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(LUUQ CAMP, OGADEN, KENYA, SOMALIA, BUDGET)

Regarding the subject matter of brother Anass's courses:

We found out that it is difficult to do this in the areas that we visited because of dangers pertaining to security. This is why it is preferred that the courses be done by you in Khartoum. As a result this will save us transportation expenses and others.

Regarding contacts with the camps:

You can contact us very easily using wireless communications.

Code Name	Somalia	Bader
	Sudan	Saqer

Frequencies:

May 20th	1-	8559	10:06 am	←
	2-	9237	08:04 pm	
May 21st	3-	12559	10:06 am	
	4-	23556	08:04 pm	

The first frequency is used during even days (20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30)

The second frequency is used during odd days (21, 23, 25, 27, 29)

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LUUQ CAMP

Praise be to Allah I visited brother Ahmed's camp and I stayed with them about 15 days.

Description of the location and the region:

The camp is located in a good district on longitude line 25° 41° and latitude line 26° (Southwest Somalia.)

It is located on the West of the Kenyan borders at a distance of about 11 kilometers. It is separated by a chain of mountains in which the highest mountain is 600 meters.

BaladHawa is located 24 km north, and Garbahari is located 80 km west, and Luuq is located in the Northeast.

Description of the region:

Hills region: This is considered one of the open areas that consist of dense trees, thorn bushes, and mountains covered by thorn bushes of medium density.

Mountain elevation: Medium between - 500 meters to 800 meters

- 1500 feet to 2400 meters feet

And the region is considered one of the best for those fighting guerrilla warfare (Spring boards). It is difficult for any organized force to take over this region, or even think about penetrating it. And I obtained maps covering a small part of the region.

Here is a brief description of the region of which I obtained maps. It should be noted that the region is of good quality tree density. It is useful for men fighting guerrilla warfare.

And the region's borders are: from latitude line: 2° 40° to 3° 45° North

And from longitude line: 10° 41° to 42° 00° East

This region is northeast of the Kenyan borders, it is shaped as a 90-degree triangle, and the length of its base is 92 kilometers, its height 122 kilometers, meaning that the distance of this region is 11,224 km².

There are many Mountain ranges:

- a- Mountain range Southeast of the region. It spans from Southwest to Northeast. It is the largest mountain range consisting of 918 meter-height. The apparent side from the range has a length of 4 km.
- b- Mountain range Southwest of the region, it is intersected by a road between Gerssaley and Berdaley. The highest mountain equals 718 meters.
- c- Mountain range in the East. And the highest mountain there equals 721 meters.
- d- Mountain range in the Northeast enjoys two high mountains: 613 meters and 636 meters.
- e- Hills range in the far North reaches a height of 440 meters.

The region is all covered with thorn bushes and if you go to any mountain peak you will see nothing but trees, therefore your visibility will be more or less 5 meters.

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- a- **Road System:** The road system is not bad. As it is depicted on the map, the road leads to Gerssaley and Berdaley, and it spans to the Kenyan borders at a distance of 27 kilometers away from (Elwakh). This road extends to the Southeast.
- b- **Water:** There are lots of water sources reasonably good. (Explained on the map.)
- c- **Climate:** Hot with high humidity, as it is the case in the forest areas. The rain season is very short, it lasts about two months.

Note:

- 1- **This description concerns the rainy season only, as all the three are green. However, during the drought season the leaves fall, as a result the camouflage is less possible than in the rainy season.**
- 2- **I described to you only the region, which I provided you with its maps. However, the region that enjoys similar hills is bigger than the one described many times.**

Population:

- 1- Marehan tribes live in this region, they originated from Darut, and it is (Seyad Barree's tribe.) Aideed tried to invade this region before but he could not and lost a lot of his supporters there.
According to preliminary information, there are no secular parties in the region. However, there are members, who were previously followers of Seyad Barree.
- 2- There are sympathizer from the region to the Islamic Union (Al-Ittihad Al-Islamy).
- 3- The region where the camp is located: The population density there is extremely low; moving shepherds.

Security of The Region:

From the security point of view, the region is excellent, and the camp's location is very good.

Supplies:

There are several ways to bring supplies to the region, through roadways from Kenya or Somalia.

