

**INTEGRATED "QUESTIONS FOR DETAINEES"  
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## QUESTIONS FOR DETAINEES

### **A. Purpose of Questions:**

We are attorneys for Salim Hamdan, known in Afghanistan as "Saquer", a Yemeni detainee here at Guantanamo who was captured in Afghanistan on November 24, 2001, at a roadblock on the highway between Kandahar and the Pakistan border. Mr. Hamdan has been charged by the United States Government with the crimes of (1) conspiracy with Osama bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri and others in al-Qaeda to engage in terrorist acts, and (2) material support of terrorism waged by members of al-Qaeda. Mr. Hamdan denies that he is a member of al-Qaeda. Rather, he has stated that his involvement was merely one of a group of drivers who were paid wages in order to transport people and material at Mr. bin Laden's request. Mr. Hamdan denies that he was involved in any terrorist activities against the United States or its allies.

The Court that will hear Mr. Hamdan's case has granted us permission to ask you certain questions in order to determine whether Mr. Hamdan actually was a member of the al-Qaeda inner circle, or whether he was a participant in the planning or execution of any attacks waged by certain members of al-Qaeda against the United States or its allies, including the September 11, 2001, attacks in America.

The following questions and your answers will be used only by attorneys for Salim Hamdan to assist in his defense. The Military Judge in Mr. Hamdan's case has ordered that your responses to these questions shall be translated into English, but may not be communicated "to any member of the Prosecution in any manner."

The questions are designed to obtain information regarding the time period 1996 - November 24, 2001. We do not intend to ask you any questions, and we do not seek to have you provide any information, about what you have experienced after November 24, 2001.

*I did not answer the questions that I circled in red, because they do not relate to the subject matter.*

**B. Questions:**

1. Prior to November 24, 2001, did you know Salim Hamdan, the person in the attached photograph [use a photograph of Hamdan shown to other detainees who have been interrogated]?

*Yes*

1.1 How did you come to know him?

*During my stay in Afghanistan*

1.2 When did you first meet him or otherwise become aware of him?

*I do not remember exactly*

1.3 What was the frequency with which you saw him during the period 1996 - November 2001?

*More than 50 times*

1.4 What were the circumstances of your contact with Mr. Hamdan

during the period 1996 - November 2001?

*The nature of his job with Sheikh Osama bin Laden and the nature of my job was as a media representative for Al-Qaeda, and an official in the military committee for the external operation (outside Afghanistan over seas).*

*Therefore, his appearance with the Sheikh Osama bin Laden's inner circle was a must so he could see Sheikh Osama every time he visits.*

1.5 How familiar were you during the period 1996 - November 2001 with Mr. Hamdan's activities, particularly any assigned responsibilities he had in his association with Osama bin Laden?

*He was a driver and auto mechanic*

1.6. Please describe everything you know about Mr. Hamdan's activities and assigned responsibilities in his association with Mr. bin Laden.

*Most of Osama bin Laden's movement requires his guard and his driver so he is with them.*

1.7 When did you last seem him prior to November 24, 2001? What were the circumstances?

*I saw him the same day he was detained on November 24, 2001. That was before he completed his duty as a transporter for Al-Qaeda's families (OC/ al-Qaeda members' families). The Taliban decided to withdraw from battlefield, and transports all families to Pakistan, and he (Hamdan) was one of the drivers who*

*transported families. And I was personally responsible for transporting and getting out all families from Afghanistan to Pakistan.*

2. Prior to November 24, 2001, did Salim Hamdan [the person in the photograph] have any involvement in the planning of attacks outside Afghanistan or other "special operations outside of Afghanistan" conducted by certain members of al-Qaeda, including the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000, or the September 11, 2001, attacks in America?

*He was not at all a military man.*

2.1 If you believe Mr. Hamdan had no involvement in planning such attacks, please explain the basis for that belief.

*Due to my work as an a Military Official in Al-Qaeda, my job is to oversee all the Al-Qaeda cells abroad, and also, as a member in Al-Qaeda Council (Shoura) the highest executive committee in Al-Qaeda, I am certain of all who works in the field mentioned above.*

2.2 If you believe Mr. Hamdan had some role in planning such attacks, please explain everything you know about his role.

*He did not play any role.*

2.3 Were you in a position to know? If so, please explain why you were in a position to know.

*Same answer of 2.1*

3. Did Salim Hamdan [the person in the photograph] have any involvement in the execution of attacks outside Afghanistan or other "special operations outside of Afghanistan" conducted by certain members of al-Qaeda, including the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000, or the September 11, 2001, attacks in America?

*He did not have any involvement*

3.1 If you believe Mr. Hamdan had no involvement in carrying out such attacks, please explain the basis for that belief.

*Same answer as 2.1. Also, I personally was the executive director of 9/11, and Hamdan had no previous knowledge of the operation, or any other one.*

3.2 If you believe Mr. Hamdan had some role in carrying out such attacks, please explain everything you know about his role.

*He did not have any role.*

3.3 Were you in a position to know? If so, please explain why you were in a position to know.

*Same as 2.1, and 3.1.*

4. Was the planning of al Qaeda's operations outside Afghanistan, including attacks against the United States or its allies, a process in which many people were involved?

