

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Criminal No. 10-187(1) (MJD/FLN)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

AMINA ALI,

Defendant.

Joint Exhibits to:

1) Position of the United States on Sentencing (Dkt # 224); and

2) Government's Response to Hassan's Sentencing Memorandum

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FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-206-6441

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

[Verbatim starts at 19:24:24]

Halima: At this point, what did you and Abu Luqman settled on?

Amina: [OV] Sister, I did not get anything concrete.

Halima: What?

Amina: I did not get anything concrete --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- from the young man.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: There you have it.

Halima: [On the side conversation] Sister, this is what is going on.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: Since this *line* has been inactive for some time--

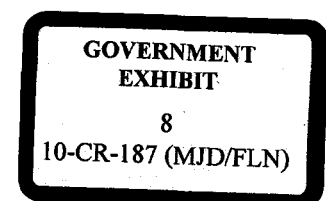
Amina: Yes.

Halima: -- it was being put to use for the benefit of that town.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: The *proposal* was presented too.

Amina: Yes.



Halima: They also scheduled a lecture.

Amina: Yes – and even as far as all of Ethiopia.

Halima: All of them will be lumped together. Abu Luqman proposed it; they will ...

Amina: Yes; all of Ethiopia. Since they are in total devastation --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- and since the people said that it is impossible to deliver anything other than money to them --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: -- and since they claimed that at this point --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- an effort should somehow be made.

Halima: They will be lumped together.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: Since, they too... [OV]

Amina: Furthermore, I heard those people will be included too. He said, “Unless we collect on behalf of all of them at the same time --

Halima: U-hum.

Amina: --and then distribute it --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: --we cannot do anything else.”

Halima: That is true. So, since the matter has been *proposed* ... Even in the case of regions such as Abudwaq, for example, young religious men will call into the *line*. So, since this young man proposed Wardheer and those areas and since the matter was put forth and was agreed upon,--

Amina: Hum.

Halima: -- in my opinion it would be best if you change it – if you abandon it.

Amina: I did not change anything.

Halima: No ...

Amina: I am telling you specifically --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- to ready yourself and stand up for the mujahidin, because you have slacked off when it comes to the mujahidin.

Halima: Sister, I swear to God, I have not slacked off.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: I swear to God these men do not allow it in their *line*; don't let them deceive you, sweetie.

Amina: Yes. I want to tell you to speak up; speak up in the *line*. You should speak up, Halima --

Halima: I am ready to do it in your *line*. [OV]

Amina: -- and your voice and your capability ... What we have here is an effort to tempt; so let us not fall victim to temptation and allow these people to control our brain.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: So let us stand up for the people. The people, who are dying, are all our own; but who has the priority?

Halima: The Muslim [OV] I will speak up; but give me a *line*. Give me a *line*.

Amina: Who has the priority? Let the civilians die. Sister, let the civilians die. The mujahidin should be supported. If the mujahidin are supported ... Huh?

Halima: Hum.

Amina: When a Fatwa is issued ... When a Fatwa is issued with regard to this question, which one gets the priority: the poor civilian man, who is dying of natural cause, or the man who stands up for Islam?

Halima: What should we do then?

[Verbatim stops at 19:26:15 and starts again at 19:27:22]

Amina: Sister, Halima --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- slacking off is not an option.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: Sister, slacking off is not an option. The people said ... First they said to me, "Convey our regards to the young men."

Halima: What?

Amina: "Convey our regards to the Muslims." That is one.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: They said, "Today we enjoy victory --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- with respect to the public and otherwise."

Halima: Hum.

Amina: They said, "We saw the public and the various people come to us in droves."

Halima: Hum.

Amina: They said, "We witnessed the people tell us we are honest and ask us to provide them with legal arbitration --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- and those among them, who have disputes to settle, come to us."

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: Do you understand?

Halima: Hum.

Amina: But they said that they have financial problem.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: [Pause] Huh?

Halima: Yes; I can hear you, sister. I can ...

Amina: He told me this a while ago too, you know? I said to him, "Brother ..." Today, I even said to him, "many people turned against you after listening to various news reports pertaining to you."

Halima: Hum.

Amina: Evidently that is not a lie.

Halima: Many have lost confidence; you are right.

Amina: "And are talking too much." That is what I said to him. "They are talking too much." Do you understand?

Halima: Hum.

Amina: But I said, "Be that as it may, this is the era of religious turmoil --

Halima: That is true.

Amina: -- and we will not be quite." That is what I said.

Halima: That is true.

Amina: I said to him, "We will -- we will present a lecture; I will have you call into the *line* --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- next week God willing."

Halima: Do a lot of people call into your *line*, sister?

Amina: Sister, if the people, who call into the *line*, contributed, it would have counted for something. But the girls, who call in, are girls who have already contributed.

Halima: Why isn't it made available to the people in Abu Luqman's *line* as well. Or are they afraid?

Amina: They are afraid.

[Verbatim stops at 19:28:40 and starts again at 19:29:32]

Amina: Sister, the thing is, Abu Luqman ... No one is as good a speaker as you are; do you understand?

Halima: Truly speaking, I am not a good speaker at all. You are the one blessed with knowledge.

Amina: Listen - well, I talked to him and I said to him, "This is a religious turmoil."

Halima: Hum.

Amina: "It is a religious turmoil, man"

Halima: Hum.

Amina: The truth is, as God is my witness, whenever I see Somalis, who are hungry, no matter where they may be, my stomach churns.

Halima: That is true.

Amina: Do you know that? And we feel pain and yet are unable to help.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: But I feel more sympathy for --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: Huh?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: -- the mujahidin.

Halima: I know that.

Amina: [On the side conversation]

Halima: What?

Amina: A girl spoke to me, sister. So, sweetie ...

Halima: So what did you decide at this point? What did you and Abu Luqman decide?

Amina: He told me the people associated with the *line* have not returned yet.

Halima: I know that [OV] but who will [UI] the [UI] being taken from the line.

Amina: Let them return. He said, "Unless we collect under the name of the needy and then distribute it --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: -- we cannot speak on behalf of mujahidin separately."

Halima: Is he ready to give the money raised from the *line* to the mujahidin?

Amina: Well no. It may be divided and a decision made to... but...

Halima: How is it divided?

Amina: What?

Halima: How is it divided?

Amina: I mean -- ahem -- it means dividing it amongst... Wasn't it decided that ... He said, "Halima told me that people in Abudwaq are suffering --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: -- and there is suffering in places like Wardheer as well.”

Halima: Go on.

Amina: So he said, “Sister, unless it is first collected on behalf of the needy --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- and then divide it --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- we cannot do anything else?”

Halima: Well once it is collected, will the mujahidin be included? Is he going to divide it into three portions?

Amina: That is what he is saying.

Halima: Would you call that money?

Amina: That is nothing. How much would actually be raised in there?

Halima: That is not money; tell him not to bother us with it.

Amina: Hum.

Halima: This stuff – you know?

Amina: Hum.

Halima: Sister ...

Amina: Do you know what I would say now?

Halima: Hum.

Amina: We will pressure the agency to get something to Abudwaq immediately. Sister, they have license; they hold *fundraising* in mosques and everywhere.

Halima: Yes; they have it.

Amina: Do you hear me?

Halima: [UI]

Amina: Do you, sister?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: And this *line* should be left for --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- the mujahidin. That is even if this man and the others will allow it and give us a *onetime* chance. [Pause] What do you think? What do you think about that? Or should we give up?

Halima: Well, first of all, one cannot give up on the mujahidin. Everywhere...

Amina: Very much so. I swear to God it is saddening. They called me a while back too. I don't know if I told you. They called into the *line* even today.

Halima: This is what we will do.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: If funds are to be raised for Abudwaq, Wardhere and the like --

Amina: Go on.

Halima: -- the people there have many close relatives who are scattered all over *North America*.

Amina: That is true.

Halima: Let them call each other and have conference calls.

Amina: Right.

Halima: And let this common *line* be used to collect under the name of --

Amina: -- the poor; the people ...

Halima: -- the people who are left with nothing.

Amina: Yes -- and include people of all kind. Furthermore, the good thing about the mujahidin is, they would not fail to share with the wounded and the poor civilian alike, sister.

Halima: Did you and that man come to an understanding on that matter or should I get back to him?

Amina: He does not allow me; so -- you know -- you should speak up, sister. [OV] As far as I am concerned, you -- you see?

Halima: Hum.

Amina: People listen to you. I tell everyone too. I say, "Halima is a straight talker." And I tell them that I honor your decision. Do you understand?

[Verbatim ends at 19:32:19]

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SESSION ID: 4499786

FROM: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

TO: Farah, Bashir Gelle 971504123218

[Dialing]

[RC] Please enter your authorization code now [RC]

[Dialing]

[RC] You have five dollars. Please enter your destination number followed by the pound key [RC]

[Dialing]

[Ringtone]

Amina: [SC] Hello

UM: [SC] Peace be upon you, Amina.

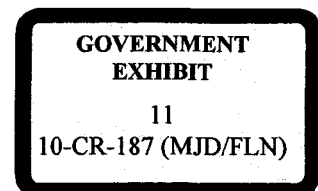
Amina: [SC] Peace, mercy, and blessing from God be upon you too.

[RC] Your current balance will allow you to talk for 12 minutes [RC]

Amina: [SC] Yes, it is finished. I initiated...

[Ringing]

Amina: [SC] I initiated an overseas call – an overseas call. I called Mogadishu. Peace be upon you.



[*Ring*ing]

[RC] We are sorry, the number you have dialed is not being answered at the moment. Please call back at another time [RC]

[RC] *Sorry, the person you are dialing is not answering at the moment ...* [RC]

[*Dialing*]

[RC] *You have five dollars* [RC]

[*Dialing*]

[*Pause*]

[RC] *Your current balance will allow you to talk for 41 minutes* [RC]

[*Ring*ing]

Bashir: Peace be upon you

Amina: Peace, mercy, and blessing from God be upon you too. How are you doing brother Bashir?

Bashir: Fine, Amina; Praise be to God

Amina: How are things?

[*Background voice*]

Bashir: Praise be to God, sister; we are doing well. How are you doing?

Amina: Brother, we are doing very well. Any news?

Bashir: Truly speaking, we don't have any news. The [UI] is, God willing, [UI].

Amina: Hum.

Bashir: We and the brothers met two nights ago and agreed to come up with the money in order to make the initial payment.

Amina: Go on.

Bashir: So... anyway, we are still working on it. But anyway, it is our responsibility to pay and, therefore, we have to pay. In the meantime, I will somehow borrow it somewhere, God willing.

Amina: God willing; God willing. If this people did not hinder us, it would not have cost us more than \$500.00; isn't that right? The first \$500.00 I sent would have been enough?

Bashir: Yes. The five would have covered it. We had already made arrangements for the vehicle transportation and the like, you know?

Amina: Yes.

Bashir: It would have cost us only \$700.00.

Amina: So we have lost money.

Bashir: But currently, our cost has so far reached about \$3,500.00.

Amina: Oh my God! *Okay*. So, so far I have sent only \$1,700.00. I was planning to try to come up with \$500.00 during this week. Do you understand?

Bashir: God willing. Okay sister, there is no problem. Don't stress yourself. [OV]

Amina: Hum... I was planning to send it. What? [Pause] So -- still... I was even thinking that, if I, *at least*, send \$3,000.00 -- I had sent a thousand and two, which when added to the previous \$500.00 and the five... anyway that will make it \$2,200.00, right?

Bashir: Yes, you had sent two thousand seven hundred -- one of \$1,200.00 and \$500.00 at another time.

Amina: And a previous \$500.00

Bashir: Yes. You had sent \$1700.00 to me.

Amina: Yes, but did you forget about the \$500.00 I had sent at the beginning - the one I told you to use for getting it out/ loading it.

Bashir: Yes, yes, \$500.00 -- the previous \$500.00 -- Yes.

Amina: The first time --Yes. That five... [OV]

Bashir: I had actually given it to the men on that first day. You are right.

Amina: Yes. In the beginning we had planned to spend on it only that five.

Bashir: They had deducted that five from the total cost.

Amina: *Exactly.*

Bashir: Yes.

Amina: I had previously planned spending only that five.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: We are also in the process of suing those guys. So, right now also, I will try – I told them; I said to the people that, so far, we have sent only about \$2,200.00 and we owe some money.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: So... God willing, I will try to come up with yet another \$4,500.00 --

Bashir: Right.

Amina: Anyway... there is a \$200.00 that is already available. I was planning to add more to it from here and there and send a total of \$500.00.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: Brother, have you talked to the guys in Mogadishu? Do you know whether or not they have received anything?

Bashir: The boat has not yet reached the guys in Mogadishu. I am tracking it. I am tracking it from here, God willing.

Amina: God willing.

Bashir: I will let you know. God willing, I will let you know as soon as it gets there.

Amina: So...

Bashir: I told Amina and others to store it in a warehouse, sort the portion that is meant for the general public, and we will discuss what to do with rest afterwards.

Amina: Brother, sorting it alone will consume a lot of their time, because the number of the garments involved is very large.

Bashir: No, truly speaking, it will not take long. It will take a maximum of two or three days.

Amina: Right. Many workers will be used?

Bashir: Yes.

Amina: In addition to that, they will need some money too, because we don't want to end up with a single posting of a small portion of it on a single site. Do you know that?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: I also informed the youth that they must take pictures of the garments they take.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: I told them that pictures of the people, to whom they give, should be made available for viewing.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: They themselves had said that they will have the media ready and that it is easy for them to do that.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: They... in other words... The youth should come united as one group and take half.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: We don't want them to come to us divided.

Bashir: That is correct.

Amina: As for the rest, we wanted to ... the poor, the people in the Ceelasha Biyaha area, and all of the people -- Remember that no one is planning to give more than one set of outfit to anyone. You know that, don't you?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: No one is going to give more than one set of outfit to anyone. So, in order for the people to be encouraged and be touched by their own public, we would like the public to be recorded and answer questions; what they think of the garments that were delivered to them, and whether or not they are happy with it. So even they...

Bashir: For that type of task, we will hire the big, popular television, God willing.

Amina: Well, we are not... we don't watch... that television is not watched in America.

Bashir: Got it. Do you all use websites?

Amina: That is for Canada and Europe -- Canada and Europe -- That is for Canada and Europe.

Bashir: Go on.

Amina: We don't watch it at all, brother.

Bashir: Aha.

Amina: So it will boil down to using the web...

Bashir: Universal... Universal... But... eh... Is it not watched anywhere in America at all?

Amina: No, it is not watched. Only in a mere few dingy places... If America is their target, they can post it on the websites. For example, last time... Cadaado [OV] Cadaado website...

[Sound; call waiting]

Bashir: We will post it on Cadaado, Dalka, Somaliweyn...

Amina: Hardly anyone accesses Cadaado website. If they ... Dayniile Website and others... like in the past -- Whenever we sent something to Abshir-Bacadle, it used to be posted on several websites, such as Qaran and Dayniile. But, brother, if they post on every website and we help them with the money...

Bashir: Yes. We can do it that way. We can distribute it to all of the websites.

Amina: Yes. They should post the distribution event for every portion they distribute in order to make it apparent that all of the garments have reached their destination and are being handed out to the public.

[Background voices]

Bashir: Right.

Amina: The reason that makes that necessary is, in this area, there are so many -- to tell you the truth, many individuals collect garments and send them all the time; but no one knows where they send them.

