

Organization Attributes Sheet: Adnan G. el-Shukrijumah

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Adnan Shukrijumah might have become involved with Al Qaeda prior to the 9/11 attacks. By 2004 he was wanted for questioning by the FBI. Reports indicate that he's become an important leader in Al Qaeda tasked with organizing attacks on the United States and other western countries.¹ In 2010, he was indicted for his involvement in a plot to attack New York subways.² This plot was connected to plots in England and Norway, as well.³ His last reported sightings, all unconfirmed, were in 2004 and 2006, where it was claimed that he was in Honduras⁴ and then Texas.⁵
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Terrorism
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reports indicate that Shukrijumah is involved in a plot to detonate either a dirty bomb or a nuclear device in the United States.⁶ The fear is that he will figure out a way to traffic nuclear material or devices into the United States.
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group's operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">United States, Canada,⁷ Guyana,⁸ Suriname,⁹ Trinidad,¹⁰ Afghanistan,¹¹ Pakistan¹²Suspected to have traveled in Honduras,¹³ Panama,¹⁴ and Yemen¹⁵
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">It has been reported that Shukrijumah became Al Qaeda's head of terrorist operations in the West, after the deaths of the two other Al Qaeda operations chiefs with responsibility for attacking the West.¹⁶Shukrijumah is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He might have citizenship in Guyana based on his father's citizenship in that country.¹⁷ Other reports identify him as a Saudi citizen.¹⁸
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shukrijumah reportedly took the chief of operations position in Al Qaeda, after the deaths of the two other members of the operations committee in a 2010 drone attack in Pakistan.¹⁹
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Shukrijumah is reportedly "difficult to work with: temperamental, confident in his ability to the point of being egocentric."²⁰
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a mix of hierarchical organization with organized cells used to implement terrorist attacks.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not much information detailing the way that Shukrijumah is organizing his plots. It

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seems to be centralized, but once the agents are in the field they act with a great deal of independence.²¹

c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)

- Information not found.

F. Resources

a. Financial

- Shukrijumah was connected with a financier in Guyana who owned a currency exchange in Georgetown. The man, Farouk Razac, was strangled to death in 2007.²²

b. Human

- Shukrijumah was educated in chemistry and computer engineering at a community college in Florida.²³ There are disputed reports that he studied at McMasters University in Canada.²⁴ He received training at an Al Qaeda camp in the late 1990s.²⁵

c. Logistical

i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.

- Shukrijumah might have passports from Guyana, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Saudi Arabia.²⁶

ii. Key routes

- Reports in 2004 suggested that Shukrijumah might have been developing a route from Central America to the United States.²⁷
- Shukrijumah was sighted in Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana a few months on either side of the 9/11 attacks. There was an unconfirmed sighting in Honduras in 2004. There was an unconfirmed sighting in Texas in 2006. He was thought to be hiding in Suriname at some point. He was believed to have been in Afghanistan and Pakistan at the same time as Jose Padilla in 2001.²⁸

d. Transportation

i. Land

- Information not found.

ii. Sea

- Information not found.

iii. Air

- Information not found.

iv. Intermodal container

- Information not found.

G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities

a. Corruption

- Information not found.

b. Concealment

- Shukrijumah uses a number of aliases: Adnan Juman,²⁹ Adnan G. el Shukri Jumah; Abu Arif; Ja'far al-Tayar; Jaffar al-Tayyar; Jafar Tayar; Jaafar al-Tayyar, Jaafar the Pilot³⁰
- He has been called a "master of disguise," but no clear evidence of this has been reported. It seems to be imputed from his lack of capture.

c. Deception

- He is thought to travel on several different passports³¹

d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)

- Information not found.

H. Prior / Existing Relationships

a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)

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- There are unconfirmed reports that Shukrijumah has connections with Muslim organizations in Trinidad,³² and Guyana.³³
- There is a report that Shukrijumah met with Mara Salvatrucha and M-18 in Central America.³⁴

b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement, political parties and other state entities, etc.

- Information not found.

c. *Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.*

- Shukrijumah is a member of Al Qaeda

I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)

- Wahabi Jihadism – his father was an imam trained in Wahabi theology in Saudi Arabia.³⁵

J. Technical Sophistication

- He has experience with computers and has some formal education related to chemistry and engineering. However, it is not possible to gauge his proficiency in any of these fields.
- His training in Al Qaeda camps included weapons and explosives.³⁶

K. Penchant for Innovation

- The position that he reportedly holds likely puts a high premium on the ability to innovate new ways of attacking the United States, and his work in the Americas was reportedly aimed at doing just that by finding a new route for smuggling Al Qaeda members and possibly nuclear/radiological weapons into the United States. It would seem that Shukrijumah has a strong penchant for criminal innovation.

L. Activities in United States

a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities

- Shukrijumah is a naturalized citizen who attended community college in Florida.³⁷
- Shukrijumah reportedly traveled around the United States and Canada casing targets for Al Qaeda.³⁸
- Shukrijumah reportedly attended mosques linked to jihadists in the United States.³⁹

b. *Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities*

- There is no information proving that any trafficking has actually been done. There is only information suggesting intent to traffic nuclear materials, and confirmed or unconfirmed sightings throughout the Caribbean and North America.

c. Linkages with US groups

i. Market/transaction links

- Connected to aborted subway bombing plot in 2010.
- No information connecting Shukrijumah to organized crime or traffickers in the United States. However, reported connection to Mara Salvatrucha and M-18, either of which might have affiliated gangs in the United States.

ii. Stable supplier

- Information not found.

iii. Franchise arrangement

- Information not found.

iv. HQ and Branch office

- Information not found.

M. Evaluations

a. Strengths

- Speaks English without an accent
- Familiar with the United States
- Family contacts and associates in the United States, Guyana, and Trinidad.

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- Possible citizen of multiple countries, and possibly traveling on a variety of passports
- Trained in the use of weapons and explosives
- Experienced in the use of computers
- Possibly hiding in Waziristan

b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities

- A lot of money and effort is being put into finding him, which makes it much more difficult for him to operate.
- Although there are unconfirmed reports that Shukrijumah met with Mara Salvatrucha and M-18 in Central America, there are no confirmed connections between him and trafficking organizations in the Americas. For Shukrijumah to approach such organizations to make a connection would be very dangerous to his health, considering that he would be very far from any base of support that could retaliate if he was killed or turned over to government officials in order to get the \$5 million reward on his head.

c. Additional insights

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Other Notes

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