IN MILITANT ACTIVITIES AGAINST U.S. TARGETS**

Name	Alternate Name(s)	Country of Origin	Release Date	Country of Release	Alleged Recidivist Activity	Recapture/Death Date	DoD Status	NAF Code	Sources			
Sha Mohammed Alikhel	Shah Mohammed	Pakistan	May 9, 2003	Pakistan	Activity is unknown but he was killed in fighting with U.S. forces.	Unknown	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	
Mohammed Yusuf Yaqub	Inshanullah; Mullah Shazada; Mullah Shahzada	Afghanistan	May 9, 2003	Afghanistan	Took control of Taliban operations in southern Afghanistan.	Killed May 7, 2004	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	<a href="#">TIME</a>
Ibrahim Shafir Sen	N/A	Turkey	November 18, 2003	Turkey	Suspected of and indicted for leading an al-Qaeda cell in Turkey; recruited and trained members, provided them with illegal weapons, and facilitated terrorism.	Arrested January 2008	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	<a href="#">DIA</a>
Mohammed Ismail	Mohammed Ismail Agha	Afghanistan	January 28, 2004	Afghanistan	Recaptured during an attack on U.S. forces; possessed a letter stating he was a Taliban member in good standing.	Recaptured May 2004	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	<a href="#">NBC News</a>
Abdullah Mehsud	Abdullah Mahsud; Said Mohammed Alim Shah	Afghanistan	March 14, 2004	Afghanistan	Became a militant commander in southern Waziristan and directed the October 2004 kidnapping of two Chinese engineers in Pakistan.	Killed July 24, 2007	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>
Abdullah Saleh Ali al Ajmi	Abdullah Saleh Ali al Ajmi	Kuwait	November 2, 2005	Kuwait	Conducted a suicide attack in Mosul, Iraq.	Killed March 23, 2008	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>
Abdullah al Noaimi	Abdullah Majed Sayyah Hasan Alnoaimi; Abdullah Majid al Naimi	Bahrain	November 4, 2005	Bahrain	Involved in terrorist facilitation and has known associations with al-Qaeda.	Arrested October 2008	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	
Nahir Shah	Zahir Shah	Afghanistan	November 2, 2007	Afghanistan	Participated in terrorist training.	N/A	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	
Muhammad al Awfi	Mohammed Otaik Owaid al Afi al Harbi; Abu Hareth Muhammad al Awfi; Mohammed al Awfi; Mohamed Atiq Awayd al Harbi	Saudi Arabia	November 9, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Became field commander for AQAP in Yemen.	Arrested February 2009; Extradited to Saudi Arabia	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">CNN</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>
Said Ali al Shihri	Said Ali Jabir al Khathim al Shihri; Saeed al Shehri; Said Ali Shari; Abu Sufyan al Azdi al Shihri; Abu Sufyan al Azdi al Shihri	Saudi Arabia	November 9, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Became deputy commander of AQAP in Yemen.	Reportedly Died in January 2013 from Injuries Sustained in a U.S. Drone Strike in November 2012.	Confirmed	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>
Abdullah Ghulam Rasoul	Mullah Abdullah Zakir, Abdul Qayyum; Mullah Abdul Qayyum Zakir	Afghanistan	December 12, 2007	Afghanistan	Became a Taliban leader in southern Afghanistan; said to be Mullah Omar's top deputy.	N/A	Listed by DoD as Suspected	1	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	