*The question not related to the subject*

**REDACTED**

**REDACTED**

**REDACTED**

**REDACTED**

4.1 If not, why not?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

4.2 How many people would have been involved, if you know?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

4.3 Was the information about such operations closely guarded or kept from general dissemination even within the al-Qaeda organization?

***YES, one of the reasons for the success of the outside operations is the secrecy of the operations and not publishing them to keep them from the rival intelligences such as (CIA, FBI, and MI 6, AND OTHERS). So many of UBL's inner circles have no knowledge of what he was planning and so many of Al-Qaeda members and even the trainers at the military camps do not have any knowledge of the works of the outside cells. That includes the civilian employees.***

4.4 Was Salim Hamdan in a position where he would have been consulted or otherwise made aware of any attacks outside Afghanistan before the fact, including the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000, or the September 11, 2001, attacks in America?

***He was not***

4.5 How do you know?

*Same answers as in 2.1, and 3.1*

5. What is the basis of your knowledge regarding the al-Qaeda organization?

*Same answers in 2.1, and 3.1*

6. Did you have any assigned responsibilities within the al-Qaeda organization?

*Same answers as in 3.1, 2.1, and 4.5*

7. Who did you have contact with, and who did you work with, within the al-Qaeda organization, if you had such contact?

*UBL, Shoura Council, and the outside cells.*

8. Was every person who worked for Osama bin Laden invited or allowed to participate in the planning or execution of attacks outside Afghanistan conducted by certain members of al-Qaeda, including the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000, or the September 11, 2001, attacks in America?

*Answer is in question 4, and in question 23.2*

8.1 Who was invited or allowed to participate?

*The answer is in question 4.*



8.2 Was information about the planned attacks shared with others who were not involved?

*The answer is in question 4*

9. Did Mr. bin Laden have people working for him on agricultural or other projects in Afghanistan that did not involve military activities or planning or support for attacks in other countries?

*Yes, and so many*

10. Did Mr. bin Laden have only one driver, or was there a motor pool of several drivers who would transport Mr. bin Laden during the period 1996 to November 2001?

*More than a driver*

10.1 If more than one, do you know approximately how many drivers were in Mr. bin Laden's motor pool?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

11. Do you know whether Mr. Hamdan worked on cars and trucks for Mr. bin Laden, performing repairs and maintenance on them?

*I think so.*

12. Do you know whether Mr. Hamdan was involved in purchasing cars and truck for Mr. bin Laden?

*Selling and buying cars is not my filed. But I think that Hamdan's job description qualifies him to do such work.*

13. Do you know – either generally or specifically – who was involved in the planning of al Qaeda's attacks against the United States or its allies?

*The answer in 4*

14. Do you know specifically who was involved in execution of those plans?

*The answer in 4*

15. To your knowledge, were any of the members of the motor pool involved in the planning or execution of activities outside Afghanistan or other "special operations outside of Afghanistan" undertaken by certain members of the al-Qaeda organization against America or its allies?

*There were not. We did not have shortage in finding personnel. Because most of the drivers were illiterate, and it disqualify them from such activities,*

16. Did Salim Hamdan ever have any role in planning or carrying out any activities that you either directed or were involved in?

*He did not play any role. He was not a soldier, he was a driver. His nature was more primitive (Bedouin) person and far from civilization. He was not fit to plan or execute. But he is fit to change trucks' tires, change oil filters, wash and clean cars, and fasten cargo in pick up trucks. He could tighten bolts, and could select the best car maintenance shop.*

16.1. If so, please describe Mr. Hamdan's role and his activities.

***DID NOT ANSWER***

17. To your knowledge, did Salim Hamdan ever transport any equipment or material to the Ansar ground forces in Afghanistan (Arab fighters supporting the Taliban in their struggle against the Northern Alliance)?

***I do not know. My job was not to conduct military operation in Afghanistan, or Afghani fronts, but operation outside Afghanistan.***

17.1 Did he transport any Taliban weapons to the Ansars (Arab fighters supporting the Taliban in their struggle against the Northern Alliance) who were on the front?

***I do not know***

17.2 Do you know whether Mr. Hamdan had authorization from the Taliban to transport such weapons?

***I do not know***

17.3 In general, do you know whether authorization from the Taliban would have been required to transport weapons to Ansar fighters (Arab fighters supporting the Taliban) in Afghanistan?

***I do not know***

17.4 Do you know whether Salim Hamdan was involved in transporting

such weapons to the Ansars (Arab fighters supporting the Taliban) who were defending Kandahar against the US forces in November 2001?

*I do not know*

18. Was Salim Hamdan an assigned bodyguard for Osama bin Laden?

*He was a driver, carrying guards, and Sheikh Osama Bin Laden*

18.1 Do you know if he was ever asked to play that role on one or two occasions for a particular day or a particular event?

*I do not know*

19. To your knowledge, was Salim Hamdan ever involved in any conspiracy with specific intent to plan or conduct terrorist attacks on America or its allies?