Bashir: Aha. No sister, that is... eh... When the container currently at hand reaches there, God willing, we will distribute it.

Amina: Yes.

Bashir: It is better to... the general public... Except for the shoes and jackets we remove from it, we will tell them to distribute the rest among the general public. We will also tell them to post the pictures everywhere.

Amina: Yes. So they should come and -- eh -- this group -- eh -- the youth --

Bashir: Yes.

Amina: -- they should come and take whatever they want to from it, because they have wives and children, you know?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: They should be allowed to take whatever they want to.

Bashir: Got it.

Amina: They should come and... I mean, they should be present even when the garments are being divided and sorted.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: Doesn't that look right to you, brother?

Bashir: Yes, that is right.

Amina: Yes.

Bashir: At this time, the youth themselves are actually large in number. We currently work with some men who belong to the youth. These men work on the website, Al Khahaib and are also in charge of pictures related work. So we will tell them. We are planning to tell them to create a committee that represents them; we will then ask them to whom from the youth we should hand it over.

Amina: We already spoke to them -- I spoke to some of them and they told me that they will talk it over amongst them.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: They even said they will have the media ready --

[*Background voices*]

Bashir: Tell them to have them ready.

Amina: -- how to upload it on the websites

Bashir: Who are...? Which guys did you speak to?

Amina: I spoke to Hassan Afgoye; he keeps in touch with me by phone -- God bless him -- I told him -- the man responsible for their finance.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: I assume you heard about Sheikh Fuad.

Bashir: What about Sheikh Fuad?

Amina: Did you hear that his wife was imprisoned?

Bashir: Yes, yes. We heard about it. Yes.

Amina: Yes, yes, yes. Anyway, Sheikh Fuad is also there; so *in case* you talk to him, tell him so that they can go there at the same time.

Bashir: No, we currently tasked Amina, you know? The purpose is to avert any quarrel between them and the youth. We want to tell her that when it is stored in the warehouse, open it for Hassan, when he gets there so they can take whatever they can; isn't that right?

[Background voices]

Amina: Right. Yes.

Bashir: Or should we tell them to distribute it?

Amina: Yes.

Bashir: Or should I have it transferred to him and ask him to distribute it?

Amina: No. Let him take the portion he wants to take. I also want to ask your opinion about something.

Bashir: Yes.

Amina: Abshir is scared, Abshir Bacadle, but he... Do you remember the poor beggars?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: Abshir Bacadle is the contact for the poor beggars.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: But lately I noticed he is extremely scared.

Bashir: Aha.

Amina: If he is also able to take a portion of the garments and distribute it amongst the poor, then let us tell him to take a portion and hand them out to the poor.

[Background voices]

Bashir: Okay.

Amina: Because brother, never mind which side they go to, we cannot give to all the people --

Bashir: Right.

Amina: -- but, *at least* those that God intended they should receive it, should get it from each group.

Bashir: [UI]

Amina: Yes.

Bashir: That is right. That is right, Amina.

Amina: So later, God will make it easier. The people will find courage and donate both garments and money.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: In the past they used to refuse; but *right now*, from the day I first started *up to right now*, some guys have been competing with me and collecting, you know?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: So we shall see where they deliver it to.

Bashir: That is right.

Amina: We like everyone who gives to our people, you know?

Bashir: Yes, yes. That is right. If they are getting it to the homeland, then let them. [OV] [UI]

Amina: Yes. The people who help the public--

Bashir: [UI]

Amina: --we need them. We need the people who help the public.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: These people are, by nature, prone to acting out of *malice* and *envy*.

Bashir: Right.

Amina: So that is how you and I agree to handle things. But we should sympathize with them, because they don't have money, you know?

Bashir: Right.

Amina: I will try to tell the people to send the money.

Bashir: That is right.

Amina: The money that will be used to post the garments on the websites--

Bashir: Yes.

Amina: --should be sent.

Bashir: The websites - correct.

Amina: Yes. So God willing--

Bashir: Yes, that is right.

Amina: --that is how you will explain it to them. Anyway, I think it is currently headed there. It will be there shortly, by the grace of God.

Bashir: Yes, yes. It will get there within the coming three days. I will let you know.

Amina: Yes. No...

Bashir: I mean if they get scared of the pirates and... The boats are forced to flee and take a longer route to Mogadishu.

Amina: God protect us from those. There are pirates everywhere.

Bashir: So I will let you know, God willing. The boat's name is 'Iisha'. I told Amina too. Right now, we owe the men's transportation cost. I intend to borrow it somewhere and give it to them tomorrow or the day after.

Amina: God protect you, God willing. I will also try to come up with \$500.00 and--

Bashir: Right.

Amina: --thereby finalize the payments.

Bashir: Okay Amina.

Amina: God bless you, brother.

Bashir: Amen, sister.

Amina: Peace, mercy, and blessing from God be upon you.

Bashir: God willing, all of us

INT DATE: 13 October 2008

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SESSION ID: 4500464

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

[Verbatim starts at 22:22:24]

Halima: Oh my God. Right now, Al Shabab are better. The Courts become worthless.

Amina: My sister that is a problem. Did they say that the man is distributing money? My dear sister [OV]--

Halima: [UI].

Amina: -- this is an era of turmoil; don't you know that?

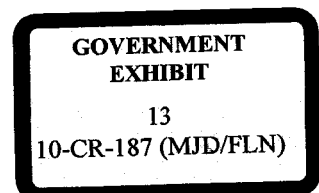
Halima: Al Shabab has stated their view and they made clear that they will fight. The problem is the Courts who keep on flip-flopping --

Amina: Right.

Halima: -- like Sharif and the others who are in either Asmara or Djibouti.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: -- and the Raskambonis -- who are everywhere.



Amina: Okay.

Halima: It will be alright. Today the Ethiopians were ambushed at ... what was the name of the place?

Amina: Hold on sister. [Non-pertinent side conversation] Where was the place the Ethiopians were killed?

Halima: Near Baydabo's surrounding area, I don't know what is it called; Bar- Bar or something -- they were ambushed while traveling through there and several of their vehicles were destroyed.

Amina: It is Baardheere; Baardheere

Halima: What?

Amina: Baardheere.

Halima: Is that the place? I don't know it.

Amina: Yes, they said, Baardheere.

Halima: Yes, they were burned ...

Amina: Uh-huh.

Halima: -- on the other hand, seven of them were killed in a place near the livestock market and the area near the spaghetti factory where an explosion occurred.

Amina: May all die and vanish.

[The verbatim ends: 22:23:30]

INT DATE: 26 October, 2008

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SESSION IDs: 4555804 / 34821546

FROM: Hawo-Kiin Hassan Raage

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214/Ali, Amina connects Hawo-Kiin to teleconference 218-486-1300

[Verbatim starts at 03:30:49]

Amina: May peace be upon you

Hawo-Kiin: Peace be upon you.

Amina: Sister, I will connect you. I would like to tell you something.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay.

Amina: The people, who want to do good, put their efforts into collecting money for other people who live here, do you hear me?

Hawo-Kiin: Yes.

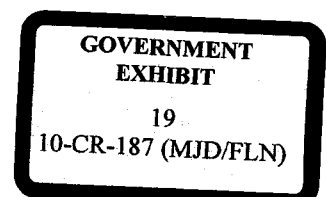
Amina: For example, their teachers, women who just had a baby and the widowed. They put their efforts inside the city.

Hawo-Kiin: Right.

Amina: But, when it comes to the home country, they give nothing. So, talk to them about that issue too, my dear sister.

Hawo-Kiin: God willing. Okay.

[Verbatim ends at 03:31:22]



[Verbatim starts at 03:31:54]

Amina: I placed you on mute. I received a call from Mogadishu. Hawo-Kiin is on the line, so pay attention, God willing. May peace be upon you Hawo.

[Verbatim ends at 03:32:02]

[Verbatim starts at 03:38:56]

Hawo-Kiin: The reason we are gathered here today is to talk about the topic of giving charity and the way and the procedures of paying the charity. Today we are concerned about the charity for the sake of God, and yet we are busying ourselves in other charity such as -- it is a known fact that we should all help each other; it is a known fact that we should help human beings; it is a known fact we should help hungry people; it is a fact that we should help the poor. God almighty has stated in his Koran that and no one can deny that. But today there is a clear issue that is more important. There is a matter that without a doubt needs help and which is worth supporting; the clear issue that needs support is; if you provide a lot of food; if you feed them, and yet they are humiliated and deprived of their religion what is the benefit of assisting them, sisters what good is -- you see -- what good is the support that we have given them? Nothing. The person should be assisted in order to preserve his religion; the religion must be supported; so that the person who practices his religion can reach his goals. But, how can the religion be supported? At this moment, God Almighty doesn't need talk to support the religion. It should be supported with action -- people's heads are being cracked open. Dear sister, you are joining this conference and you think it is a game or stories, but I am here witnessing the reality. Heads are being blown up. Highly regarded individuals who were better than thousands of individuals were killed with their heads being blown up. Those men who sold their lives to God are better than one thousand individuals. Each one of them was more vigorous than the other one. Each one of them is equally invaluable, but when he received the call of martyrdom he felt joy because God choose him to become a servant of God. Courage and a good personality were given to him by God. Faith and awareness was given to him by God. He is compassionate to the poor while he is participating in the jihad at the same time. He teaches others whatever he can. He visits anyone who he can visit. He gives whatever he has, what a man he is. Those blessed by God with wealth, give both their lives and wealth. Those are the men whose heads are being blown up. What are we refusing? We want to give material things. We act busy and say, "We will help the people". My dear sisters, how can you help the people? Helping the people is a matter that God had made obligatory for us, we need to help the poor and the needy, but this is not the time. As matter of fact, all of us need to understand that fact; the poor and the needy are being humiliated, their religion is being humiliated. Support their religion. The first thing to do is to assist them in their religion; help them safeguard their religion. By doing that, you aid God. "If you will aid God, he will aid you and [he] plant your feet firmly". Who aids the

religion of God almighty... that is the person God is talking about when he says, “If you will aid God, he will aid you and [he] plant your feet firmly”. God will make us strong. Just wait, we will have our pride; we either die or our brother, sisters and the religion are rescued; we need to choose one of those two options before we leave this world. Either the religion lives or we vanish. If we vanish God will bring another generation for his religion and the religion will survive no matter what. But we are committed that the religion lives on; that is our firm decision.

[Verbatim ends at 03:42:05]

[Verbatim starts at 03:42:49]

There is a mother who is now in Mogadishu. I really think of her as one of those women whose children were all martyred, thanks to God. A son -- her husband was martyred; her son was martyred during the month of Ramadan and now after a few nights, I don't know -- three maybe four -- her other son was martyred. Sisters, why did she accept that? Was she unable to move her children to the USA? I swear, she was able to do it. She is from a wealthy family, but she sacrificed them to God almighty. Dear sisters, indeed we want paradise like her. We strive for the same place that the good women strived for -- the place that Asma Bint Abubakar, Aisha and all the others wanted to be which is the highest level of Fardows -- paradise. That is what we want from God, and yet we are not accepting what God requested from us, does that make sense? That is impossible. Sisters, it is not possible ... “The merchandise of God is expensive. The merchandise of God is paradise” ... It is not possible to earn the paradise of God easily. God will give it to us in his own ways and his power, but we need to strive... we are saying that today is the day of jihad. Don't be distracted. Devote yourselves to protecting the religion for the people, my dear sisters. Don't be preoccupied with other things. Protect the religion. It is the most important thing. What good can come out from simply feeding a person, if the person turns into an infidel? Think about that, step back a moment. My dear sisters, who is the most important person? The prophet may peace be upon him and all the noble men -- it was narrated that the prophet said in the Hadith, “The most valuable person is the person who sacrifices his life for God” The most valuable person is the Mujahid. The person who provides supplies, the person who is going to jihad and the one who takes care of his children is like someone who went to jihad. So, dear sisters, let us help the Mujahiid Let us stand up for giving the Mujahiid something. Let us stand up and feed the Mujahiid. Let us stand up take care of their wounds. Let us stand up for the Mujahiid. I am not lying. We are not afraid because a person should fear only God and not man. One should either fear God or fear man. We fear only God. Islam has risen up and if anyone is hoping that Islam is going back -- I swear Islam will not go back.

[Verbatim ends at 03:44:57]

[Verbatim starts at 03:46:06]

If we don't donate our money for the sake of God we will regret it. The trivial stuff that we are busy with- giving something to our sister who just had a baby, giving to our sisters who are widowed is all fine but, this is not that time. This is the time to protect the religion.

[Verbatim ends at 03:46:24]

[Verbatim starts at 04:08:22]

Amina: I don't want to prolong the speech, so what would you like to say to some of the sisters who as you recalled had pledged money the other day and some of them didn't pay? How would you encourage those sisters?

Hawo-Kiin: In the name of God, the most magnificent and the most merciful, dear sisters, who are gathered here, those who pledged money the other day and those who didn't pledge, I would like to encourage you that the pledge is to God almighty. It is for rejuvenating the religion. Don't be distracted, the people will survive. "We are going to give to the poor, give it to the needy" they are right, you know, I saw some people who were deceived to give to their clansmen who fled to someplace. Sisters, your clansmen will be useless if the religion is abolished. They will go to hell with them.

[Verbatim ends at 04:09:02]

[Verbatim starts at 04:18:57]

Maryan: My name is Maryan Kiraas and I am pledging \$100.00

Halima: Did you say, "Maryan Kiraas"

Amina: Maryan Kiraas.

Maryan: Maryan Kiraas.

Halima: Maryan.

Maryan: Kilaas.

Amina: Write Maryan Kiraas. Maryan, may God bless you.

Halima: Could you give me Jamilah's number? Also, Maryan give me your number.

Maryan: My number is 592 --

Halima: Okay.

Maryan: -- 934 --

Halima: 9 then what?

Maryan: 934.

Halima: Uh-hum.

Maryan: -- 1, 2 --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Umu Ahmed: May peace be upon you.

Maryan: --6, 9.

Halima: Uh-uh.

Amina: My peace be upon you too. I have the number for Jamila. I have the number for Umu-Humaza.

Umu Ahmed: Amina, do you hear me?

Amina: Yes, sister we can hear you.

[Verbatim ends at 04:19:38]

[Verbatim starts at 04:20:07]

Umu Ahmed: Let me give you the information right away, sweetie.

Halima: Okay, go on.

Umu Ahmed: Umu Ahmed.

Halima: Is that your name?

Umu Ahmed: Umu Ahmed; Umu Ahmed, sweetie.

Halima: Okay.

Umu Ahmed: My dear sister, okay, do you want my phone number?

Halima: Yes.

[Background chatters]

Umu Ahmed: Okay, hold on for a second.

Halima: What?

Umu Ahmed: 308 --

Halima: Uh-uh.

Umu Ahmed: -- 746 --

Halima: Okay.

Umu- Ahmed: -- 10, 54.

Halima: Okay sister, how much are you pledging?

Umu Ahmed: Sister, please write down \$500.00 which I will send on Monday, by the will of God.

Halima: May God reward you, that is wonderful.

[Verbatim ends at 04:20:46]

[Verbatim starts at 04:21:09]

Umu Ahmed: My dear sister, I will send it through Dahabshiil, so tell me the name of the recipient.

Amina: Yes, the recipient is: Amina Adan.

