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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

July 2010 Grand Jur R 4246 JM

<u>INDICTMENT</u>

Case No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. BASAALY SAEED MOALIN (1), MOHAMED MOHAMED MOHAMUD (2), aka "Mohamed Khadar" aka "Sheikh Mohamed" ISSA DOREH (3), aka "Sheikh Issa" Defendants.

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Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2339A(a) -Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Terrorists; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2339B(a)(1) -Conspiracy to Provide Material Support to Foreign Terrorist Organization; Title 18, U.S.C. Sec. 956 - Conspiracy to Kill in a Foreign Country; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1956(h) - Conspiracy

to Launder Monetary Instruments; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2339A(a) -Providing Material Support to Terrorists

The grand jury charges:

INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

Al-Shabaab is a violent and brutal militia group that uses intimidation and violence to undermine Somalia's Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and its supporters. On or about February 26, 2008, the U.S. Department of State designated "Al-Shabaab" as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) under Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist under Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended.

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Al-Shabaab is also known by the following names, among others: al-Shabab; Shabaab; the Youth; Mujahidin al-Shabaab Movement; the Youth Movement; Mujahidin; MYM; Harakat Shabaab al-Mujahidin; Hizbul Shabaab; Hisb'ul Shabaab; al-Shabaab al-Islamiya; al Shabaab al-Islam; al-Shabaab al-Jihaad; Youth Wing; and "the Unity of Islamic Youth."

- 2. Throughout al-Shabaab's war against the TFG and its Ethiopian and African Union supporters, al-Shabaab has used harassment and targeted assassinations of civilians, improvised explosive devices, rockets, mortars, automatic weapons, suicide bombings, and general tactics of intimidation and violence.
- 3. Until his death on or about May 1, 2008, Aden Hashi Ayrow, aka "Shiqalow," aka "Sheikhalow," aka "Muja Dhuub," aka "Slim Limbs," was a prominent military leader of al-Shabaab. Ayrow called for foreign fighters to join al-Shabaab in a "holy war" against the Ethiopian and other African forces in Somalia. Ayrow's call was echoed by al-Qaeda leadership, including Usama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri, and fighters from other countries have traveled to Somalia to engage in violent jihad.

Count 1

CONSPIRACY TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORISTS

Beginning on a date unknown to the grand jury, and continuing to at least on or about August 5, 2008, within the Southern District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BASAALY SAEED MOALIN, MOHAMED MOHAMED MOHAMUD, aka "Mohamed Khadar," aka "Sheikh Mohamed," and ISSA DOREH, aka "Sheikh Issa," did unlawfully and knowingly conspire and agree with each other, and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to provide material support and resources, to wit: currency and monetary instruments, knowing and intending that the

material support and resources were to be used in preparation for and in carrying out violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 956, conspiracy to kill persons in a foreign country, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2332a(b), conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction outside of the United States; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339A(a).

Count 2

CONSPIRACY TO PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION

Beginning on or about February 26, 2008, and continuing to at least on or about August 5, 2008, within the Southern District of California, and elsewhere, and occurring in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, defendants BASAALY SAEED MOALIN, MOHAMED MOHAMED MOHAMUD, aka "Mohamed Khadar," aka "Sheikh Mohamed," and ISSA DOREH, aka "Sheikh Issa," did unlawfully and knowingly conspire and agree with each other, and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to provide material support and resources, to wit: currency and monetary instruments, to a foreign terrorist organization, namely, alshabab, which has been designated as a foreign terrorist organization since on or about February 26, 2008, knowing that the organization was designated as a terrorist organization (as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(g)(6)) and that the organization had engaged and was engaging in terrorist activity and terrorism; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1).