Abdul Rahman Noorani	Abdul Rahman Noor	Afghanistan	July 16, 2003	Afghanistan	Listed by the DoD in 2007 as the Taliban's deputy defense minister and participating in attacks against U.S. troops in Kandahar. However, he was removed from the 2009 DoD list for reasons that remain unknown.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	1	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	<a href="#">NBC News</a>
Ali Husayn Abdullah al Tays	Ali Hussain al Tais; Ali Hussein al-Taiss	Yemen	December 15, 2006	Yemen	Joined AQAP in Yemen after his release.	Surrendered August 2010	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	1	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">AFP</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>
Hani Abdul Muslih al Shulan	Hani Abdu Shu'alan; Hani Abdo Shaalan	Yemen	June 18, 2007	Yemen	Joined AQAP in Yemen and plotted an attack against the British embassy in Sanaa.	Killed December 17, 2009	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	1	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Abdul Rauf Aliza	Mullah Abdul Rauf; Maulvi Abdul Rauf Khadim	Afghanistan	December 12, 2007	Afghanistan	Served as the Taliban's shadow governor in Uruzgan province and was reportedly rising quickly through the ranks.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	1	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	

**Category 2: FORMER GTMO DETAINEES SUSPECTED OF ENGAGING IN MILITANT ACTIVITIES AGAINST U.S. TARGETS**

Name	Alternate Name(s)	Country of Origin	Release Date	Country of Release	Alleged Recidivist Activity	Recapture/Death Date	DoD Status	NAF Code	Sources			
Shai Jahn Ghafoor	Maulavi Abdul Ghaffar; Maulvi Abdul Ghaffar	Afghanistan	March 23, 2003	Afghanistan	Became a Taliban regional commander in Uruzgan and Helmand provinces; killed while fighting Afghan forces.	Killed September 25, 2004	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>	
Mohammed Nayim Farouq	Mohammed Naim Farouq	Afghanistan	July 16, 2003	Afghanistan	Associated with the Taliban and al-Qaeda; suspected of involvement in anti-coalition activity.	N/A	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">DIA</a>	<a href="#">Reuters</a>
Abdullah Ghofoor	N/A	Afghanistan	March 14, 2004	Afghanistan	Became a Taliban commander suspected of planning attacks on U.S. and Afghan forces; killed in a raid by Afghan security forces.	Killed, Date Unknown	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Isa Khan	Issa Khan	Pakistan	September 17, 2004	Pakistan	Associated with Tehrik-i-Taliban.	N/A	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Muhibullah	N/A	Afghanistan	July 19, 2005	Afghanistan	Associated with the Taliban.	N/A	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Saad Madhi Saad Hawash al Azmi	Saad Madai Saad Ha Wash Ai Azmi; Saad Madhi Saad Howash al Azmi; Sa Ad Madhi Sa Ad Howash al Azmi	Kuwait	November 2, 2005	Kuwait	Associated with al-Qaeda.	N/A	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	
Haji Sahib Rohullah Wakil	Mullan Haji Rohullah	Afghanistan	April 30, 2008	Afghanistan	Associated with terrorist groups.	N/A	Suspected	2	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	
Mishal Muhammad Rashid al Shedoky	Mish'al Muhammad Rashid al Shedoky	Saudi Arabia	May 14, 2003	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Mehdi Mohammed Ghezali	N/A	Sweden	July 6, 2004	Sweden	Arrested in Pakistan in 2009 for lacking proper immigration stamp; associated with a man who was arrested for a plot to attack a Danish newspaper.	Arrested December 2009; Current Whereabouts Unknown	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">CNN</a>	<a href="#">AP</a>