Umu Ahmed: Okay then, I need your phone number.

Amina: Okay, wait a minute, sister.

Amina: My number is: 507 ... sister, let me tell you something, instead of sending it to me I would rather that you send it from there.

Umu- Ahmed: Okay.

Amina: Instead of you paying a \$25.00 and then I pay another \$25.00 to send it, it would be more beneficial if you send it from where you are.

Umu Ahmed: Okay

Halima: That is better.

Amina: We have your phone number, may God bless you. I will contact you.

[Verbatim ends at 04:21:45]

[Verbatim starts at 04:21:57]

[Child crying can be heard from the background]

Fadumo: Amina, may peace be upon you.

Amina: May peace be upon you too, my dear sister.

Fadumo: Sister, I am pledging \$200.00

Amina: Is this Fadumo Mohamed.

Fadumo: Yes, sister.

Amina: May God protect you.

Halima: What is her name?

Amina: Write, Fadumo Mohamed; she is one of the girls who always pledges, she sends \$100.00 every month.

Halima: That is wonderful! Dear sister, what is your phone number? Does Amina know your phone number?

Fadumo: Yes.

Amina: Yes, she also pledges every time a lecture is given by way of conference call.

Halima: Fadumo, how much are you pledging?

Amina: \$200.00.

Fadumo: \$200.00.

Halima: God bless you.

[Verbatim ends at 04:22:27]

[Verbatim starts at 04:22:41]

Ibado: Peace be upon you.

Halima: May peace be upon you too, okay let her speak.

Ibado: Write my number down.

Halima: First of all, what is your name?

Ibado: My phone number is: 6, 1, 2 --

Halima: Go on.

Ibado: -- eh, and 8, 7--

Halima: Go on. 87?

Ibado: -- 8, 7--

Amina: -- 87; go ahead.

[Child screaming]

Halima: -- 8, 7, I got that...

Ibado: I said, 8, 7, 6 --

Halima: Go on.

Ibado: -- 55... sister, my name is Ibado Mohamud.

Halima: You are two numbers short.

Ibado: Did you write 612?

Halima: Sister, could you please silence the kids. The number I wrote is: 612- 876. What comes after 55?

Ibado: 82.

Halima: And you are Ibado Mohamud Mohamed, right?

Amina: Ibado, how much are you pledging?

Ibado: Sister, I am pledging \$50.00.

[Verbatim ends at 04:23:47]

[Verbatim starts at 04:24:14]

Fardowsa: Sister, can you hear me?

Halima: Yes, I can hear you. All the other girls please be quiet. What is your name, sister?

Fardowsa: My name is Fardowsa Aden, sister.

Amina: \$100.00.

Halima: Okay, Fardowsa Aden, give me your number.

Amina: [SC] We are collecting.

Fardowsa: [UI].

Halima: I can't hear you. Someone in the background is washing dishes, please do it quietly, dear sister. Give me your number.

Fardowsa: 6, 1, 9 --

Halima: 2, 9?

Fardowsa: The area code is: 6, 2, 9.

Halima: 6, 2, 9, go on.

Fardowsa: -- 6, 2, 9 is the area code and the number is:

Halima: Okay I wrote 6, 2, 9. Go on.

Fardowsa: 5, 8, 1--

Halima: Okay.

Fardowsa: -- 3, 1, 3, 5.

Amina: [SC] that is wonderful, Fartuuno.

Halima: How much are you pledging, Fardowsa?

Fardowsa: I am pledging \$200.00.

Halima: May you enter paradise, by the grace of God.

[Verbatim stops at 04:25:07]

[Verbatim starts at 04:26:46]

Amina: My cellular number is: 507-271-3119; it is 507-271-3119, or you can call Halimo, call Halimo Hassan. Halimo Hassan's number is: 507-319-9111. You can call those two phone numbers whichever is easier for you. And, please, un-mute your phone. Anyone who wants to contribute something, un-mute your phone.

[Verbatim stops at 04:27:25]

[Verbatim starts at 04:28:23]

Khadiijo: Write my name Khadiijo Mohamud.

Halima: What did you say, sister?

Khadiijo: Write Khadiijo Mohamud; Umu Huda.

Amina: Khadiijo Mohamud, Khadiijo.

Halima: Okay, Khadiijo Mohamed. Give me the telephone.

Khadiijo: Who said Khadiijo Mohamed? Are you talking to me or someone else?

Halima: The girl said Khadiijo and then I wrote Mohamed. Khadiijo Mohamed, give me your phone number.

Khadiijo: 320 --

[Background chatter]

Halima: 310?

Khadiijo: -- 320

Halima: I can't hear you because of the children.

Amina: The number is 320.

Halima: Yes, I wrote that. What is after that number?

Khadiijo: -- 281 --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Khadiijo: -- 42, 78.

Halima: 42, 78?

Khadiijo: Yes.

Halima: Great, sister, how much are you pledging?

Khadiijo: I am pledging \$ 200.00.

Halima: May God reward you for this,

Amina: Amen.

Halima: Any other sisters?

Umu Huda: Please write my name:

Halima: Please, tell me.

Umu Huda: Umu Huda

[Back ground chatter]

Halima: Uma Huda, what is your phone number.

Umu Huda: 612 --

Halima: Go on.

Umu Huda: -- 532 --

Halima: Go on.

Umu Huda: -- 27, 36.

Halima: 1, 7?

Umu Huda: 2, 7 --

Halima: Okay.

Umu Huda: --3, 6.

Halima: How much are you pledging?

Umu Huda: \$50.00.

Halima: \$50.00?

Umu Huda: Uh-hum.

Halima: May God reward you.

Amina: May God bless you. Did she say fifty?

Halima: Yes, yes. Sister, everyone should race to be charitable; you are hearing it.

Sahra: May peace be upon you.

Halima: May peace be upon you too.

Sahra: I am also pledging.

Halima: Give me your name.

Sahra: Okay, my name is Sahra Ali.

Halima: Great, Sahra, I have your information, go on.

Sahra: [UI].

Halima: Yes.

Sahra: I am pledging \$100.00.

Halima: May God reward you.

Amina: How much did Sahra pledge?

Halima: Sahra Ali [UI], \$100.00

Amina: That is wonderful. May God bless her.

Fartun: May peace be upon you.

Halima: May peace be upon you too.

Fartun: Also, I am pledging, sister.

Halima: Okay sister, what is your name.

Fartun: My name is Fartun -- Fartun [UI]

UF: May peace be upon you.

Halima: Okay Fartun, give me your number.

Fartun: The number is: 314 --

Halima: Say it again. Do not speak when she is speaking, okay.

Fartun: -- 314 --

Halima: Go on.

Fartun: -- 2, 2, 1 --

Halima: Go on.

Fartun: -- 2, 0, 1, 4.

Amina: That is wonderful.

Halima: Great, how much is your pledge, sister?

Fartun: The number I told you is: 3, 1, 4 --

Halima: Yes, I have written it down.

Fartun: -- 2, 2, 1 --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: [UI]

Fartun: -- 2, 0 --

Halima: 1, 4.

Fartun: --1, 4.

Halima: Yes, I got that.

Fartun: I am pledging \$100.00, sister.

Halima: Wonderful, wonderful.

Amina: May God bless you.

Halima: You will be rewarded by the grace of God.

Fartun: Amen.

[Verbatim ends at 04:31:30]

[Verbatim starts at 04:35:01]

Ubah: Can you hear me?

Amina: Yes sister we can hear you.

Ubah: I am pledging \$200.00.

Halima: Sister, give me your name and your number.

Ubah: My name is Ubah Ismael.

Amina: May God bless you.

Ubah: My number is: 6, 1, 9 --

Amina: Okay.

Halima: Go ahead, Ubah.

Ubah: -- 5, 7, 3 --

Halima: Did you say, 5, 7, 3?

Ubah: -- 6, 1, 9; 5, 7, 3 --

Halima: Okay.

Ubah: -- 4, 5 --

Halima: Uh-uh.

Ubah: -- 4, 4.

Amina: God is great.

Halima: How much are you pledging?

Ubah: \$200.00.

Halima: My God reward you for this.

Amina: [UI] San Diego girls are among the most precious girls.

[Verbatim ends at 04:35:48]

[Verbatim starts at 04:36:15]

Nasro: May peace be upon you.

Halima: May peace be upon you too.

Nasro: I would like to pledge \$100.00.

Amina: Sister, what is your name?

Nasro: \$100.00.

Halima: May peace be upon you. Who is this?

Nasro: Nasro.

Halima: Nasro?

Amina: Nasro, who?

Halima: Nasro, give the phone number?

Nasro: 6, 4, 4 --

Halima: Go ahead.

Nasro: -- 7, 0, 7 --

Halima: 707.

Nasro: -- 8, 9, 6, 1

Halima: 89?

Nasro: -- 6, 1.

Halima: Nasro, how much are you pledging?

Nasro: \$100.00.

Amina: Great.

[Verbatim ends at 04:36:49]

[Verbatim starts at 04:38:17]

Muuse: Please write my name down. It is Halimo [UI]

Halima: Halimo, what is your last name?

Muuse: Halimo Musse.

Halima: Give me your number Halimo -- give me your number.

Muuse: 6, 0, 2 --

Halima: Uh-um

Muuse: -- 3, 3, 4 --

Halima: Okay Halimo, continue.

Muuse: -- 0, 7, 8, 2.

Halima: Did you say 82?

Muuse: Yes.

Halima: Halimo, How much are you pledging?

Muuse: I am pledging \$100.00, sister.

Halima: May God bless you.

[Verbatim ends at 04:38:46]

[Verbatim starts at 04:39:50]

Fadumo: Write me up too.

Halima: What is your name?

Fadumo: Fadumo.

Halima: Fadumo, give me your phone number.

Fadumo: 5, 0, 7--

Halima: Wonderful, you are calling from Rochester! Go ahead.

Fadumo: 2, 7, 1--

Halima: Uh-hum

Fadumo: -- 3, 8 --

Amina: Uh-hum.

Halima: Uh-hum.

Fadumo: -- 3, 8 --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Fadumo: -- 8, 8.

Halima: 8, 8, the last three digits are all 8.

Fadumo: Yes.

Halima: Okay Fadumo, how much are you pledging?

Fadumo: \$50.00.

Halima: May God reward you.

[Verbatim ends at 04:40:17]

[Verbatim starts at 04:42:20]

Habibo: Write me, God willing.

Halima: Okay what you name?

Habibo: Habibo.

Halima: Habibo, what is your phone number, Habibo.

Habibo: 2, 9, 2 --

Halima: Is the area code: 5, 0, 7?

Habibo: Yes.

Amina: 2, 9, 2?

Habibo: -- 0, 1, 7, 1.

Amina: May God protect you.

Halima: Habibo, how much are you pledging?

Habibo: 100.00.

Halima: That is wonderful- wonderful.

Amina: May God protect you.

Halima: May God reward you for this.

[Verbatim ends at 04:42:48]

[Verbatim starts at 04:57:43]

Amina: Let me give you the numbers again. The area code is 507, and the number is: 271-3119 for Amina or you can call Halimo at: 319-9111; contact us at those numbers, God willing. Thank you very much. May peace be upon you.

Halima: Those girls who are still remaining should make their pledge. The registration is still continuing.

[Verbatim ends at 04:58:15]

[Verbatim starts at 05:00:49]

Umu Masakin: God willing, I am pledging \$ 50.00 now and will hopefully increase it every month. My name is Uma Masakin and I will hand it to Maryan.

Amina: That is wonderful.

Halima: What is your name, dear sister?

Umu Masakin: Uma Masakin.

Halima: That is wonderful, are you going to contact Maryan?

Umu Masakin: Yes, you can contact me at Maryan's.

Halima: Which Maryan is that?

Umu Masakin: [UI]

Halima: What?

Umu Masakin: Maryan Ismael.

Halima: Oh, Maryan Ismael, that is wonderful.

Umu Masakin: I think it is Isma.

Amina: Was that Asma who just spoke?

Halima: Uma Masakin, please give me your phone numbers. Hello, Uma Masakin.

Umu Masakin: [UI].

Halima: Sister, please give me your phone number.

Um-Masakin: Please contact me at Madiina's number.

Halima: Or give me Maryan's number. Can you tell me Maryan's number?

Amina: I know it. Please write it down, sister.

Halima: Maryan [UI]. Sister, please give me Maryan Ismael's phone number. [Noise] Um-Masakin?

Umu Masakin: It is 6, 1, 2 --.

Halima: Hold on. 6, 1, 2, go ahead. There is static noise in the phone. Is there someone who is driving on the line?

Umu Masakin: It is possible.

Halima: 6, 1, 2?

Umu Masakin: -- 3, 3 --

Halima: 3, 3?

Umu Masakin: That is the last two digits. Did you write all of them?

Halima: I wrote 6, 1, 2, 3, 3.

Amina: 8.

Halima: Sister, repeat the number once again and only you should speak.

Amina: No; 3, 3, 8, 1, 6 --

Halima: Okay.

Amina: -- 3, 3, 8 --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- 1, 6

Halima: Okay.

Amina: 3, 3.

Halima: Two digits are missing.

Umu Masakin: The last two digits are 3, 3.

[Verbatim ends at 05:02:45]

[Verbatim starts at 05:05:00]

Ala-Manara: Write down Ala-Manara.

Halima: This is wonderful [laughing].

UF: May God [laughing].

Ala-Manara: Amen. Sister my number is 6, 1, 2 --

Halima: Wonderful 6, 1, 2? Go on.

Ala-Manara: -- 9, 8, 7 --

Halima: Okay.

Ala-Manara: -- 26, 81 --

Halima: 2, 1?

[Background chatter]

Ala-Manara: -- 26, 81.

Amina: Ala-Manara, give the correct number.

Halima: Ala-Manara, repeat the last four digits.

Ala-Manara: 26, 81.

Halima: 26, 81, yes. How much are you pledging?

Ala-Manara: Sister, I am interested in the idea the sister mentioned earlier which is pledging to pay money on a regular basis, by the will of God, since I am able to pay every month, that is what I want do. I am able to pay \$50.00 minimum at the present time. God willing, I will pay that amount.

Halima: God willing, fine, your suggestion is accepted, but how about this emergency drive.

Ala-Manara: I can be contacted at Halimo Muse.

Halima: We need Halimo Muse's number.

Ala-Manara: She is here with me. I will pass the phone to her.

Halima: Yes.

Halima: Is this Halimo Musse?

Halimo M: Yes, Halimo Muse Mohamed.

Amina: She is the Halimo Muse you know.

[Verbatim ends at 05:06:20]

[Verbatim starts at 05:07:53]

Rahmo: Sister, my name is Rahmo Sheik Hassan

Halima: Rahma, hold on.

[Background chatter]

Halima: Okay, give me your number. Rahmo.

Rahmo: Yes.

Halima: Rahmo, there are other women who are chatting and no one can hear you. Please respect others by the grace of God and be quiet, it is getting late. Rahmo, give me your number.

[Background chatter]

Rahmo: The number is 604 -- 604, it is in Canada not USA, 604 --

Halima: 604.

Rahmo: -- 3, 0, 3 --

Halima: 33

Rahmo: No, 3, 0, 3.

Halima: Okay 303.

Rahmo: -- 6, 5 --

Halima: 65.

Rahmo: -- 4, 5 --

Halima: What is after the 65?

Rahmo: 4, 5.

