

**SUBJECT:** REDACTED INTELLIGENCE REPORT 002

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**SOURCE:** DEBRIEFING OF DETAINEE UNDER COALITION FORCES CONTROL

**UNCLASSIFIED** (AS REDACTED)

**Summary:**

Detainee does not know exactly what group or organization the Iranian trainers belonged. Detainee is not very familiar with elements of the Iranian military. There are two militaries in Iran and the Islamic military is better than the regular military. The Islamic Army in Iran is like the Republican Guard in Iraq during Saddam's regime. At one of the days of sniper training Detainee overheard [REDACTED] talking about the instructors being Officers of the Istala'at group of The Islamic Army in Iran. (**Comment:** Istala'at is probably the Farsi word I'tala'at, which means Intelligence. The word Istala'at is not an actual word in Arabic or Farsi. By Islamic Army Detainee is likely referring to the IRGC but did not specifically say this.) Detainee never saw any of the instructors wear any type of uniform or insignia.

The training Detainee received in Iran was not the normal training given. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have previously attended every type of training available and were assisting in instructing the trainees [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told some of the trainees that the instructors teaching this group were not very good and were giving bad advice [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also said that the instructors in their last training course, for IEDs, were much better and paid more attention to the trainees.

On the last day of range training [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were talking to the instructors about their own abilities as instructors. Detainee overheard one of the Iranian instructors tell [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that they will not return to Iran again, this was their last training session. The Iranian instructor told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that they would be in charge of starting a training program inside Iraq. This is necessary because the border will be under heavy scrutiny as CF begins to look more closely at Iran's association with fighters in Iraq. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who were told that they have enough knowledge on all subjects in order to train fighters in Iraq, because Iran does not want this type of attention right now, will conduct the training. The Iranian instructor did not say anything about supplying or funding this training but Detainee believes that Iran will continue to bring weapons in to Iraq and some of these may be used for this training. Detainee does not know anyone else that has the qualifications that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have. Detainee believes that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended the sniper training with Detainee's group so that the Iranian instructors could make sure they are knowledgeable enough to teach in Iraq. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] kissed the Iranian instructor and these three individuals appeared very close.

Detainee was well aware of the fact that SG members sometimes train in Iran prior to Detainee being told he would attend such training. It is common knowledge that SG members receive training in Iran. Without a doubt, all training received in Iran is intended for use against CF. No one discussed the use of this training with Detainee while Detainee was in Iran or after Detainee returned. No one needed to talk to Detainee about this point because it is known that this training is for use against CF.

Training in Iran focuses on different subjects such as basic weaponry, machine guns, sniper, mortars, IEDs, and anti-aircraft weapons. Detainee only attended the basic weapons and sniper portions of training. Detainee never used his training against anyone, especially CF. Detainee never fired a sniper rifle after returning to Iraq. Detainee quit SG and joined the Iraqi Police in Qusayrin shortly after returning to Iraq. Detainee was allowed to quit SG after returning from Iran because the training that Detainee's group conducted was not good so no one expected anything from Detainee. The situation in Qusayrin was also very quiet at that time because ██████ had fled so no fighting was going on in the area. Iran does not care about the fight between Shi'a and al-Qaeda. Iran just wants to force CF out of Iraq because Iran is afraid CF will use Iraq as a base for an attack in the future. Iran is training people to fight CF, not Al-Qaeda.

██████ told the other trainees that if someone attends IED training in Iran they are given the title of Engineer. Engineers are very good at using roadside bombs and other kinds of explosives. Engineers can be but are not required to be experts at all weaponry, only explosives. Engineers are special, and have to be smart. If you are not smart no one will waste the time and expenses to send you to Iran to train to be an engineer because you will fail. Detainee is not smart enough to be an engineer. The group was told that they could come back in the future for Engineer training if they are smart enough. Detainee did not care about Engineer training and did not want to come back to Iran because their training was a waste of time and Detainee had to leave His family for nothing.

██████ briefly explained to the group about the things that Engineers could do. Detainee did not pay attention to what ██████ was talking about because Detainee is not interested in becoming an engineer. ██████ just talked in general terms about how to place and detonate IEDs. ██████ only talked about these things and did not demonstrate with any IEDs, props or training materials. Detainee did not pay attention to which type of IED ██████ was discussing, a regular IED made with mortars or the special IEDs made in Iran. Detainee has heard of special IEDs made in Iran but has never actually seen one. (**Comment:** Detainee calls EFPs the special IEDs made in Iran.) ██████ mentioned that he has trained people on this subject in Iraq. ██████ told the group that his last trip to Iran was for explosives training, and that he has trained on this subject more than once.

Detainee also heard ██████ and ██████ talking about missiles that can shoot down helicopters and planes. Training on how to use these types of rockets are taught at one of the training courses in Iran ██████ and ██████ told the group that the weapons are very easy to use and are fired like an RPG. You point the weapon at the plane or

helicopter and fire, the missile follows the plane or helicopter until hitting it. ██████ told ██████ that before they came to Iran ██████ loaded one of these missiles into a launcher and did not know how to get it out. ██████ told ██████ that he would do it when they get back to Iraq. ██████ told the group that he and Abu Bashir have several of these weapons in Iraq. Detainee does not know what type of missile ██████ was talking about but was told that it looks similar to an RPG in regards to how it is held. Detainee does not know what makes the missile follow the helicopter or plane.