Mohammad Ilyas	Qari Jaml, Qari Jamil	Pakistan	September 17, 2004	Pakistan	Allegedly head of a "gang" responsible for bombing an Italian restaurant in Rawalpindi and the Danish Embassy in Pakistan, as well as the suicide bombing that killed the Pakistan Army Surgeon General in February 2008; reportedly linked to al-Qaeda planner Usama al-Kini.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">AFP</a>	
Fahd Salih Sulayman al Jutayli	Fahd Bin Salih Bin Sulaiman Ai Jutaili	Saudi Arabia	May 18, 2006	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	Killed September 14, 2009	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Adnan Mohammed Ali	Adnan Muhammed Ali al Saigh; Adnan Mohammed al Saigh Ali; Adnan Mohammed (al Saigh Ali)	Saudi Arabia	May 18, 2006	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Othman Ahmed Othman al Omairah	Ali Ahmad Salih Ba'awda Ba'awda	Saudi Arabia	June 24, 2006	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Jabir Jubran al Fayfi	N/A	Saudi Arabia	December 13, 2006	Saudi Arabia	Joined AQAP after release from rehabilitation program; provided authorities with intel necessary to disrupt AQAP cargo plane bomb plot.	Surrendered October 2010	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>
Ibrahim Sulayman Muhammad Arbaysh	Ibrahim Sulayman Muhammad (al Rubaysh) Arbaysh; Ibrahim Suleiman al Rubaish; Ibrahimj Sulayman Muhammad Arbaysh	Saudi Arabia	December 13, 2006	Saudi Arabia	Described as the theological guide of AQAP in Yemen.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>
Sabar Lal Melma	Sabar Lal, Saber Lal	Afghanistan	September 28, 2007	Afghanistan	Suspected of leading and financing insurgent attacks.	Killed September 2, 2011	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	
Abu Sufian Ibrahim Ahmed Hamuda Bin Qumu	Abu Sufian Ibrahim Ahmed Hamouda; Sufyan Ben Qumu	Libya	September 28, 2007	Libya	Suspected of involvement in the 2012 attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>
Turki Mash Awi Zayid al Asiri	Turki Mish'awi Za'id Alj Amri	Saudi Arabia	November 9, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Murtadha al Said Makram	Murtada Ali Said Maqram; Murtadha Ali Magram; Murtadhaal Said Makram	Saudi Arabia	November 9, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Wanted by Saudi government for terrorism-related matters, including being linked to al-Qaeda.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	

Hafizullah Shabaz Khail	Hafizullah Shahbaz Khiel, Hafizullah Shahbaz Khail	Afghanistan	December 12, 2007	Afghanistan	Arrested by Afghan police in 2008 for treating sick Taliban members.	Arrested September 2008	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">FOX News</a>	<a href="#">AP</a>
Abdul Hafiz	Abdul Qawi	Afghanistan	December 9, 2009	Afghanistan	Suspected of returning to the Taliban and targeting Afghan charity workers.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	2	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Newsweek</a>	

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Name	Alternate Name(s)	Country of Origin	Release Date	Country of Release	Alleged Recidivist Activity	Recapture/Death Date	DoD Status	NAF Code	Sources			
Ravil Shafeyavich Gumarov	N/A	Russia	February 27, 2004	Russia	Arrested for and charged with blowing up a gas pipeline in Bugulma, Tartarstan, Russia.	Arrested January 2005; Convicted May 2006	Confirmed	3	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">RFERL</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>
Timur Ravilich Ishmurat	Timur Ishmuratov	Russia	February 27, 2004	Russia	Arrested for and charged with blowing up a gas pipeline in Bugulma, Tartarstan, Russia.	Arrested January 2005; Convicted May 2006	Confirmed	3	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">RFERL</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>
Ibrahim Bin Shakaran	N/A	Morocco	July 31, 2004	Morocco	Recruited Moroccans to fight for al-Qaeda in Iraq. Co-founder of Harakat Sham al Islam, a violent militant group in Syria. The group is known for a massacre of religious minorities in Latakia province in August 2013.	Arrested November 2005; Convicted September 2007; Killed April 1, 2014	Confirmed	3	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">DIA</a>	<a href="#">WSJ</a>
Mohammed Mizouz	Mohammed Mazoz; Mohammed Bin Ahmad Mizouz	Morocco	July 31, 2004	Morocco	Recruited Moroccans to fight for al-Qaeda in Iraq. Co-founder of Harakat Sham al Islam, a violent militant group in Syria. The group is known for a massacre of religious minorities in Latakia province in August 2013.	Arrested November 2005; Convicted September 2007; Current Whereabouts Unknown	Confirmed	3	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">DIA</a>	<a href="#">WSJ</a>
Majeed Abdullah al Joudi	Majid Abdallah al Judi; Majid Abdulla al Joudi; Mojeed Abdullah; Majid Abdullah Lahiqa al Joudi	Saudi Arabia	February 20, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Involved in terrorist facilitation.	N/A	Confirmed	3	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Slimane Hadj Abderrahmane	N/A	Denmark	February 24, 2004	Denmark	Reportedly killed while fighting against the al-Assad regime in Syria.	Killed February 2013	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	3	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Copenhagen Post</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>
Mohammed Souleimani Laalami	Mohamad Souleimani Laalami	Morocco	February 7, 2006	Morocco	Co-founder of Harakat Sham al Islam, a violent militant group in Syria. The group is known for a massacre of religious minorities in Latakia province in August 2013.	Killed August 2013.	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	3	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Jurist</a>	<a href="#">WSJ</a>
Usama Hassan Ahmed Abu Kabir	N/A	Jordan	November 2, 2007	Jordan	Arrested for planning attacks on Israel during Operation Cast Lead in 2009.	Arrested April 2009; Sentenced February 2010	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	3	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Haaretz</a>	<a href="#">Jerusalem Post</a>