Halima: Okay, you will be contacting Amina, right?

Rahmo: God willing.

[Verbatim ends at 05:08:48]

[Verbatim starts at 05:14:44]

Farhiyo: Sister, write me down too.

Halima: Okay, give me your name, sweetie.

Farhiyo: Farhiyo.

Halima: Farhiyo, what is your phone number?

Farhiyo: I will contact Amina, God willing.

Halima: You will contact Amina, right?

Farhiyo: Yes.

Halima: But, does Amina know the name?

Farhiyo: Yes.

Amina: Yes, sister.

Farhiyo: Yes, Amino knows.

Halima: Amina, do you know her number?

Amina: Yes, we can find her number. She is the girl whom you took the stuff to in Minneapolis,
Farhiyo.

[Verbatim ends at 05:15:07]

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FROM: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

TO: Raage, Hawo-Kiin Hassan 2521-587-5171

[Verbatim starts at 10:06:19]

Amina: No claim of responsibility should be made about the incidents that happened in those two places.

Hawo-Kiin: God forbid that! Why should we be even involved? We do not know anything!

Amina: Exactly, they did it.

Hawo-Kiin: What?

Amina: They could have done it if they wanted too, right?

Hawo-Kiin: No. Well...eh...as far as the actual involvement is concerned it's exactly how you said it. [OV]

Amina: [OV] Stop. Okay, the responsibility shouldn't be claimed.

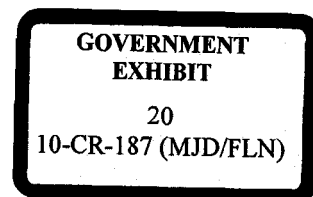
Hawo-Kiin: We don't even know about it.

Amina: Exactly, that is the way.

Hawo-Kiin: [UI]

Amina: Uh-hum. Sister, what happened to Hassan? He doesn't even answer his telephone.

Hawo-Kiin: How are the sisters?



Amina: The sisters are doing well. They pledged some amounts that day ...

Hawo-Kiin: Do you know that the Ethiopian office over there has suffered a higher casualty?
What the media is reporting is not true. Some boys and girls who are located there
have said that the Ethiopians have suffered spectacularly and all of their officers
had been wiped out.

Amina: May they be all wiped out, by God's order. Shush - let them be wiped out. Sister what
happened to Hassan? He doesn't answer his telephone.

Hawo-Kiin: Who, Hassan?

Amina: Yes.

Hawo-Kiin: Should I look for him?

Amina: No. He doesn't answer the telephone. What happened, did he change his telephone
number?

Hawo-Kiin: Sister, it's possible that he is in a meeting. The men are very busy.

Amina: Okay.

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] Once they are in a meeting, they are not allowed to bring their phones into the
meeting. The phones are left outside – they are kept outside.

Amina: Right. You should... They were a large number the other night but they didn't make
many pledges...it's not a problem. Nevertheless, we go on a door-to-door fund-
raising. Do you understand?

Hawo-Kiin: Right.

Amina: God willing we are... first of all, did you receive the five hundred? Did you receive five
hundred?

Hawo-Kiin: No. Sister, I didn't receive 500.00.

Amina: How is that possible? I told you about it.

Hawo-Kiin: Sister, up to now I cannot find that money. You told me Qaran, right?

Amina: Forget about Qaran. It was deposited with Dahabshiil – Dahabshiil.

Hawo-Kiin: Dahabshiil is not working and I didn't inquire with Dahabshiil. All these days I was
going to Qaran and I couldn't get it.

Amina: No, no, no.

Hawo-Kiin: If it's Dahabshiil -- they didn't even notify me, but I will check right now. It is five hundred right?

Amina: It is five hundred. Also, tell Hassan that we will send one thousand -- we will send one thousand through Tawakal.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay.

Amina: Which we collected through a door-to-door fund raising, God willing.

Hawo-Kiin: You said Tawakal, right?

Amina: Yes, we will send one thousand through Tawakal. He knows the number.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay, okay, I will tell him.

Amina: We will address to a female name and pass our regards to the Muslims.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay. To whom did you address it? It's important to have the name of the guy that you address it to.

Amina: No, we did not send to a guy's name. We will create the name but we haven't sent it yet. We went there last night.

Hawo-Kiin: Oh, okay.

Amina: I will contact you.

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] Sister, let me tell you; send it on the name of Halwa.

Amina: Okay

Hawo-Kiin: Send it to Halwa Dhimbil. She is his wife and she is also involved in the work.

Amina: Shall we address to her name?

Hawo-Kiin: Yes, address it to her. She will receive and bring it.

Amina: We will send to their number.

Hawo-Kiin: Halwa Mohamed Dhimbil, okay?

Amina: Okay, then we will send it to their number.

Hawo-Kiin: Yes! I will give you her phone number.

Amina: No, no.

Hawo-Kiin: Her number is ...

Amina: No, they have a number – they have a number.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay, that is great.

Amina: There is a number that belongs to them. Just tell them it's the same number and that name.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay.

Amina: Convey our greetings to the Muslims and tell them not to claim responsibility for everything that occurs.

Hawo-Kiin: Oh no, no, we don't have anything to do with that. Why should we be blamed?

Amina: Did you know that man spoke well...the man - Abdiqadir Ali Omar

Hawo-Kiin: Yes.

Amina: Do you know that he disassociated from them?

Hawo-Kiin: Yes, I was told that he disassociated from them.

Amina: Yes, he disassociated from them.

Hawo-Kiin: I did not listen but the men told me about it...to disassociate from them, to unite and to have the Mujahidins form a united front.[OV]

Amina: [OV] Exactly, as the enemy is all united.

Hawo-Kiin: They are the ones [UI]

Amina: The enemy is all united. Sister, furthermore the men who live in the Villa Somalia – Villa Somalia- - [OV]

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] God willing we will do our best and we will also come together.

Amina: [OV] Villa Somalia- -Sister - - [UI]

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] The religion instructs everyone to be united and that everyone adopts God's religion.

Amina: [OV] - - Sister, the men who live in the Villa Somalia – Villa Somalia; if they turn themselves in.

Hawo-Kiin: Yes.

Amina: They should be welcomed to let the enemy be weakened.

Hawo-Kiin: Right. Yes, yes.

Amina: Anybody who wants to turn themselves in should be welcomed.

Hawo-Kiin: Okay.

Amina: The enemy is all united and God will defeat them, God willing.

Hawo-Kiin: That's how it is, that's how it is. Amina, sister their trickery to God is huge.

Amina: Yes.

Hawo-Kiin: I swear and we pray to God...this time is the last occasion, do you know? - - [OV]

Amina: [OV] They are- -

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] - -They have found people among the Muslims. But God will defeat them; God will crush them and they are sad no matter where they are; God is fighting on our side.

Amina: [OV] You know that- -

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] They are all upset...when God dislodges them from their perceived sanctuary and God defeats them by punishing them with fires and storms.

Amina: Uhm.

Hawo-Kiin: This is a worldly test and God will be looking how and what we do.

Amina: [OV] That alone is- -

Hawo-Kiin: [OV] How we will do.

Amina: [OV] - -No, you see? That alone...you should follow that strategy and deny those other places, and you should not be claiming the responsibility for it - -

Hawo-Kiin: Exactly! No, no.

Amina: - -Fight them in numbers so the enemy can be defeated. Do you know about that man? -
-

[RC] You have one minute remaining [RC]

Amina: - -Do you know about that man?

Hawo-Kiin: Uhm, who?

Amina: Sharif- - Sharif. That he had a face-to-face meeting with the Ethiopian- -

Hawo-Kiin: Yes. Check on the internet about the *opinion* of the Islamic scholars who called upon him.

Amina: - -If he would have been summoned anywhere, wouldn't be a problem- - [OV]

Hawo-Kiin: [OV]- -They told them: "We will decide about those of you who claim to be holy men and the knife to slaughter you is set ready- -"

Amina: Right.

Hawo-Kiin: - -They told them: "The Islamic scholars will slaughter you and we will disassociate from you"

Amina: And now the infidels... [OV]

Hawo-Kiin: [OV]- -Abdinur Gurhan and Sheikh Nur Maclin Abdirahman and everyone else issued an *opinion*; and they said: "We are supporting the jihad conducted by the youth."

Amina: That is over.

Hawo-Kiin: So, they have failed - - they have suffered a loss.

Amina: And even in Nairobi they were embarrassed. The infidels were thinking that he was able to bring out a larger support; now he is not endorsed as previously. God will disgrace them in a desolate place, God willing.

Hawo-Kiin: God willing; God willing.

Amina: Yes, God willing.

[Verbatim stops at 10:12:10]

INT DATE: 07 November, 2008

TIME: 14:52:47 UTC

DURATION: 00:49:16

SESSION IDs: 4611633 / 34821638

FROM: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

TO: Hamdi Obede 612-332-8064

[Verbatim starts at: 14:54:12]

Amina: For the *last three weeks* we were going door to door, everyday.

Hamdi: Yes.

Amina: We go to difference places everyday; sometimes we go in groups and sometimes we go in pairs and sometimes... anyway we were active, thanks to God.

Hamdi: Okay.

Amina: Our effort was not wasted, by the grace of God.

Hamdi: Thanks to God.

Amina: Our effort was not wasted, by the grace of God. We received all the stuff we were sending to the Muslims, you know?

Hamdi: Yes.

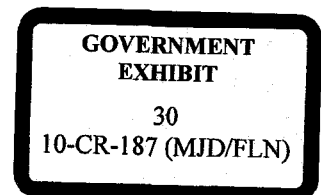
Amina: We sent approximately \$7,000.00

Hamdi: What?

Amina: We sent up to \$7000.00.

Hamdi: That is wonderful. Thanks to God.

Amina: Anyway, I wish them prosperity; God is the provider for everyone.



Hamdi: That is right; he is the provider.

Amina: It is not in our power. There are a few houses still remaining. So how are you doing?

Hamdi: Sister we are doing fine.

Amina: I said to myself, "She is busy, because she has to go to work". But sister, you should put aside time, you know? -- you don't join the conference call with us; you don't have time for us; you don't have a phone.

Hamdi: I know.

Amina: Why don't you get a cellular phone, my dear sister?

Hamdi: Sister, I don't like cellular phones. They hurt my ears.

Amina: Right, they are no good, but why don't you have long distance service on your home phone?

Hamdi: It is expensive.

Amina: Okay.

Hamdi: It is expensive and I work only part time and I am avoiding ... besides, these infidels are difficult; they will add miscellaneous charges without you knowing it.

Amina: Uh-hum.

Hamdi: But I was thinking about getting long distance service covering -- I mean -- inside the United States.

Amina: That is what I was talking about. Why do you care about Europe and other places? Normally people purchase a card. No one can afford the other services.

Hamdi: Yes. Well, I will think about adding that service.

Amina: So, sister; we want you to go and get the money pledged by those people who live in Minneapolis or St Paul; you collect the money from them and you give us a time, you see ...

Hamdi: I will go and get it, God willing.

Amina: [UI] sister, there are many people who made pledges and I want to tell you their numbers...

Hamdi: Yes.

Amina: I told some girls that someone will come to them, but they do not live in the city of Minneapolis as you know. People are in the Eden Prairie and other areas; I call that entire area Minneapolis, including St. Paul.

Hamdi: I know.

Amina: So, my dear sister; we want you to collect the money from people. I asked a girl yesterday to give it to Maryan Mohamed Ismail.

Hamdi: Okay.

Amina: I told her, "Give it to her" so, they will give it to her and you will send it after you collect the whole thing from where you are.

Hamdi: Okay.

Amina: So, my dear sister; may God protect you; I want to give you the numbers. You will choose the time; you make an appointment with the person and say, "Sister, I will come to you at that particular time".

Hamdi: Okay.

Amina: I want to tell you that you will meet all kind of people.

Hamdi: I know.

Amina: All kinds of people.

Hamdi: Uh-hum.

Amina: We need to be patience.

Hamdi: That is right.

Amina: The thing is, even those, whose houses we are knocking, they slam the door on our face and say," Get out".

Hamdi: That is right.

Amina: We don't care, "Okay sister". We make sure they are told. Why do we care?

Hamdi: Yes.

Amina: One of these days, there will be judgment in front of God... at that time everyone -- we want to avoid being asked, "Did you tell them?". We will say, "God we told them and were witness of what each person did to us."

Hamdi: Yes.

[Verbatim ends at: 14:57:25]

INT DATE: 27 December 2008

TIME: 02:27:20 UTC

DURATION: 00:26:42

SESSION ID: 48540159

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed, aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

[Ringing]

Halima: Peace be upon you, sister. [Background voices] Oh my God!

Amina: [OV] How is it going, sister?

Halima: Good, sister.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: Thank God. [Laughing]

Amina: What's up?

Halima: This Pal Talk -- we logon to the chat-room of the religious men, you know?

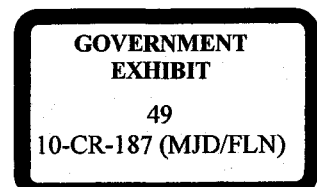
Amina: Go on.

Halima: So the religious men... A young religious man was talking just now.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: "We should not be surprised by the upcoming matters ..." He was in the middle of telling us some good stuff when one man -- a man came on and I was laughing at the man.

Amina: Go on.



Halima: He said, “[Mimicking, clearing throat] Well, I am from the government side. Man, you are Al Shabab.” He is saying this to the religious man, you see?

Amina: And where is that?

Halima: It is Pal Talk.

Amina: Which Pal Talk?

Halima: The chat-room of the religious men. Eh ... [OV]

Amina: Is it Al Dawa -- Al Dawa?

Halima: No; no; no; no. Pal Talk -- Pal Talk.

Amina: Well, is it Al Dawa Pal-Talk? Which one is it?

Halima: It is the big Pal-Talk. It is not *downloaded* in your computer.

Amina: Well ...

Halima: I don't have it either. We logon to it at Ayan's home.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: Then he said to him, “[Mimicking] Hey man, you are Al Shabab; I know you. I am from the government side.” He said, “Why do people who come out of mosques [IA] get killed?” [Laughing]

Amina: What?

Halima: That is when you called.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: That is when you... Oh my God -- what they sometimes put Al Shabab through! Oh my God ...

Amina: Tell them to go to hell.

Halima: To hell ... We are telling you that last night in Ayan's room ...

Amina: Hum.

Halima: Ayan ... Everyone has certain *number*, when she logs in. Last night five of us logged in.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: Four females -- so everyone... “Al Shabab, praying, dignity ...” *you can't imagine* how much praising they received.

Amina: Go on. How wonderful!

Halima: So [IA] talked relentlessly. It is full of religious men. There are several hundred religious men in there.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: I talked relentlessly.

Amina: It is called Al Dawa, sister.

[Verbatim stops at 02:29:08 and starts at 02:29:35]

Halima: There are hundreds of chat-rooms.

Amina: Okay. Is this a different one?

Halima: This is a different one in which a debate ... and the religious men logon to it from everywhere.

Amina: And what do they say?

Halima: And they [UI] and then they take turns on the microphone. Some who are opposed to the religious men; some who want the religious men; some who insult the religious men ...

Amina: Did you speak to them?

Halima: What?

Amina: Did you speak to them?

Halima: I spoke to them last night. I spoke there the night before last. What do you think? *You can't imagine*, how well I was defending the Al Shabab men.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: I am telling you I let them hear a mouthful from me last night. And ...