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Count 3

CONSPIRACY TO KILL IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY

Beginning on a date unknown to the grand jury, and continuing to at least on or about August 5, 2008, within the Southern District of California, and elsewhere, defendants BASAALY SAEED MOALIN, MOHAMED MOHAMED MOHAMUD, aka "Mohamed Khadar," aka "Sheikh Mohamed," and ISSA DOREH, aka "Sheikh Issa," did unlawfully and knowingly conspire and agree with each other, and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to commit acts outside the United States that would constitute the offense of murder if committed in the special maritime or territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Overt Acts

In furtherance of said conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California:

- On or about December 21, 2007, Aden Hashi Ayrow ("Ayrow") advised defendant BASAALY SAEED MOALIN ("MOALIN") by telephone that he urgently needed several thousand dollars. Defendant MOALIN replied that he would take care of the issue swiftly with "Sheikh Issa."
- 2. On or about December 21, 2007, defendant MOALIN advised defendant ISSA DOREH ("DOREH") by telephone that "one dollar a day per man" was needed for the forces.
- 3. On or about January 20, 2008, after telling defendant MOALIN that "we planted a land mine" for an individual "who was traveling on that road; he was almost hit," Ayrow instructed defendant MOALIN by telephone to tell "Sheikh

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Mohamed" that "he must let us know the amount of money we can expect every month, even if it is one hundred dollars."

- 4. On or about February 13, 2008, defendants MOALIN, DOREH and MOHAMED MOHAMUD ("MOHAMUD") caused the transfer of \$2,000 from San Diego, California, to Somalia.
- 5. On or about February 14, 2008, defendant MOALIN told Ayrow by telephone that "Yusuf Mohamed Ali" was the recipient name used to transfer a total of \$2,000 to Ayrow.
- 6. On or about April 12, 2008, Ayrow told defendant MOALIN by telephone that "it is time to finance the jihad."
- 7. On or about April 12, 2008, defendant MOALIN told an individual by telephone that "to eliminate those men . . . we must send someone to talk to the people . . . we can find thirty men who can pay small amounts."
- 8. On or about April 17, 2008, defendant MOALIN told defendant MOHAMUD by telephone that "calls are coming from the man" and that defendant MOHAMUD should hold back twenty or thirty trusted people at the mosque to tell them to contribute money.
- 9. On or about April 23, 2008, defendants MOALIN, DOREH and MOHAMUD caused the transfer of \$3,000 from San Diego, California, to Somalia.
- 10. On or about April 24, 2008, defendant MOALIN advised Ayrow by telephone that the "three bundles" [code for \$3,000] were sent from San Diego via Amal.

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- 11. On or about July 8, 2008, defendant DOREH advised defendant MOALIN by telephone that the money had been sent, and that "Dhunkaal Hersi" was the code name used as the recipient's name.
- 12. On or about July 13, 2008, after being advised by uncharged co-conspirator #1 in Somalia that it was difficult to replace ammunition and that each rocket-propelled grenade cost \$270, defendant MOALIN told uncharged co-conspirator #1 by telephone that "five cartons" [code for \$5,000] were on their way, but would be broken into several transfers.
- 13. On or about July 15, 2008, defendant DOREH caused the transfer of \$2,280 from San Diego, California, to Somalia.
- 14. On or about July 23, 2008, defendant MOALIN caused the transfer of \$1,650 from San Diego, California, to Somalia.

 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 956.

Count 4

CONSPIRACY TO LAUNDER MONETARY INSTRUMENTS

Beginning on a date unknown to the grand jury, and continuing to at least on or about August 5, 2008, defendants BASAALY SAEED MOALIN, MOHAMED MOHAMUD, aka "Mohamed Khadar," aka "Sheikh Mohamed," and ISSA DOREH, aka "Sheikh Issa," did unlawfully and knowingly conspire and agree to transmit and transfer monetary instruments and funds from a place in the United States to a place outside the United States, to wit: Somalia, with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activities, to wit: providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2339B(a)(1); providing material support to terrorists, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,

Section 2339A(a); and conspiracy to kill persons in a foreign country, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 956; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(2)(A) and (h).

Count 5

PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORISTS

On or about January 3, 2008, within the Southern District of California, and elsewhere, defendant BASAALY SAEED MOALIN, did unlawfully and knowingly provide and attempt to provide material support and resources, to wit: a house in Somalia, knowing and intending that the material support and resources were to be used in preparation for and in carrying out a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 956, conspiracy to kill persons in a foreign country; all in violation of Title 18, United States Section 2339A(a).

DATED: October 22, 2010.

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A TRUE BILL:

Foreperson

2 5 OCT 2010 I hereby attest and certify on

That the foregoing document is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in my office and in my legal custody.

CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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