Interview with Senior Al-Qaida Official, Sheikh Khalid bin Abdul Rehman Al-Hussainan

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In January 2012, Hiteen Magazine (Issue #7) published an interview with Sheikh Khalid Bin Abdul Rehman Al-Hussainan, a senior Al-Qaida member who, according to the interview, is “responsible for the religious training and the salvation of the soldiers of the Al-Qaeda network.” In the interview, Al-Hussainan detailed his reasons for participating in jihad after serving for several years as an Islamic scholar. In response to a question about the Afghan Taliban, Al-Hussainan spoke highly of their “sacrifice, hospitality, generosity, and congeniality”, and asserted that strong relationships exist between Arabs and non-Arabs. When asked about the state of the “crusade…in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and surrounding countries,” Al-Hussainan expressed “no doubt that God's help is forthcoming…[i]t's just a matter of days…[t]he enemy is stunned.”

Hiteen: “Hiteen magazine this time has the great honor of presenting a conversation with the great scholar of Islam Sheikh Khalid Abdul Rehman al Hussainan Hifzallah from Kuwait. You authored several books and your reformatory religious lectures and sermons are very famous in the Arab world, especially in Kuwait.”

“You migrated to Khorasan (Afghanistan) a few years ago and took part in Jihad. Today, you are responsible for the religious training and the salvation of the soldiers of the Al-Qaeda network. Through the As-Sahab network, reformatory sermons are being disseminated, which is a very effective way of turning hearts towards Allah.”

“Dear Sheikh! AoA.”

Al-Hussainan: [responds to salam]

Hiteen: “First we would like to thank you for making time for us out of your busy schedule. May God add to your goodness, and make this conversation beneficial for us and the entire Muslim Ummah. Ameen! Good Sheikh! As an introduction to the interview, we would like to know more about you. When and where were you born and spent your life?”

Al-Hussainan: “I am very grateful that you think so highly of me and helped me build up my blessings. May Allah bless your actions and accept your righteous acts. Ameen! Certainly God is benevolent, compassionate, and possess liberty and generosity.”

“Now to answer your question, there is nothing very special about my life, but because you asked I will respond briefly: I was born in Kuwait in 1966 and was raised in such a household that gave special attention to the knowledge of religion.”

“Our father regularly trained us to pray in a congregation. This was the time when I was admitted into a madressah that was superior to others when it came to the education of Islamic laws. Then I went to the Arab Peninsula where I completed my religious studies from a famous institution, praise be to Allah.”
Hitteen: “Dear Sheikh, when did you start your education in the field of Islamic law? Please take us down that road.”

Al-Hussainan: “In 1986, I started my religious studies. For three years I learned from the renowned scholar Sheikh Muhammad bin Saleh al Asimain Rehamullah in the Arabian Peninsula. Similarly, I complete my apprenticeship for three years under Sheikh Suleman al Alwan and other such respected sheikhs. During this period I spent most of my time studying Islamic belief/theology and jurisprudence as this is what people need the most and about which we will be asked on the Day of Judgment.”

Hitteen: “We know that prior to entering the realm of jihad, you spent your time in realm of teaching. We would like you to briefly shed some light on this time as well.”

Al-Hussainan: “By the grace of Allah, who made us invite people towards his faith and created the need for it in our hearts. Allah has stated:

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“Who else has better words to say than the one who invites people towards Allah, do good deeds and say, no doubt, I am from amongst the Muslims.”

“The main focus of our proselytizing and training were the youths. And because most of the youngster do not come to masjid to offer their prayers, we would go to the colleges and universities to deliver sermons there. We would present to them incentives and deterrents in the style, which Quran adopts. To get their attention and in turn change their thinking we would first make them get familiar to us. For this purpose, we would joke and get funny during our speeches.”

“And the truth of the matter is that once a person starts loving someone, he accepts what he is told and is also influenced easily. That’s why we would converse with them in an exciting way. We would make them laugh and kid around with them.”

“Thank God this method was very effective on the youth.”

Hitteen: “We understand that you have authored many books and brief pamphlets on the topic of training. Please tell us more about this.”