Amina: Give me the news. What did you say to them?

Halima: The man ...

Amina: I like the way you talk.

Halima: I can't explain it, sister ...

Amina: Why didn't you call me when you were speaking?

Halima: I should have done that. I started with: “The boy -- let us define the Al Shabab boy. Who is this boy?” Because everyone, who logs on, makes a comment about him, you know?

Amina: U-hum.

[Verbatim stops at 02:30:12 and starts again at 02:32:09]

Amina: What did you say to them? Tell me; continue – continue.

Halima: First I defined the boy again and again; do you understand?

Amina: Uh-hum.

Halima: I said, “This boy [coughing] is verbally assaulted, and is physically assaulted till nothing is left of him, you know?”

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: Because, when he is fighting, when he is firing the bullet -- he is at a frontline -- and he is firing the artillery at the non-Muslim in front of him, --

Amina: Hum.

Halima: -- the warlords launch it from a location behind him ...” That is what I said, sister.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- and drop it on the civilians.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- government troops launch it; --

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- the clansmen launch it;

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- bandits launch it and drop it on the civilians; --

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- and then they say the boy fired it in the direction in front of him as well as the one behind him.” [UI] I am telling you. A religious boy liked it. He said, “It is true.”

Amina: Okay.

Halima: He said, "It is true. It is what is in my heart." I mean, this boy said, "I believe it with my heart that the boy is falsely blamed in that manner."

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: Keep in mind that, by referring to the boy -- by one boy I mean all of the boys.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: Anyway, the boy explained it well.

[Verbatim stops at 02:32:56 and starts again 02:36:10]

Halima: It would be nice if Amina logs on to the religious men's *line*, since they cannot see you.

Amina: My voice is known, man.

Halima: Really?

Amina: [Laughing]

Halima: But it is all of Europe; the entire world is in there -- Mogadishu is in there -- Mogadishu.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: "[Mimicking] I am talking to you from Lafweyn Hotel."

Amina: And what are they saying?

Halima: An awful man, who called from Lafweyn, the hotel Sharif stayed in, said. And he was taking a pot shot at the religious men.

Amina: Why didn't you say to him, "Stand up -- stupid you? Go and ... the enemy ..."

Halima: Well, who would give you the microphone back? It will not ... eh ... one ... It is not -- it is not allowed. The microphone will not come back to me. But you use your hand to post -- hand.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: You post what you want to say, using your hand. There you have it.

Amina: And everyone will see it.

Halima: Yes. Everyone reads what is posted. *You can't imagine* what gets posted: "Viva Sharif! Long live Sharif! We support Sharif! You can't imagine what they post.

Amina: Wicked.

Halima: Some say, "We support Hassan Dahir! Long live Al Shabab!" Every group posts something different, you know?

[Verbatim stops at 02:36:55 and starts again at 02:41:19]

Halima: I told the other girls to join too. Amina Kariye was with us, you know?

Amina: Yes.

Halima: And Ayan Mohamed Hassan.

Amina: Oaky.

Halima: And Safi.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: I told them to log in and not to talk about anything other than Al Shabab.

Amina: Okay!

Halima: So, I am telling you ... First of all, this is what was posted for Safi.

Amina: Hum.

Halima: They posted for her "Amen! Amen! Amen!" last night.

Amina: What did she say?

Halima: She prayed for the Al Shabab boys.

Amina: Uh-hum.

Halima: "We are their mothers! We are contented with them!" "Amen! Amen!" She prayed to God for them --

Amina: Hum.

Halima: -- to unite the Muslims, to ...

Amina: Why didn't you say, "We are mothers and grandmothers as well?"

Halima: I did say that.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: I did say that.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: I said, "These are our young sons; we are their mothers. They are very young and tiny children; and yet God put our victory in their hands.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: These are our children, defending us.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: Girl, I am telling you that last night people kept saying, "Amen! Amen! Amen!"

Amina: How wonderful! Go on.

Halima: There you have it. Everyone defended the young boys.

[Verbatim stops at 02:42:03 and starts again at 02:42:37]

Halima: Everyone took the same stand.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: Well, as for them -- there were a lot of Al Shabab in there and they were happy last night.

Amina: How wonderful! But I like you. Oh my God! [OV] I should have listened to that.

Halima: I talked a lot. [U]

Amina: No; no. The *line* --

Halima: What, sister?

Amina: -- you should connect me to it.

Halima: God willing. I will connect you to it, when they are talking so you can see. [OV]

Amina: When they are talking and you are talking -- I am not interested in what they say.

[Verbatim ends at 02:42:56]

INT DATE: 07 February 2009

TIME: 15:41:42 UTC

DURATION: 00:08:48

SESSION ID: 4917749

FROM: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

TO: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

[Dialing]

[Ringing]

Halima: Yes, sister; peace be upon you.

Amina: Peace, mercy and blessing from God be upon you too. Yes, sister. [OV]

Halima: That guy, Sharif was bombarded today in Mogadishu. Do you know?

Amina: Give me the news.

Halima: He landed in Mogadishu.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: He was bombarded with mortar.

Amina: Really?

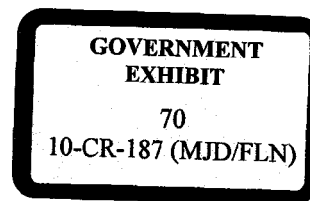
Halima: He was bombarded inside the Presidential Palace.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: Welcoming him -- imagine that [laughing].

Amina: Wonderful! But, are you sure he went there?

Halima: Uh-hum; uh-hum.



Amina: I have something else to tell you.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: We are going to sponsor a lecture.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: Some people left from Egypt --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: Huh?

Halima: Okay.

Amina: -- to go and witness --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- the situation over there. [Pause] Huh?

Halima: Okay.

Amina: "What is going on?" They got back astonished -- they were astonished.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: People who initially believed these people, the youth --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- were hard headed.

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: These warmongers --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- and those men who -- eh -- how do you say? -- belong to the Sharif's wing --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: -- they went to those guys --

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: -- and thought they should check them out.

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: Well, those people expressed outrage and made phone calls.

Halima: What are they saying?

Amina: Well they witnessed -- they witnessed injustice. They saw the lifestyle the men, who are allied with this man... Huh?

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: The food they eat and the cars they drive, you cannot imagine...

Halima: Are you talking about Sharif's men?

Amina: What?

Halima: Sharif's men?

Amina: Sharif's men.

Halima: Well yes; that is the way it is going to be. They get money.

Amina: Well -- well sister, it is clear that these people are after wealth.

Halima: Uh-hum.

[Verbatim stops at 15:43:12 and starts again at 15:43:46]

Amina: So what did you say? They are not aware of this incident.

Halima: It was just reported in the computers.

Amina: It was reported? Maybe these people are trying to create a conflict.

Halima: No; I am actually on *line*.

[Verbatim stops at 15:43:57 and starts again at 15:44:43]

Halima: Omar Iman held also a press conference this morning; he held it at the Pasta Factory.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: He said, "This government and the one that departed are the same --

Amina: Okay.

Halima: -- and it will be fought.”

Amina: Uh-hum.

Halima: His soldiers were photographed. Their pictures are all over Shabeelle.

Amina: Uh-hum.

Halima: There you have it.

[Verbatim stops at 15:44:59]

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TIME: 03:57:04 UTC

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SESSION ID: 4921033

FROM: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

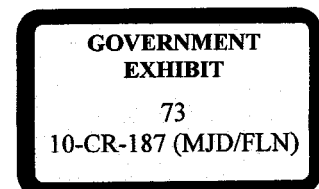
TO: Teleconference 218-486-1300/Ali, Amina speak to Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan, who then addresses the teleconference 507-319-9111/ Ali, Amina connects Sheikh Ali to teleconference

[Verbatim starts at 03:59:33]

Amina: Sister, they will join us soon, by the will of God. So, you can talk to us during that short break, when ... [IA] will leave, we will all join it, by the will of God.

Halima: We will wait for them by will of God. [Beeping] And everyone has joined in. Dear brothers, may peace be upon you [automated announcement]. So, we will engage in a discussion while the religious-men are performing their prayers, by the will of God. And we will ask each other a minor question. I want to ask our religious-men who are online some minor question, by the will of God. Since they are our religious-men and are those who inherited prophet Mohamed's, may peace be upon him, knowledge from him, and are the ones to whom we tell our needs. Lately, there are a lot of confusion and misunderstanding among Somali which has increased problems there. Our country and our people are being interfered by foreign influence -- [pause] -- it has being interfered by foreign influence. They are taking advantage of our Somali people who majority of them are uninformed and don't have Islamic knowledge. That is who they taking advantage of. Being uninformed is very bad; 80 percent of us don't know much of the Islamic religion. However, we have faith in the people who know the religion, we love our religious scholars. Also, tribalism has come back with a vengeance. While it replaced --

Amina: [SC] the religious-men will be joining in soon [SC]



Halima: -- the 'word' called [laughing] ... the religious-men in North America are scared of it; the word is 'jihad'. It has being covered up and concealed with something called tribalism in order to confuse the public and to mislead them from their real objective. Recently, a strong tribalism has affected us. When you want to defend the religion you will be told that you are motivated by tribe; you are eliminating a specific tribe. The person who is unjust uses tribalism as an obstacle to the religion. There are also many trenches that were dug for the Somali people to fall in and yet we don't understand it due to our ignorance. We are being taken advantage of... our people in Somalia have experienced something called hunger and war. And God can resolve those two. God provides relief from hunger and fear. The infidels are taking advantage from us because of those two issues. They put our people in a bitter life. Like, lack of shelters, lack of food, lack of medicine, and horrible looking huts that they reside in; in order to reach and obtain their goal. What is their purpose? It is to mislead from the right path, to delude them for that is the path of God. We are given a constitution prepared by the UN in which will replace the Islam. Lately doubts have been put in the heart of many people, some of them are uniformed and some other who are religious-men; that is strange -- eh -- our Somali religious-men quieted down [ringing] when the upheaval has increased and the people are leaving their religion ... An example that they are leaving their religion is that they opposing [ringing] [UI] the *Mujahidin* boys. [On the side conversation] The religious-men should have stood up and talked to the people. All the Somali religious-men are silent except Umal; may God bless him, my brother. Also, the other person who spoke out and created doubt is a Sheikh called Qardawi. He is not bad, oh my God! He is a Muslim scholar, but he is not currently informed of the Somali situation, according to reliable information we have received; he is not aware of the real situation. He received a letter Hassan Dahir sent him a while ago... he sent Bush and him. He assumes ... because -- because the newly created court's chairman and leadership ... he assumes they are like them -- like him. He was approached and told, "Qardawi, you don't have the real fact of the Somali situation ... if you are hardliner for the sake of God -- those 250 men who were recently nominated are Sufis. He was told, "If you, Qardawi are a hardliner who has never wavered from the truth, these guys are moderates." [Ringing] He was told, "If you, Qardawi are a fundamentalist and strictly follow the Quran and *Sunna*, these men are moderates ... [on the side conversation]" Qardawi was informed of all that and was told, "You are not aware of the real situation of Somalia and yet you issued a religious support which is not appropriate at this time. There is a saying that states, "Anyone who ties a rope in the dark must know how to un-tie it." It is up to Qardawi and he will contact many Somali religious scholars those who are reasonable, excluding those who are silent.

[Verbatim ends at 04:05:47]

[Verbatim starts at 04:48:21]

Sheikh Ali: About the resistance groups that existed in the country... there were several rebel groups fighting against the enemy in the country; thanks to God most of them have joined forces and became one and now it can be said that only two *groups* or two factions which are made up from the fighters in the country and that is a matter that deserves thanking to God Almighty. Those men fought as much as they could and as much as their strength and their finances allowed them. As you know, there was no one who was assisting them and financing them. Although, the Somali society is a giving society, you know, and are known for helping each other and those of you who are abroad have done many good things like sponsoring a child, a family, or assisting the people who are in the fighting. The people abroad and those inside the country have done great things. Some of the things I saw in Mogadishu were fighting taking place an entire day and yet no one who was wounded could be found. You can't distinguish between the *Mujihids* who are fighting and the normal civilian. They mobilized [UI] ... I mean they mobilized ambulances, they gathered the people whether they are fighters or not in one location and then took them from that single point, and the people are helping each other in that manner. You will see afterwards that the individual was already taken care of and admitted in a hospital; doctors gave him medical care and the person was cured. That's what the individual's family finds out. As a matter of fact, people were very much aware of the situation and most of the public didn't like the enemy to occupy their country -- eh -- other than some who had connection to the politicians and had close relationship with them. As a matter of fact people will tell you that they are thankful to God and the people who are *Mujahiin*. They will tell you, when you ask them this, "Did the Ethiopian troops leave the country because of the peace agreement or because of the fighting?" The Mogadishu people will tell you that unless the youth group and other fighters are being discredited, the Ethiopian troops left by force; that is what the people, whom I have met, believe.

[Verbatim ends at 04:50:40]

INT DATE: 09 February 2009

TIME: 18:14:38 UTC

DURATION: 00:15:52

SESSION ID: 4922417

FROM: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

TO: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

[Verbatim starts at 18:16:21]

Amina: Tell me the news. I want you to tell me about Pal Talk.

Halima: Last night's Pal Talk -- how beautiful. Some religious young boys enjoyed it; don't worry about that.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: How beautiful! Some of them said, "They are having us listen to guys who belong to Alshabab."

[Verbatim stops at 18:16:32 and starts again at 18:17:46]

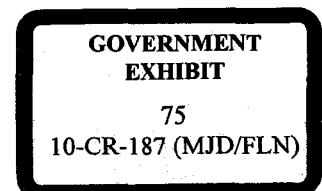
Halima: They were saying, "Give us the man's name. The man..." They kept on praying; they prayed a lot for him.

Amina: Wonderful.

Halima: They all liked him. [UI] is full of good people; it is full of religious people. Even Ja'far, the religious man I said reminded me of you last night, was there.

Amina: Did many people attend it; many people?

Halima: Yes, yes. [Background voices] Even Ja'far was there. *You can't* -- how much praying there was. They said, "Make them available to us -- make them available to us. Don't let us miss this blessing." [Laughing] I said to them, "It will be made available to you God willing."



Amina: Wonderful; wonderful. It was truly quite an event. So, did you stay on in the *line* -
- Pal Talk or logout immediately?

Halima: No, no; I told you that I got sleepy. I got out of it.

[Verbatim stops at 18:18:23 and starts again at 18:18:55]

Halima: "Man, this guy is Alshabab; How wonderful!" You wouldn't believe what they
were saying.

Amina: Were they saying he is Alshabab and admiring or insulting?

Halima: No; some were insulting and are evils. [OV] But *you can't imagine* what many
were saying: "They are good boys. How Wonderful! God is great." Well sister,
God did not create people the same.

Amina: Were they posting it at the place -- at the place?

Halima: Some were posting for them, you know: "We need *information* from the country.
True, true, true." Every time they say something, in response to them, people
would post: "True, true. God is great; wonderful."

[Verbatim ends at 18:19:27]

INT DATE: 18 March 2009
TIME: 17:25:50 UTC
DURATION: 00:18:23
SESSION IDs: 5034093 / 35309429
FROM: Hassan Afgoye aka Abu Ayman
TO: Ali, Amina 507- 282-6214

[Verbatim starts at 17:26:47]

Amina: Hello.