Yusef Mohammed Mubarak al Shihri	Yusef M Modaray; Youssef al-Shihri	Saudi Arabia	November 9, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Brother of Said Ali al Shihri, deputy commander of AQAP in Yemen; was killed in a police shootout while trying to conduct a suicide bombing.	Killed October 2009	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	3	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	<a href="#">CSM</a>
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Rasul Kudayev	Rasul Kudaev; Abdullah D. Kafkas	Russia	February 27, 2004	Russia	Arrested in Nalchik, Russia for suspected involvement in an assault on government facilities.	Arrested October 2005	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>	
Ruslan Odizhev	Ruslan Anatolovich Odijev	Russia	February 27, 2004	Russia	Participated in several terrorist acts, including an October 2005 attack in the Caucasus region that killed and injured several police officers.	Killed June 27, 2007	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Post</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>
Almasm Rabilavich Sharipov	N/A	Russia	February 27, 2004	Russia	Associated with terrorist group Hezb-e-Tahrir.	N/A	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Moazzam Begg	Moazzan Begg	Great Britain	January 25, 2005	Great Britain	Accused of providing instruction and training for terrorism, and funding terrorism overseas.	Arrested February 25, 2014	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	4	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">CNN</a>	<a href="#">Independent</a>
Abdul Rahim Muslim Dost	Abdul Rahim Muslimdost	Afghanistan	April 18, 2005	Afghanistan	Traded by the Pakistani government to the Taliban for the Pakistani Ambassador to Afghanistan in 2008; reportedly a Taliban commander in Pakistan's tribal areas.	N/A	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	4	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">LWJ</a>	
Mubarak Hussain Bin Abul Hashem	Mubarak Hussein; al Rauf	Bangladesh	December 15, 2006	Bangladesh	Detained for one month in Bangladesh for suspected anti-state activities.	Detained December 23, 2006.	Not Listed Publicly by DoD	4	N/A	<a href="#">NYT</a>	<a href="#">Taipei Times</a>	
Humud Dakhil Humud Said al Jadan	Hamud Dakhil Hamud; Dakhil Humud Said al Jidany Hamud; Dakil Humud Sa'id al Jidany Hamud; Humud Dakhil Humud Sa'id al Jad'an	Saudi Arabia	July 15, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Suspected of association with known terrorists.	N/A	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Abd al Razaq Abdallah Hamid Ibrahim al Sharikh	Razaq. Abdullah; Abdullah R Razaq; Abd al Razaq Abdallah Ibrahim al Tamini	Saudi Arabia	September 5, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Arrested for supporting terrorism.	Arrested September 2008	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		
Abdulhadi Abdallah Ibrahim al Sharakh	Abd al Hadi Abdallah Ibrahim al Sharikh	Saudi Arabia	September 5, 2007	Saudi Arabia	Arrested for associating with terrorist members and supporting terrorism.	Arrested September 2008	Suspected	4	<a href="#">DoD</a>	<a href="#">NYT</a>		