*He was not aiming for such things, whether short term or long term. He was looking for Osama Bin Laden's money. He was not with the ideology of Osama Bin Laden, and people like him, he was only searching for pleasure and money in this life.*

20. Based on your knowledge, was Salim Hamdan someone who provided material aid and support to the planning or execution of terrorist attacks on America or its allies?

*No, it is a repeat question.*

21. Was everyone who ever visited an al-Qaeda facility or an al-Qaeda camp

in Afghanistan a participant in the planning or execution of attacks, whether inside or outside Afghanistan?

*Not true, same answer in question 23.2*

22. Did al Qaeda provide Arab fighters to support the Taliban in their conflict against the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23. Based on your knowledge and experience, did the al-Qaeda organization in the period 1996 - November 2001 have any sort of structure or hierarchy?

*Yes, and I was the Media official, and after that I became the Military official responsible for outside operation, and then I was the official responsible for transporting families to Pakistan and insuring personnel to travel abroad.*

23.1 Was there a group of people who were involved in attacks in foreign countries or other "special operations outside of Afghanistan"?

*Yes, and I was in charge of them, and we have cells overseas. However, Hamdan did not have a slight knowledge of them.*

23.2 Was everyone affiliated with al-Qaeda involved in that group?

*Not true. And whoever thinks this way is a fool, and does not understand Al-Qaeda. We have military men, we have cooks, and some of us work in agriculture projects, and business projects such as dealing with precious stones. Some of us are computer engineers, and nurses. Also, we have among us children*

*teachers, female teachers, translators, and photographers. As the American Army have drivers, cooks, crewmen and legal personal. We also, are human beings. We did not fall from the sky to be an organization and had a base; we are a human organization, not an organization of ghosts. We fight humans not ghosts. We have interests in life. Our people have wives, and children and schools. It is not logical that any one who knew UBL or visited him or associated with Al-Qaeda to be a terrorist trained to kill people as your bad media put it. It is not beyond imagination, that an organization fighting the most powerful force in the world, USA, does not have drivers, cooks, teachers, business men, doctors, and nurses. You can not understand terrorism and Al-Qaeda from 9/11 operation. For a student who is trying to learn math, and to learn calculus, logarithms, and matrix, has to know numbers, addition, and subtraction. Therefore, you can not understand us using force and muscles.*

**REDACTED**

**REDACTED** *So from the 9/11 operation you need to be practical. It is logical to think that everyone from Al-Qaeda is a conspirator or a terrorist. Because we have business projects, educations, and mass media, we could confront you for the eight years consecutively. The American administration, CIA, FBI, and the American Army could not eradicate the Al-Qaeda problem in the Middle East, Far East, Europe, and others. Some of us are Pakistanis, Americans, British, Australians, Indonesians, Saudis, Yeminis, Scottish, and Canadians. We are not Gangs. On the contrary, we are a realistic organization on earth. You fight us with your arsenal and your intelligence. So be realistic in description.*

23.3 Other than planning or carrying out attacks in foreign countries,

what else was al-Qaeda involved in during that time?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23.3.1 Support of the Ansars (Arab fighters supporting the Taliban)?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23.3.2 Support of the Taliban?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23.3.3 Fighting against the common enemy of the Taliban in Afghanistan?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23.3.4 Supplying weapons, material, and soldiers for that effort?

***DID NOT ANSWER***

23.3.5 Was the al-Qaeda organization also involved in any economic activities totally unrelated to military affairs or "special operations outside of Afghanistan" during the period 1996 - November 2001?

24. Who were the senior leaders of al-Qaeda during the period 1996 -

November 2001?

*Did not receive pages*

25. Do you know Nasser al-Bahri ("Abu Jandal")?

*Did not receive pages*

25.1 What is the basis of your knowledge?

*Did not receive pages*

25.2 What was his association with Osama bin Laden, if any?

*Did not receive pages*

25.3 Was he involved in providing protection and security for Osama bin Laden?

*Did not receive pages*

25.4 Was he a member of the al-Qaeda inner circle, in your view?

*Did not receive pages*

25.5 Based on your knowledge and experience, was Nasser al-Bahri ("Abu Jandal") in a position to know who was an insider of the al-Qaeda organization involved in the planning and execution of overseas attacks or other "special operations outside of Afghanistan" during the period from 1996 until 2000?

*Did not receive pages*



26. Did you ever see or hear of Salim Hamdan engaging in any acts of violence or armed combat against the United States or any member of the American military or American civilians, such as launching rockets, firing weapons, igniting explosives, or setting booby-traps?

*No*

Thank you for agreeing to provide us with this information, which is important for the defense of Mr. Hamdan.

***Summary: Addition***

*Hamdan was not a member of Al-Qaeda instead he was an employee who received salary from Osama Bin Laden's personal budget, not from Al-Qaeda budget. Because UBL rejects to pay to who ever serves him personally from Al-Qaeda's budget. Also, and from the beginning, he was not among those who indorsed Osama Bin Laden. Though, not everyone supports Osama Bin Laden means support a military action. So many people supported Osama Bin Laden work in civilian sectors, such as agriculture projects, and have nothing to do with military activities whatsoever.*