Hassan: Peace be upon you.

Amina: Peace be upon you and his blessing. Brother, how are you?

Hassan: Fine.

Amina: Yes, how is everything?

Hassan: Very well. How are you doing?

Amina: Wonderful, I am doing well. There is no problem.

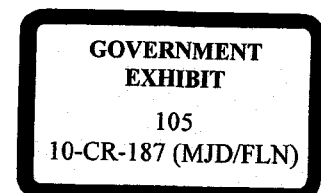
Hassan: Yes.

Amina: I don't know if they have received what was sent or not as I didn't call to verify.

Hassan: Warsame told you, why didn't you call him?

Amina: I didn't call him because I was *busy*. Do you understand? I was so busy ...

Hassan: Yes.



Amina: ... but I thought that you would eventually receive the money. [Pause] On that day I told you one of them. I told about a thousand. Did you relay one thousand and two hundreds?

Hassan: Yes.

Amina: Did they receive the one thousand and two hundred?

Hassan: They have received it. I want to tell you one more thing - -

Amina: Yes. [Pause] Yes brother, I can hear you.

Hassan: - - [SC] it is Nation telephone that I am using. The other telephone companies are shut down. Sister, I wanted to tell you that I left my previous position and another man took over. Are you aware about that?

Amina: You told me about it and you even gave me his number.

Hassan: Yes, you will contact that man with all what you send and his name is Nadir. Tell him that I sent you. He is the man who will verify the receipt of what you send. Do you understand?

Amina: Yes, I know. Since I told you that day, I thought that you would pass on the message to him. I didn't pay any more attention since I was so busy.

Hassan: Do you watch the internet and TV? Do you get the chance?

Amina: No I don't watch them. I am so busy. What is going on?

Hassan: I went to a place ... did I tell you where I went to?

Amina: I know. You became the Bay and Bakool region's head. Are you Abu-Ayman Ayman?
... Abu Ayman?

Hassan: Yes.

Amina: Uh-huh.

Hassan: Yes.

Amina: I know that. I am following what is going on. I am also aware of what happened in El-Buur?

Hassan: Today we were involved in a battle.

Amina: Yes!

Hassan: There are some men ... Those ones have come back ...

Amina: Yes, yes.

Hassan: Today, an amazing battle took place.

Amina: "We belong to God and to God we shall return." Where did it happen?

Hassan: No, no we ... it is at the place where they crossed on the border.

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: The region is impacted. The other day they came in a village where the majority of the people were mujahidin and they looted it. Whatever they could not carry they destroyed completely, things like utensils and medicine in the pharmacy.

Amina: Are they the Ethiopians or the so called Somalis.

Hassan: They are the left over's from the apostates.

Amina: There were reports that a man turned over to your side. The man who surrendered by the name of Abbas and who said, "Barre Hiiraale is sick". Was he lying?

Hassan: Those ones are on the side of Kismayo, by the Jubba regions.

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: Yesterday they planned a move against us but we were ready for them. They did not move yesterday but they moved this morning around 7:00 AM. When the battle started they lost within a half hour ... eh ... 14 men.

Amina: Thanks to God. Thank you God.

Hassan: The two leaders of their army were the brothers of Adan Garansoor and Adan Madowbe. They were both were captured alive and then slaughtered.

Amina: Were they killed? Thanks God. [Pause] Yes.

Hassan: In the battle they lost 16 men and we captured one of their heavy gun mounted vehicle.

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: In God's grace, the rest of them run into the bushes and died from their wounds and thirst. Some of them met their fate by the hands of the bush men.

Amina: Were they killed?

Hassan: They were massacred.

Amina: Who run away then? Did some of them run away?

Hassan: Those who are not killed run away and go back into Ethiopia, which will train them and send them back again. Do you know? They will be massacred and they will go back again. They are not smart.

Amina: They are cursed. They are cursed. Yes.

Hassan: The battle started and within half an hour it was finished. The battle in the morning was short but the destruction that took place was unimaginable.

Amina: "Whatever God wants."; "Whatever God wants." I thank God. God has killed them all.

Hassan: Sister that is what happened, but otherwise we are doing very well. There is no problem. Although there are hard situations and only God can satisfy the need of the people but they have good moral, to put up with the hard situations and their relations with God is highly desirable.

Amina: Uh-huh.

Hassan: I thank God. Sister, they are telling us about problems of unemployment by your side and that people are under surveillance and that people are always becoming exposed. How are things going?

Amina: I guess, you have heard that Hassan Haji was arrested in Saudi Arabia.

Hassan: Okay.

Amina: Did they tell you?

Hassan: I was told.

Amina: Yes, Hassan Haji and three other men who were working at Al-Dawa's Paltak.

Hassan: Yes, okay.

Amina: They were arrested. The other group - - the man known as Sikiin ... [OV]

Hassan: Right.

Amina: It is said it was all over and that he said, "You support the youth so get out and closed the place."

Hassan: Right.

Amina: He supports Sharif and they said "the youth are on the right path." They broke away and created their own place.

Hassan: I understand.

Amina: Now there is a suspicion everywhere, since that matter happened. The people are under surveillance. They arrested that man ... Hassan Haji. They also arrested two other men who worked at the pal talk who called themselves "A Dawa ... Al-Tawhid Center". "Tawhid Center." You know?

[Verbatim ends at 17:33:37]

INT DATE: 03 April, 2009

TIME: 04:31:32 UTC

DURATION: 00:11:19

SESSION IDs: 5061426 / 35309140

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed, aka Hassan, Halima 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507-271-3119

[Verbatim translation starts at 04:32:04]

Halima: He is well and he is in Khartoum.

Amina: Uh-huh.

Halima: He confirmed the night and the other things directly from me. He said that when it is 9:00 o'clock here and it is prayer time for him, he will join the conference, God willing. Do you understand?

Amina: Yes. Did you give him my number?

Halima: What? Yes, yes. Your home number -- your home number.

Amina: You gave him the home number. Didn't you?

Halima: I also gave him your name and told him, "She is Amina" and log on here.

Amina: Yes, yes.

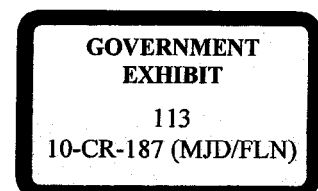
Halima: The thing is - -

Amina: Yes.

Halima: - - they do not have a telephone account.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: They have to deposit some money.



Amina: Let him deposit and we will reimbursed him.

Halima: I told Hassan that it was his fault about the money, tomorrow is Friday and all the places are closed. Do you understand?

Amina: Yes.

Halima: I told him to borrow the money from someone and we will send him on Saturday.

Amina: Where is he going to borrow from?

Halima: There are many people in Cairo -- I mean Khartoum. I do not know.

Amina: Did he tell you that he will be able to find it.

Halima: Yes, he will find it. It's better than Asmara. He said he will find it.

Amina: Tell him that we will pay whatever amount it may be --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: -- but he has to speak in a meaningful way, pay for the call and be ready for it.

Halima: I told him that the money will be sent on Saturday and he should receive it on Sunday to repay the lender.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: That is what we agreed on sister.

Amina: Also, we cannot know. We can't send it because we do not know how much it is going to be. Do you understand?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Some places are more expensive; perhaps it might be expensive for him.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Do you understand? To a place like Mogadishu we send \$100.00.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: A place like Cairo, for example it is \$200.00.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Do you understand?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: We do not know how much Sudan will be. Let him fully load it and then tell us how much it cost? I think that is the best way.

Halima: I told him that I might call him, possibly around *midnight* before the start of the lecture. I might just call him, tomorrow or He said, "Call at any time" -- his phone is not off; some guys keep it for him, you know? Because ... [OV]

Amina: Wait; the money can be sent tomorrow. What is wrong with you?

Halima: On Friday?

Amina: Yes. It is like today that the money cannot be sent.

Halima: That is true. It will be received on their side.

Amina: Yes, but how do we know what the amount is going to be? How about if we just send two hundred?

Halima: We can find out. I will find out tomorrow.

Amina: Sister, he can't know until he gets all the minutes that he needs. He can't find out how long he needs to talk.

Halima: That is true.

Amina: I know it since I have contact with hundreds of people. Everybody can't know it --

Halima: Yes.

Amina: No one can find out until they see how long they talked and how many minutes it is going to be and cannot foretell.

Halima: So, what shall we do now?

Amina: I would say, if you are telling me to send two hundreds - -

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: -- I have the two hundred.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Do you understand?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: If you ask me to wait, since we do not want to embarrass the poor cleric.

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: Sister, send him the two hundred tomorrow.

Halima: Fine. I will send it.

Amina: I hope, yes...

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: I hope it will not exceed more than that. I hope so.

Halima: Does it exceed at time?

Amina: Because once I sent a hundred to a place and it became one hundred and seventy.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: I was always ready to send either fifty or a hundred. Do you know?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Sister, it is more in some places.

Halima: Okay, give me the two and I will send it tomorrow.

Amina: Uh-huh.

Halima: He gave me a man's name. Do you know?

Amina: Yes.

Halima: He gave me the name of the man who is carrying his phone.

Amina: Yes, send it.

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: That is how we will do. Did you discuss about the matters? Do you know, I was planning to call him tonight? Then I thought to wait since I was supposed to call some people. Do you know?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: People to give lectures. You knew about that - -

Halima: - - [laughing] I wanted to tell you not to call them.

Amina: I wanted to call them then I decided not to call them. I thought to call you. Then I said to myself if you had some news you would have called me.

Halima: I would have called you earlier.

Amina: You would worry, so I thought to leave you alone, poor girl.

Halima: [Laughing] Seriously...

Amina: I thought about it half an hour before.

Halima: [Laughing] [UI]

Amina: I thought to call the people for the lectures in the morning, in order to offer them a *chance*.

Halima: May God reward you. If you had called me, I would have been sick to my stomach. [Laughing] Hassan and I would have cut ties -- we two would have cut ties.

Amina: I did this -- I felt ashamed to call you and I found it difficult to call the other people. I also thought that they would have said, "Why didn't you tell us about the lecture in advance" However, I thought to myself not to worry because we did not get the lecturer we were expecting so just tell them, "Do your own thing since no one is there to improve the situation".

Halima: Sister, he told me that he was calling my previous number all that time; I disconnected it; do you know?

Amina: Yes, poor guy.

Halima: Yes. He said that he got from Cairo; he said he got it from the girl by the name of Zeynab.

Amina: Wonderful.

Halima: I mean Khadijo.

Amina: So I wonder whether the cleric was in a difficult situation or maybe Jiniqow was with him somewhere – he was not in a place where he could talk.

Halima: He is not afraid of Hassan Jiniqow.

Amina: No, no it's not fear [OV]

Halima: You mean he will not give him room.

Amina: For example, if you are with certain people you cannot talk about certain things.

Halima: I talked with him tonight and we even discussed the topic.

Amina: Yes, tell me about it.

Halima: I told him not to talk about the topic of the break up between them anymore. [Laughing]

Amina: All right -- then what is the cleric going to talk about? The cleric must ...

Halima: He told me that it does not exist but good things will come. That does not exist.

Amina: The cleric must -- listen -- he has to talk about the situation in Somalia.

Halima: Yes, yes.

Amina: He should talk about the things that have changed.

Halima: That is the case.

Amina: He must talk about all those things.

Halima: It is so.

Amina: Isn't it? [OV] Because what we expect is that information. He also has to talk to the people. Has anyone told you about an event?

Halima: What?

[Verbatim translation ends at 04:37:12]

[Verbatim translation starts again at 04:39:13]

Amina: He does not have to announce his name, *totally*.

Halima: He does say it, does he?

Amina: Why does he have to tell his name; anyway they will recognize him.

Halima: They will know his voice.

Amina: Do you know they will record the lecture but I do not want his name to be recorded.
Some people will record it and you never know.

Halima: I told him that he will not be asked many questions. Maybe three people or so will ask
him questions. As you suggested to me, the other day - -

Amina: Yes.

Halima: - - I told him that only up to three people or four people will ask questions; all the other
people will not ask questions. I told if a wrong person asks you a wrong question -
-

Amina: Uh-huh

Halima: - - I told him not to think that there are only religious people on the conference line.

Amina: All kinds of people are on the line.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Just give him his answer.

Halima: I told him with the answer -- all trouble makers, FBI and people sent by them and filth --
[OV]

Amina: Anyone can be there.

Halima: -- all kind of people could be there.

Amina: They are there.

Halima: Yes. So I told him not to assume that the audience is just religious people. They may ask
him an inappropriate question.

Amina: What I do not want is - - do you know?

Halima: What:

Amina: Be careful with his name.

Halima: But he has to ... the audience? Oh -- I will not say it aloud, but they will recognize and say it.

Amina: Let them say it. *We do not care*, if they mention the name.

Halima: He will ... [UI]

Amina: But he shouldn't. I never give out the name of the people that I invited to the conference. *You know?*

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: They even tried to find out from me the Abu-Abdalla guy. I did not tell them.

Halima: But they announced his name, Abdalla on the line.

Amina: They called him Abu-Abdalla, but who knows who he is? They need his full name.

Halima: I will talk with him again, may be tomorrow night.

Amina: Some people asked me to talk with Abu-Abdalla. Do you know?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: I found out that he was not happy about it, so I left him alone.

Halima: That is it.

Amina: They asked me to get him. I talked to him and when I saw him that he is not happy about the situation, I left him alone. I did not elaborate to him nor did I did tell him. Abu-Abdalla -- call me Abu-Amina all you want, who knows who it is?

Halima: That is true.

Amina: [Laughing]. But they know Hassan Dahir. It does not concern us, but make sure that they do not hear from his mouth.

Halima: They know about everyone. God willing.

Amina: So, you hear me? Do not let them hear it from his mouth. Did he tell you what hawala to use?

Halima: No. There is only Dahabshiil. Is there another one?

Amina: Okay, that is it then.

Halima: I will send it thru Dahabshiil and then I will call him. No problem.

Amina: Yes, you will call him and let him know

Halima: I will call him.

Amina: I will send it under your name.

Halima: Yes, I will call him.

Amina: So that it is, my dear. May God reward you with blessing?

Halima: May God reward you, my dear sister.

[Verbatim translation ends at 04:41:20]

INT DATE: 03 April, 2009

TIME: 19:41:56 UTC

DURATION: 00:17:33

SESSION IDs: 5062555 / 34726322

FROM: Hassan Afgoye, aka Abu Ayman

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

[Verbatim begins at 19:45:51]

Hassan: Today there was a lecture at a place called Salahudin. Have you heard about it?

Amina: No.

Hassan: A center that belongs to us -- a *center* located in Mogadishu, from which an Italian cemetery was removed recently. Have you heard about it?

Amina: No, I have not heard about the lecture --

Hassan: That is where ...

Amina: -- because I have not accessed the internet; I was very busy. What?

Hassan: That is where ... eh -- the title of the lecture was, "*Here we are at your service, Osama.*"

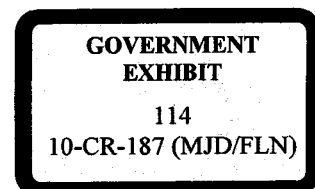
Amina: Why would you say, "*Here we are at your service, Osama.*"? Why didn't you simply say, "*Here we are at your service, God.*"?

Hassan: No, we simply accepted his calling; the sheikh had issued a decree.