Conclusion:

And it is very difficult for any organized force to work there.

Enclosed is a copy of a map showing the location of the camp (with a map scale of 200/ unintelligible.)

Page (6) Luuq (follow-up)

The Coalition in Luuq: After the meeting that took place between me and Professor Mahmood, Mohammed Hajji's Assistant, I concluded that the brothers in Luuq (leadership) could not make any personal decisions, as they were under the umbrella of the coalition. And I did confirm this, after the occurrence of many incidents in the region, as a result two brothers were killed by **the Americans**, and five of the brothers were killed by Kenyan forces in an ambush. Professor Mahmood got in touch with Sheikh Ali Warssama and informed him of what took place, the Sheikh then told him there is no need for confrontation. I believe this will become an obstacle in a future operation. (I did not meet with Sheikh Mohammed Hajji Youssef because he did not go there and he went to Mogadishu for a meeting.)

The available means, (Military):

- 1- There are sufficient supplies, especially, in light ammunitions, except RPG is not available. Light and medium weapons in satisfactory quantity (Automatic rifles, light automatic weapons, doschka, Kalashnikov), with the availability of enough ammunitions.
- 2- Artillery division is satisfactory and most of it is good to be used. But there is a lack of ammunition.
- 3- Transportation is rare: (Car, one truck)

Training:

- 1- The brothers started indeed the first training session. The number of trainees must be about 40 members per session; this way we can graduate a group of cadres that will be able to lead a company in guerrilla warfare. The brothers are presently in the Basic Training Course, and it will conclude soon.
- 2- The total number of the brother is 150 (brothers)—40 trainees and they consist: Guards and Administrative duties' forces in the area.

- 3- It is expected that the coalition will admit 150 brothers in the next session.
- 4- The situation of the trainees (from health point of view) was very bad, as a result of malnutrition. But now it has improved tremendously.
- 5- It is expected that others will arrive from various regions, especially, if the coalition makes decisions pertaining to inviting others to Islam.

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Communications:

1- Praise be to Allah we were able to obtain a faraway-communication wireless system. (Brother Saif in Ogaden and brother Omar in Laascaanood were contacted through this system.) Thus, we can hear clearly the Sudanese Agriculture Equipment Division in Kassala and the Ogaden. We went to see him and called them. The sound is clear. Therefore, if it is possible to contact them through this system, we will save more money than the use of the telephone. This will be through the use of codes.

2-We need small devices with repeaters. This is very important, especially during the current discovery patrols. (15 devices) suitable. We also need two devices H.F.

To date no decision on how to bring these supplies has been reached, and we continue to look for ways of achieving this goal.

Transportation:

We are in a great need in this area: They only have one very old used truck belonging to the coalition. And the brothers are in tremendous need to a car, Toyota, at least. Also, if possible, 2 cars.

Other Administrative Issues:

Clothing: Trainees clothing is in low supply.
Shoes: The brothers are in need of (300) military uniforms. A very low supply.
Canteens: “We don’t have. We have only very small quantity.”

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- 1- A decision has been reached about a fixed military budget. Enclosed with the report is a budget of (5000 to 6000 dollars per month.) Because the prices are extremely high, as it is explained in the attached list.
- 2- A financial report on the previous expenses has been submitted, and it is included in the report.

The Brothers' General Needs in LUUQ:

- 1- Trainers:
 - a. Abu Al-Noor
 - b. Abu Al-Haitham
 - c. Abu Al-fateh
 - d. Abu Emad Al-Yamani (First Aid)
 - e. Abu Hamma Al-Saeedy
- 2- Communication Devices:

Quantity	
2	Big Devices
15	Small Devices

Objectives:

The objectives for the brothers in Luuq have been determined:

- 1- Formation of a guerrilla force.
- 2- Discovery and collection of information on the enemy and knowledge of the area in order to be ready for work anytime, Allah's Willing!

