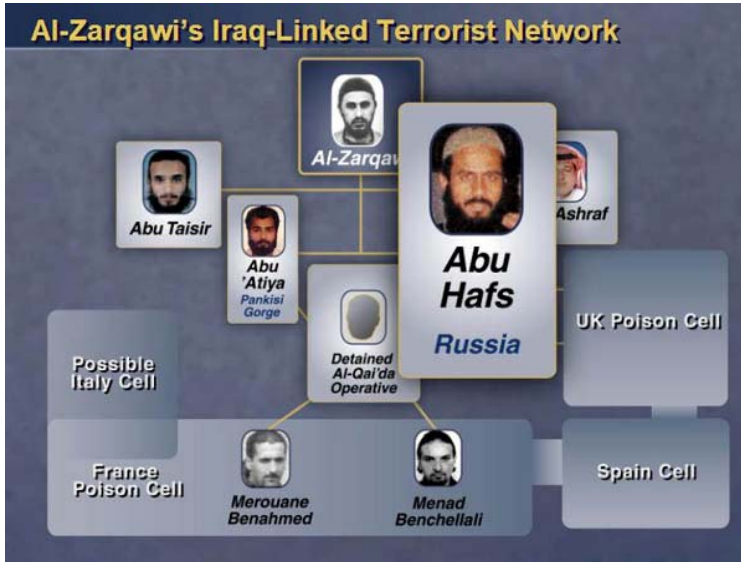




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Communiqué from Abu Hafs al-Urdani (Jordan), Commander of the Foreign Mujahideen in Chechnya



[Note: The author of this communiqué, Abu Hafs, a Jordanian national and representative of the Chechen mujahideen Shura council, is believed to be the same individual profiled by former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in his February 5, 2003 speech before the United Nations as a principle conspirator in “[Abu Musab] Al-Zarqawi’s Iraq-linked Terrorist Network.” According to Time Magazine, Abu Hafs last slipped into Chechnya through Georgia’s Pankisi Gorge in August 2002. Following the deaths of Ibn-ul-Khattab, Abu al-Walid al-Ghamidi, and—most recently—Abu Omar al-Saif, Abu Hafs seems to have taken control of the Al-Qaida-linked foreign mujahideen brigade active in the Caucasus.]

January 2, 2006

“In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious Most Merciful:”

“All praise be to almighty Allah, and blessings be upon the shining example of the mujahideen, and our prophet Mohammed, his family, and supporters as well. [To] my brothers, the [seekers] of the Kaaba, and my Muslim brothers all over the world. May peace and Allah’s blessings be upon all of you. During these blessed days of the month of Dhul Hijjah—the wonderful time of year in which we fulfill the Hajj—I am pleased to inform you, first of all, that, praise be to Allah, we have been progressing from victory to victory and from one accomplishment to the next. We could not have done so without the grace and assistance of Allah and and without you standing steadfast at our side—despite all that has been conspired against the jihad and the mujahideen around the world. Indeed, Allah manifests that which he desires, regardless of what the infidels would prefer.”

“My Muslim brothers... praise be to Allah, the lengthy battle in Chechnya has only strengthened the jihad and the mujahideen in Chechnya and throughout the rest of the Caucasus region. We have received so much support that, lately, we have found ourselves to be overwhelmed by the sheer number of men, both young and old, who have come to join us in the jihad. This number is well above the number we actually