Amina: Aha.

Hassan: We were letting him know that we responded to his decree. It was a general lecture; the public have to be informed, you know?

Amina: Yes. But you should only point out the truth in your lecture. Why was it necessary to say, "We are giving an answer to Osama -- we are responding to Osama?" Osama is not with you, you know? Eh -- he cannot help you in anyway. The only effect



he can have is: stir up animosities and reinforce the suspicion those sick people have about your relationship with these men. Does he provide any financial support? Does anyone... What makes this action important?

Hassan: What makes it important is: Kofi Annan... [Pause] eh -- every infidel talks about the Somali issues. When this man talked about that --

Amina: He is a Muslim man.

Hassan: -- they said, "Why did he speak about that?"

Amina: He is a Muslims man.

Hassan: A Muslim man...

Amina: Aha.

Hassan: He is a Muslim man, who is also our brother.

Amina: Aha.

Hassan: Since you did not object to the infidels --

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: -- why are you saying that it is none of this man's business; that it should be left to the Somalis? So a Muslim man... [OV]

Amina: No. We are not interested in an infidel either. Somali issues are not any infidel's business. It is the responsibility of Somalis to tend to their own affairs -- the Somalis who loiter here and there, unable to take care of themselves. They are more harmful to each other than an infidel or anyone else is to them. Do you understand? The Somali man is more harmful than the infidels who are outside.

Hassan: Correct.

Amina: The important thing is for you to put forth and discuss matters that are in our interest and explain things to these people who don't know anything and are being enticed.

[Verbatim stops at 19:47:55]

INT DATE: 03 April, 2009

TIME: 20:09:00 UTC

DURATION: 00:17:57

SESSION IDs: 5062664 / 35309292

FROM: Ali, Amina 507-271-3119

TO: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed, aka Hassan, Halima 507-319-9111

[Verbatim starts at: 20:09:55]

Amina: The cleric is there for -- he was brought for reconciliation between them.

Halimo: Huh, I am not sure sister.

Amina: That is the reason he was brought in.

Halimo: I simply saw it on the websites and heard that *Hizbul-Islam* has refused it. What sister?

Amina: Yes.

Halimo: The time will come when he will be asked straight forward.

Amina: Yes we hope for that. We hope they refuse -- we hope.

Halimo: Uhm.

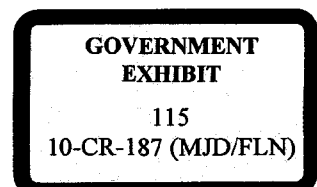
Amina: And we hope the cleric, God willing, that he doesn't bring to the forum any mention of a peace agreement with the government or anything about the government. Except to expose the government disgraces and what it did to the people.

Halimo: But sister, he will not disgrace them, if he went into a peace agreement with them.

Amina: In that case, we do not want him. He shouldn't come on the line if he went into a peace agreement with them.

Halimo: But sister, do not be hasty toward the cleric.

Amina: Okay, then convey this point to the cleric; instead of me cutting him off --



Halimo: Huh.

Amina: -- instead of me cutting his line off while he is talking --

Halimo: Hum

Amina: -- sister, isn't better to tell him in advance? You know we oppose this government, what then?

Halimo: Yes. I know, but where does this baseless and dismal rumor come from?

Amina: What I mean is; isn't it better that we make sure?

Halimo: Yes, it's true.

Amina: Yes! To make sure of it and to warn the cleric in advance -- [OV]

Halimo: [OV] but even if he knows, why drop him off? Why the person isn't allowed to his freedom of speech?

Amina: Sister! Do you want me to tell you the truth?

Halimo: Uh-huh.

Amina: We are with the youth.

Halimo: Okay.

Amina: Do you understand? The reason I am paying for all this expenses and I am conferencing this people is to let the people understand the truth.

Halimo: Okay.

Amina: And there is no other reason that we side with the youth.

Halimo: Uh-huh.

Amina: Or isn't because they had now allied themselves with *Hizbul Islam*. But it's only to what is counter to the religion of Islam.

Halimo: Okay.

Amina: Sister, do you understand me; whoever supports the religion of Islam.

Halimo: Go on.

Amina: And works tirelessly for it; then- -we are ready to support them. Even you were like that, didn't you?

Halimo: Sister, no, I know- - I understand your position but there is one point which we are a little bit different. I am protecting the religion and I am ready for everything it stands for; but a human being who wants to talk -- don't suppress people, let people talk.

Amina: Hold on.

Halimo: Huh.

Amina: Sister, any person who wants to talk.

Halimo: Yes.

Amina: We are not going to put up in our line. Anybody who has different ideas -- there are plenty of other conference lines to be on. Correct?

Halimo: That is true. But allow for the question -- [OV]

Amina: But sister, as far as I am Amina.

Halimo: Huh

Amina: It's not my business.

Halimo: No -- [UI] when you are faced with that sort of things, a question -- the answer to a question asked becomes the quote.

Amina: I don't think I will face that situation, because first of all, the cleric I am bringing to these people --

Halimo: Huh.

Amina: -- he has to be assigned to it, represent them and explain for the people to understand it.

Halimo: I know that one, but [UI]--[OV]

Amina: [OV] -- How many other conference lines exist? ...But when the cleric is opposed to this kind of thing --

Halimo: Huh.

Amina: -- it is not my business. And to begin with, I am not going to bother the cleric and also I am not going to waste people's time. Do you understand me?

Halimo: Uh-hum.

Amina: For some things you are responsible and for other things you don't have that responsibility.

Halimo: I understand.

Amina: Do you understand? Why would I assemble people for this conference line?

Halimo: Uh-hum.

Amina: Why am I gathering them? I am doing it for God's sake; I don't care for any body's gratitude.

Halimo: Uh-hum.

Amina: Why do I choose to be in a dangerous activity and to be at the forefront? It's for God's sake, correct?

Halimo: Uh-hum.

Amina: Sister, I don't want to bring their -- ideas which I see them as being wrong. So we will talk to the cleric if you are bashful to talk to him.

Halimo: No sister, I just told you that so we do not take a hasty action; but it is not that I am bashful to -- [OV]

Amina: Correct, but I told you that- - [OV]

Halimo: I am a person with intelligence and experience, and I can talk to him; but it's this big stick -- when nothing is being verified for sure...

Amina: Well that is why I called you; you talk to him. I talk several times to the clerics before I put them on the line.

[Verbatim stops at: 20:13:00]

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FROM: Mo'alim Burhan

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214/Ali connects Mo'alim Burhan to teleconference 218-486-7200

[Verbatim begins at 03:15:57]

Amina: Hello, peace be upon you.

Burhan: Peace be upon you too.

Amina: Wonderful, I will connect you right now, God willing. Speak a bit louder and I will connect you now, brother. Do you have something else to ask me?

Burhan: No, sister. Is the program a lecture and a report -- hmm -- is it a lecture or a report?

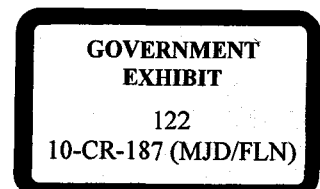
Amina: In the first place, God willing, even if it is a lecture, it should be about the obligation these people have to their own public as well as to their religion. Eh... you know that there are many scholars in this area. But, these people are interested in the *information* regarding the existing disagreements amongst you. What happened? Eh... talk about your situation. They are suspicious of you. They utter many bad comments about you, you know. God willing, we want you-- [OV]

Burhan: *Okay*, okay.

Amina: --to, you know, while you are pretending to be, you know... eh... while pretending that you are not one of them - since they are the enemy and there are many, who are the enemy, in the conference line -- do you understand?

Burhan: Very much so.

Amina: That means, you are not going to state that you belong to the youth. But, you will state that you are a Muslim brother and that the people, who belong to the youth or Hizbul-Islam, stand for justice. You will talk about how good they are and how they help the people. You will also talk about what makes the other people wrong - anyway, something along that line.



Burhan: Okay.

[Verbatim stops at 03:17:10 and begins again at 03:20:21]

Burhan: Brothers and sisters, during the two years, in which, truly speaking, there has been a fighting, many men of great value, who were doing a great service for the public-men who were chosen by God Almighty – martyred; many men were maimed or wounded; many other men are still on the path and God Almighty awarded victory to his servants, who are believers. Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with God: Of them some have completed their vow (to extreme), and some (still) wait: But they have never changed (their determination) in the least. The situation of the Mujahidin, who are currently in Somalia, is described by this verse: “Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with God.” Among the believers are some men, who have kept their covenant with God Almighty. The promise they had made to God, which was to uphold this religion; which was to institute God’s law in this country; which was to return the Islamic caliphate that has been missing; or to die in martyrdom. They held on to the promise they had made to God and they remained true to it. Of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme). Some of them died in martyrdom - whether they martyred by a cruise missile; or whether they martyred by bullets; or whether they died of wounds they had sustained - many of them died in martyrdom. Some of them (still) wait. Many, who await similar fate, are still in it. But they have never changed (their determination) in the least. They have not changed and pulled back from the path; and they have not changed their minds, brothers and sisters. God almighty put the believers in a good situation; and God Almighty stood by his servants. For those two years, few people stood by them. Few people helped them. But, many criticized the mujahidin. Many talked disparagingly about the mujahidin [coughing]. Many abandoned the frontline and left the jihad. But, God Almighty stood by those who stayed true to it and remained patient. In order to secure help from God, one has to fulfill certain condition. That condition is: If you will aid (the cause of) God, he will aid you, and plant your feet firmly. If you chose to be on God’s side, God will be on your side. If you stand by God’s religion, God Almighty will be on your side, brothers and sisters. So, being on God’s side is to stand by the religion and to spread the religion. The goal of the infidels, which was to destroy Somalia; which was to fight against the wearing of headscarf; which was to destroy and wipe out the Koran schools; all of it failed to work. After two years have passed, they are defeated. After two years have passed, they ran away. Brothers and sisters, today, when they are running away, the mujahidin control more land than they controlled before the mujahidin were invaded. They rule more land. They rule under the laws of God almighty. They fear the laws of God Almighty, because, today, the hand of the thief is amputated; the adulterer gets flogged; if the adulterer had married before, he/she gets stoned to death. That means God’s laws are enforced. If you visit the courts and the places where people go for adjudications, you will be amazed at the size of the crowds. You will be amazed at how loyal the public

is to the religion. But, brothers and sisters, after the enemy of God lost and was defeated militarily and was defeated politically, it opted for another type of war. When he was defeat in the previous war, he changed the war into one that is based on conspiracy. This conspiracy is laced with murderous intentions. The first wave of that conspiracy is tasked to Sharif. He was appointed to be the president of Somalia. Yesterday he was a member of the mujahidin. In fact he was one of the leaders of the mujahidin. But he was bought by the infidels. He is satisfied with the intentions of the infidels. That means, Jendayi Frazer dictated to him what she wanted and he is furthering her agenda. But he will be presented to the Muslims. The Muslims will be told, "This man is your president. If you were fighting against the Ethiopians, the Ethiopians have left." But, they did not know that the purpose of the fighting was bigger than Ethiopia; and that the reason for fighting was not because of Ethiopia. They don't know that the purpose of the fighting was to oust the enemy from the country, to rule the public through the laws of God Almighty, to institute the laws of God Almighty as the law of the land, to uphold the law of God Almighty and to make sure there is no other law above it. But instead, they vowed to uphold a constitutional *charter* that was created in Kenya by human beings, which contradicts the religion of God Almighty. That is what they vowed to up hold. Brothers and sisters, they vowed to work under democracy, about which you know better than we do and the filth it tolerates: it allows a man to marry another man; it allows a woman to marry another woman; it allows everyone to join any religion he wants; it extends this freedom to every group; and everyone can do anything he wishes. That is what is being brought to Somalia. That is what was brought to Somalia, brothers and sisters.

[Verbatim stops at 03:26:14 and begins again at 03:34:27.]

Burhan: Today's burden is not only for the bullet. Brothers and sisters there is the burden of famine. The people are starving, the people are fleeing. The martyrs' families still exist, they are here, and their children are here. I mean -- there is no financial support available for them; I mean -- there is nothing to pay for their rents; there is not. It is possible that each one of us gets a monthly wage from working or gets an hourly amount; what is necessary is that each of us sponsors two to three families of martyrs, whose children are orphans You need to ask for their names to be sent to you; for their list to be sent to you; for their pictures to be sent to you and at the end of the month you send their subsidy to them ...and become the one who reaps the blessings for sustaining the relatives of a mujahid. The prophet P.B.U.H. has highly praised the virtue of, when a believer is away, assuming the responsibility of taking care of his family and caring for their wellbeing. And for the person who temporarily watches over a family, the prophet P.B.U.H. said, "Such a person will get a reward...eh; it will be like someone who is striving in God's cause." The prophet says, "The person who engages in jihad, or prepares a person going to jihad or becomes the provider of the family of a martyred and departed one and takes care of the family left behind." The prophet

said, “Such a person is like having personally strived in jihad and that has actually fought.”

[Verbatim stops at 03:37:12 and begins again at 03:48:46]

Burhan: Brothers and sisters, the jihad that is currently underway is waged verbally; it is waged through physical means; it is waged financially. Today, what is needed from you is financial help. You are asked to financially sponsor the Muslim people, who are hungry, the orphans of the martyrs, and the widows of the martyrs. God bless you; and peace, mercy, and blessing from God be upon you. If there are any questions, I will answer them.

[Verbatim stops at 03:49:13 and begins again at 03:49:28]

Amina: First of all we enjoyed your important lecture, God willing. But, there are questions that have been asked too many times and we want you to answer them for us. People are wondering – people are questioning the jihad itself and want to know the purpose of the current jihad. As you have already mentioned, they are saying that jihad was being waged against the Ethiopians and the Ethiopians left. They said, “Why wage jihad against Sharif’s government? The goal was to adopt Islamic law and they adopted the Islamic law.”

[Verbatim stops at 03:49:53 and begins again at 03:50:26.]

Burhan: In the name of God! First of all, with regard to the question: “The Ethiopians have left; so why continue fighting?” our answer is: this fighting has been going on before the Ethiopians arrived. The fight was against militia leaders; and the purpose of the fighting was to establish a rule, which is based on the laws of God Almighty, to uphold the laws of God, and to fight against the infidels, the enemy that invaded us. The reason is: Ugandan troops and Burundian troops are still in the country. They are Christians. They are carrying the cross. They invaded our country. They did not come here through our consent. That means, they are considered to be infidels, who are aggressors; and the action to be taken against infidel aggressors is war. God says, “Will you not fight the people who violate their oaths, plotted to expel the messenger, and took aggression by being the first (to assault) you? Do you fear them? Nay, it is God whom you should fear, if you believe! Fight them, and God will punish them by your hands, cover them with shame, help you (to victory) over them. Heal the breasts of believers, and still the indignation of their hearts. For God will turn (in mercy) to whom he will; and God is all-knowing, all wise.” God says, “Why don’t you fight against these people, who broke the agreement you had with them, drove you out of your country, and are killing your people?” The only option left for us is to fight against these people. Brothers and sisters, our fighting does not have any effect on Ethiopia. Ethiopia invaded our country and we fought against it; and by the grace of God, it left our country. We will also fight against these ones. They are

infidels. They are aggressors. They are decimating our people. They are killing our civilians. Recently, a girl went to see them in a hospital. She asked them to give medical care to her father, who was ill. They told her that, if they were to give medical treatment to her father, they must have an adulterous sex with her. They had an adulterous sex with the girl and she became pregnant with a boy. The Ugandan soldier went back to Uganda and I heard that the girl traveled to Uganda in order to look for the boy's father. What I am trying to say is, brothers and sister, they are treating our public in this manner. That is how they are subjecting them to adulterous sex. They are spreading adulterous sex. They are spreading AIDS. These people do not deserve anything other than waging war against them.