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THE OGADEN:

Praise be to Allah, we got in touch with brother Saif through Hamad's device. Thank Allah, the situation is very pleasing. It is apparent the news –(they are surrounded-) we previously received is categorically not true. And I had sent a letter with Sheikh Saleh when I met with him. It contains necessary warnings. Also, I will try to join them, Allah's Willing! I believe I will be obliged to go through Luuq road, because Djibouti road system is not complete and there is a concentration of forces there. And the brother is in desperate need for the monies because he did not receive the amount of \$21,600.

And I spoke to brother Saif and explained to him the situation.

Enclosed is a letter with the report, which just arrived from Saif explaining the situation.

During my meeting with Sheikh Saleh and Sheikh Abdellah Omar, I strongly focused on voicing up our logo: (Make me achieve my earnings under the shadow of my arrow.) I noticed that the Sheikhs' reaction was positive and that the course they took had a good impact on them; as a result it became easier to deal with them.

The brothers are in need of small and big wireless communications devices with repeaters.

Training Subject: As it is explained in the letter, everything is going very well. They need trainers. And I will specify the names of the brothers at the end of the report.

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1- The function of the office in Nairobi is to receive the brothers arriving to work in Luuq or Ogaden, and to equip them and deploy them to the camps. Also it provides administrative services that are not available in Mandera and in other areas, example: medicine etc.

We rented a house for \$500. Brothers Tawfeeq and Salem are residing in it and using it for the aforementioned functions. Thus, a set budget of \$1200 per month for the rent of the house has been specified. The details are in the enclosed report.

2- The security situation: Extreme surveillance, especially of the Arabs. Workers for the Relief Agency were detained because they were accused of supporting Muslim extremists.

3- Kenya is not a good place (Nairobi or Boosasso) for prisoners, as the cost of living is high, plus corruption is dangerously prevalent: Theft, houses' breaking- in, no political stability, and it is possible that there will be an explosion in the country.

4- Enclosed is a financial report from 1/17 to 5/20. And it concludes that brother Saleem has a remaining balance of \$7,917, about \$7,000 (**Translator's Notes:** HE MEANT TO WRITE ABOUT \$8,000.)

5- The operation pertaining to the transfer of the brothers from Nairobi to Luuq will be costly: \$150 for rent per person, and the roadways are not good.

The enclosed report explains details of the budget.

Djibouti

Of course, Djibouti is strategically very important for conducting operations. We must have one of our members there, preferably, he must be married. Because of corruption in the country, the area is not suitable for a bachelor. Therefore, I suggest that you remove brother Khaled as fast as possible. He can be replaced by brother Abu Ahmed Al-Radji (Abdussalam) and his Somali wife. He will perform the same task. And Abu-Ahmed should be sufficient.

Due to the abnormal high cost of living.
Enclosed is a financial report written by brother Khaled regarding previous expenses.

The fixed budget is as follow:

- 1- Rental housing (two rooms only) **\$500**
- 2- Electricity, water **\$ 50**
- 3- Salaries (brothers)
 - Abu Ahmed **\$150** until cost of living adjustment in Djibouti is determined.
 - Abu Khadija **\$150**
 - Abu Youssef **\$100**
 - Pakistanis **\$3100**
- 4- Gas 5 **\$120**
- 5- Other expenses: (Travel tickets, guest entertainment, residency paperwork fees etc.)
- 6- Telephone calls. Very expensive.

The Current Financial Situation:

Brother Khaled has no money. His debts reached **\$4000**.

(The Current Financial Situation:)

- 1- The remaining balance in Nairobi **\$7,917**
- 2- Djibouti He has a debt **\$4,000**
- 3- Luuq Only one month budget remains.
- 4- The brothers in the Ogaden are in daring need to financial support.

Salaries:

Please make a decision regarding the trainers salaries as the majority of them would like pretty much to get married. And this a major problem for them. They reminded that I had told them that the trainers enjoy a special treatment. Kindly, look into it and provide us with a decision quickly.

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- 3- Regarding the subject of Laasqoray: I met with brother Abu Khadija Al-Zahri. It was clear to me that the decision to evacuate the area was taken prior to Sheikh Hassan's visit with us in Sudan. This has nothing to do with food. The storage was abundant with food, according to brother Abu Khadija. And you can ask Abu Talha to confirm this.
- 4- There is a group that split from the General Coalition.

And Allah Knows.

Signed
Abu-Hafess