Al-Hussainan: “Yes! By the grace of God I have written brief proselytizing pamphlets for the reformation of the lower order of people. For example:”

“1. More than 1000 day-to-day practices of the Prophet (PBUH). (This pamphlet was published by the Majlis Al Haqeeq al Islaami, in Lahore, Pakistan).”

“2. More than 1000 day-to-day prayers.”

“3. Answers to 1000 problems of the women.”

“4. How do we get to the destinations of Allah’s people.”

“5. This is how good and pious are supposed to be.”

“6. How are you preparing for your reckoning?”

Hitteen: “Dear Sheikh! How did you enter the field of jihad, and what encouraged you to do so?”
Al-Hussainan: “In 1427 AH I stepped into the field of jihad. I was obliged to take this path by the book of God, the Prophet’s Sunnat, and stories of his companions. When I read the following edict of God:”

“O Prophet (PBUH), tell them that if you fear for the loss of your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your families, the goods that you earned and your trade, and if these are the things that are more dear to you than fighting in the way of your Allah and His Prophet (PBUH), then wait until calamity from Allah arrives on you. And Allah does not bring unrighteous to the right path.”

“I therefore told myself that I must show God that He, His messenger, and jihad in the name of Allah is more important to me than anything else. And these can’t be achieved through talk, sermonising or listening to sermons, but by illustrating through sacrifices, self-giving, migration and jihad. And when I read the prophets saying:”

“Dead are of three kinds: One who participates in Jihad in the way of Allah with his life and wealth and then when he comes face to face with the enemy, he fights with him until his death. Thus, this is the martyrdom, which would earn him a place after the Prophets, who will only be superior to him because of their prophethood.”

“Which means that through martyrdom you can achieve such a degree of Allah’s graciousness, compassion and the higher places of heaven, that one could never achieve even sitting in one’s city spending years in worship. Jihad is the shortest way of reaching heaven so we give our lives for it, and become martyrs in the path of God. With these thought I opted for the way of jihad and came here.”

Hitteen: “Sheikh! What do you think of Afghanistan, its locals and the mujahdeen? What do you see in the relations between the Taliban mujahideen and its Arab and non-Arab muhajireen brothers?”

Al-Hussainan: “Praise be to Allah, I found Afghanistan, its locals and the mujahideen to be very nice. Which of the several good qualities should I mention? Services and assistance; sacrifice and generosity; hospitality and congeniality; I have seen every sublime quality in them. They really respect the Arab and non-Arab muhajireen; and offer every assistance or aid that is needed—to the extent of opening their homes to them.”

“Certainly the people of Afghanistan have rekindled the memories of the first wave of the Ansar muhajireen...May Allah bless their lives and their actions. Amen! They welcomed us when entire world had forsaken us and accepted every pain that came their way because of us. May allah be happy with them. Amen!”

Hitteen: “What do you think will be result of the crusade that is taking place in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia and its surrounding countries?”

Al-Hussainan: “I have the utmost hope in Allah that the bloodshed and sacrifice offered for the victory of religion will not be in vain. Vengeance will be of the true believers and Allah aids the pious.”

“I have no doubt that God’s help is forthcoming. It’s just a matter of days. The enemy is stunned. In these last moments what we need the most is patience and prayers. Prayers are most effective weapons in the hands of the Muslims. Especially the ones offered at critical moments—such as the ones offered late at night. “
Hitteen: “What are the thoughts of a mujahideen concerning the Palestinian problem? What do you think?”

Al-Hussainan: “By the grace of God, mujahideen consider Al-Aqsa/Palestine more revered than anyone else does and have the will to lay their lives for it. They have promised that until they free Palestine, they will continue to wage jihad and offer their blood and services. Mujahedeen do not just rely on speeches, demonstrations and strikes—as do so many people today—they are offering their body heart and goods to free the Al-Aqsa mosque from Jewish hold/control.”

Hitteen: “After seeing the mujahideen so closely what do you say to those who call them terrorists or extremists?”

Al-Hussainan: “To those who call mujahideen terrorists or extremists i will say: fear god when it comes to your final reckoning!” “Do not listen to the false claims of infidel and hypocritical media outlets!”

“Certainly God says: ‘They will soon be witnessed against and made answerable to what they do. Don't help the Christians against the Muslims by saying what you say.’”