[Verbatim stops at 03:52:37 and begins again at 03:55:03]

Amina: The people also say, "Why don't these Muslims unite? They are divided into hundred groups. They are this [and that]. They all seek fame. They are fighting for position of power. If they are not interested in position of power, why are they quarreling amongst themselves?" Those are most of the questions that are discussed abroad. What would you say to them?

Burhan: First of all, brothers and sisters, tendency to disagree is a God given characteristic of the human race. He says in his Koran, "They will not cease dispute, except those on whom your lord had bestowed his mercy." Humans will not refrain from disagreements, except those God has blessed with his mercy. People can disagree in their outlook. People can disagree in their ideas. When the time to unite arrives, it is compulsory to unite and the mujahidin are headed for that goal. But, the question is: under what basis do we unite? Under what basis do we unite? Unity will be based on the path of God. The unity will be based on monotheism. The unity will not be based on the path of the infidels. The unity will not be based on the United Nations'. The unity will not be based on the rules and regulation, which were created by the infidels. God almighty says in his Koran, "And hold fast, all together, by the rope which God (stretches out for you). And hold fast, all together, by the rope which God [stretches out for you]. So, the people are required to come together and hold on to that rope; and the mujahidin are working on that and, by the grace of God Almighty, you will soon hear something that will make you happy. God bless you.

[Verbatim stops at 03:56:25 and begins again at 03:57:16]

UF1: We hear that some people driving cars, who may be government officials, but are definitely known to be Muslims members of the Courts, whom are being shot by some men while these people are simply driving in the city. The man that was shot is known to be a Muslim – he may or may not be politically affiliated with the government – but, we don't know any reason for which he can be labeled as infidel. So, we saw that you are being implicated in being behind the shooting of a man, who is either on the street or coming out of a mosque. So, if you are not behind this

matter, why didn't you speak about it; and if you are behind it, what compelled you to shoot an individual, whom we know is a Muslim? Peace, mercy, and blessing from God be upon you.

Burhan: Peace be upon you too. [Sound] [Operator says, "Conference muted."] First of all, sister, everyone in Somalia is armed and, therefore, is able to kill anyone he wants to. But, with regard to the one you just talked about – a member of the courts, who was approached and killed while he was driving – the question is who killed him? It is not productive to simply blame a person. Anyway, all of the mujahidin spoke about it. Sheikh Mukhtar Robow aka Abu Mansur, the spokesman for Alshabab movement, spoke about it. He stated that the movement has no part in that matter and that it is not behind it; and that assertion is the one that should be accepted. The person who makes an accusation is required to produce a proof. If he fails to provide a proof, then a judgment will be rendered against him for offending the Muslims and for lying about them. But, the mujahidin report every individual they kill, along with the reason they killed that individual; and, if they didn't kill the individual, then they state that they did not kill that individual.

[Verbatim stops at 03:59:08 and begins again at 04:00:00]

UF2: First of all, brother, we wish you many blessings, God willing. We also pray for you. Unless he/she is in denial, everyone is aware of what is going on today. So, God willing brother, may God protect you.

Amina: Amen.

UF2: May God be on your side. May God defeat your enemy. May God protect you from the infidels and their collaborators, God willing. That is all we can do for you. Not everyone is honest. Eh... whether a person speaks out or not, justice will always be justice and injustice will always be injustice. God willing, we say to you: May God be on the side of justice. May God be on your side.

[Verbatim stops at 04:00:42 and begins again at 04:30:16.]

Amina: [SC] Anyway, we live abroad just like you do and I do not share your opinion; so you should say that some of the people hold that opinion. I will forward your question for you; so go back to the conference line, God willing. [Pause] So, I will forward that question for you – if you think it is wise to ask, I will forward it for you; but, listen to the sheikh. [SC] An old lady, who is in the conference line, says, "Alshabab is responsible for the poor people, who either died or were displaced, beginning from the first day the Ethiopians entered the country until now, when others are present." She wants to know who will be held accountable for this on the Day of Judgment. She says, "Those of us who live abroad believe that the shots are fired by the religious men." So, she wants to know who will be held

accountable, since the religious men are firing the shots. So, what would you say to her, sheikh?

Burhan: In the name of God! First of all, it is our opinion that, when the Ethiopians came, God Almighty instructed us to fight against them and to wage jihad against them. This jihad will cause death; and, as a result, the armed fighter will die; and the non combatant person will also die. So, we are saying that we hope God considers every Muslim, who died in the fight against the Ethiopians, the Ugandans, and the Burundians – whether he was armed or not – to be a martyr, who earned martyrdom, because he was killed by a bullet that was fired by infidels. If the question is: why should this person die? Our answer is: no one will live beyond his predestined time. You are currently in Europe and America. Read your newspapers the number of people, who everyday die of AIDS, die of cancer, die of bullet wounds, die in car accidents, and stab each other in the streets after getting drunk. Ask yourselves about the number of people who die senselessly. Our people are martyrs. We pray that they go to paradise. Furthermore, freedom is never achieved without bloodshed. To find freedom, blood should be shed; life should be sacrificed for it; and wealth should be sacrificed for it. If they were given time and were not fired upon, they would have stayed.

[Verbatim stops at 04:32:49 and begins again at 04: 35:33]

Amina: Those who are sick say; may God give them good health “The Mujahidin strap young children, ages seven and eight, and instruct them to blow themselves up.” They also say that a thirteen years old young girl was stoned to death in Kismayo. Those who are saying that – you will never hear them pointing out that the Ethiopians committed rape or did something wrong. So... the question that the girl is asking is also asked by many people. Many people, who could not find anything else to do, chat about it while making tea or drinking tea in restaurants. What would you say about that? They say, “The mujahidin use young children by telling the children that each one will sacrifice himself on behalf of seventy of his relatives. Then they strap them with explosives and use them to blow up various places.” I hope that is the last question. No one else should call me on my cell phone, God willing, and let us listen to the brother.

Burhan: In the name of God the compassionate, the Merciful. First, with regard to the one that is concerning with strapping young children with *bombes*, it is a belief held by people who are in Europe and America. Those people have gotten comfortable. The infidels have a law for something called *underage* or *under-eighteen* – the people who are under eighteen; and the infidels’ age of maturity is eighteen years. The person, who holds that belief, has no effect on us. But, we suggest that people go back and reread the history of Islam.

[Verbatim stops at 04:37:02 and begins again at 04:38:11.]

Burhan: So, truly speaking, the youth have always carried the religion. Well, if one ridicules martyrdom and the person, who martyrs, then... on the Day of Judgment, God Almighty will render punishment to the person, who ridicules martyrdom and reward the good deed achieved by the person who martyrs. Eh... so... it is our opinion that, the claim about the girl being twelve years old and being stoned to death, is the work of infidels. The girl was stoned to death in Kismayo. The girl had been married in the past. She was over twenty years of age. Anyway, there is a video recording of her. She came to the court on her own. She confessed.

[Verbatim stops at 04:38:45 and begins again at 04:39:18]

Amina: Brother, God reward you in the best way possible. God reward you for your patience and for the good way you answered our questions, God willing. So, brother, we will let you go now. The questions the public has will not end. We will end it there. We are also asking God to reward the brothers in the best way possible for the good manner in which they listened. We hope that, by the grace of God, you are persuaded. But, to the person, who is not persuaded by this, we say, "We don't know what it will take to persuade you. May God persuade you."

[Verbatim stops at 04:39:46]

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FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Hassan, Halima 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

[Verbatim starts at 01:01:46]

Halima: The Sheikh noticed the phone number in his *caller ID* and thought that I called him now.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: So, he called me.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: I told him that I didn't call him now. It was a long time ago.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: He was sleepy and was suffering from the flu. But, thank God, he is doing well.

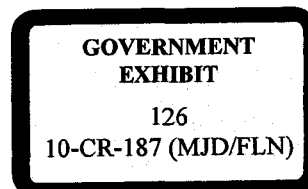
Amina: Go on.

Halima: I told him that they put us in a bad situation the other night.

Amina: Go on.

Halima: I told him that, when they have those types of matters, they should -- privately...

Amina: They didn't know better, sister. Why did you say that to them? They will feel bad.



Halima: No, that won't be a problem. "When it is a private matter..."

Amina: [SC] Pull yourself up. Grab right here. Grab right here. [SC]

Halima: I told them to, when it is a private matter, call privately. Do you understand?

Amina: Correct.

Halima: I said to him, "Don't repeat that type of [UI], brother."

[Verbatim stops at 01:02:22 and starts again at 01:05:58]

Halima: Sister, an idea occurred to me a little while ago.

Amina: Um-hum

Halima: Do you know the girls with whom I take evening classes over the *line*?

Amina: Yes.

Halima: I will take \$10.00 from each of them on permanent bases.

Amina: What?

Halima: \$10.00 on permanent bases...

Amina: Yes.

Halima: If you ask for more than that, you will not get anything. It will be enough to take care of one family of orphans or one mujahid, young boy. [OV]

Amina: Okay. [OV] How many -- How many are in the *line*?

Halima: Not many. They will all come now -- when Hassan, the teacher, starts the Koran lessons.

Amina: Is that when they will come? [OV] Are you talking about the girls at the mosque?

Halima: No, these ones take lessons with me over the *line* ... the mosque -- I will probably find ten.

Amina: Do you take lessons over the *line* with some who are at the mosque.

Halima: Yes, the girls at the mosque -- the women at the mosque...

Amina: You take lessons over the *line* with those, right?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: So, these are not some other girls; are they?

Halima: No.

Amina: So, about how many individuals are there? [SC] Hurry up, mother. Hurry up so I can tell you. [SC]

Halima: First of all, sister, only five attend on a regular basis. But, Hassan, the teacher, gave us a recess and I will find out the number, when he comes back.

Amina: Aha.

Halima: So, even if I get 100 from them, two boys ... [OV]

Amina: Bring them all to the *line*.

Halima: Yes. Even if I get 100 from them, it will be enough to take care of two boys.

Amina: Oh my God. It won't do much, but we pray to God to... No, better days will come. Better days will come.

Halima: No. Sister, we need to put our efforts everywhere we are able to, right?

Amina: Yes. Actually, a girl has done exactly that. So, let me tell you about it.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: A girl who is in Seattle --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- collects \$ 10.00 at a time.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: She sent some amount to up to five families on our behalf.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: What do you think of that?

Halima: Forget about families at this moment, because the *frontline* is empty.

Amina: This is what we will do now. You will not say, "The *frontline* is empty."

Halima: No, *no, no, no, no, no, no...*

Amina: Let me tell you what I did this morning, okay?

Halima: I am not going to mention orphans either.

Amina: I received two calls from two people today.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: A person that had \$ 100.00 and another that had \$ 40.00. I was tempted.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: [SC] Okay, stop and go wash your hands. Wash your mouth. Okay. [SC] But, then I convinced myself not to send it under the old numbers.

Halima: Um-hum.

Amina: Do you understand? I don't have their numbers either.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: Do you understand what I am saying?

Halima: Okay.

Amina: The people are in other states too.

Halima: Um-hum.

Amina: I told them to give me some time and I will get in touch with them.

Halima: That is true.

Amina: One said that she will send 40 of her own --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- and a girl said that she will send 100.

[Verbatim stops at 01:07:50 and starts again at 01:08:48]

Amina: We have to hold a meeting and then knock on doors, sister.

Halima: On Saturday, right? On Saturday, when the big meeting takes place, right?

Amina: After the big meeting takes place, we should knock on doors everywhere. Do you here me? Every home... [OV]

[Verbatim stops at 01:08:57 and starts again at 01:09:19]

Halima: This is what we will do. When the people get together on *Saturday* night --

Amina: Yes.

Halima: -- in order to get the people going, this is what you do: I will tell five to six girls from Rochester to speak out over the *line* and, when we ask the people to knock on doors, they should all jump in and say, "Me! Me! Me!" The other people will follow our lead too, you know?

Amina: Yes. [Laughing]

Halima: What?

Amina: Right -- right. Go ahead and work on that plan.

Halima: I will prepare my plan.

Amina: Go ahead and prepare your plan.

Halima: Um-hum.

Amina: You should say to them, "Let us set a good example and be the first to do that. Let us not allow anyone else to beat us to it."

Halima: That is right. I know that.

Amina: Um-hum, wonderful.

Halima: Tell me this. Is there a state -- a city in which several of the girls, who dial into your *lines*, live?

Amina: Which city?

Halima: The states from which they call into your line -- *for example* Minneapolis...

Amina: First of all, the people are afraid. Listen to me.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: Right now some girls told me that they will knock on doors in North Carolina and Seattle, Washington --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- and yet they are the most scared. Do you understand? I got the impression that they are afraid of the *lines*. Do you understand what I am telling you?

Halima: Are they afraid of the *line*?

Amina: They are afraid of speaking out over the *line*.

Halima: Oh my God. Well no, we want them to contribute \$10 each for the sake of the general benefit of the Somali community. [OV] So, do you have several girls in one city?

Amina: [SC] Go and wash your face, yes. Get ready for me. [SC] Go on.

Halima: Do you have a city in which several girls live?

Amina: Sister, they live in every city, but...

Halima: Go on.

Amina: Actually they call from almost everywhere, including Canada --

Halima: Hum.

Amina: -- including England.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: But, the charitable people... Sister, if you talk repeatedly and no one else says anything, what would you do? Should we call on people by name?

Halima: No.

Amina: People whose numbers I see and know their names...

Halima: No, you need to come up with some sort of a system for them - you need to come up with some sort of a system for them. *For example*, if 30 girls call into your line from Minneapolis... [OV]

Amina: Lord, have mercy!

Halima: What, sister?

Amina: Lord, have mercy! Did you say Minneapolis?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: I pray for the people of Minneapolis to come to their senses.

Halima: Really?

Amina: I pray for the people of Minneapolis to come to their senses, sister.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: They don't even speak out. They are the worst because - the bravest of the people in Minneapolis call into my line - do you know what they tell them - what the women, who are at the Abu-Bakr mosque tell them, when they see them over there?

Halima: Go on.

Amina: She is prepared for death. So, don't let her drag you along.

Halima: [Laughing] Oh my God.

Amina: Yes. They chased them away, sister.

Halima: Who went to the stores in Minneapolis for us?

Amina: No one.

[Verbatim stops at 01:11:16 and starts again at 01:12:10]

Halima: Why don't you dispatch the girls, who used to do fundraising in the area and are well known there, to those stores?

Amina: But even if they get dispatched there... First of all, keep this in mind. You know Minneapolis.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: They don't announce themselves over the *line* --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- maybe Amina would speak. First we should appeal to the people's emotions.

[Verbatim stops at 01:12:23]

[Per a request, verbatim covers only a portion of the call session.]

INT DATE: 07 June 2009

TIME: 09:23:23 UTC

DURATION: 00:10:56

SESSION ID: 5196124

FROM: Ali, Amina 507- 271-3119

TO: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

[Verbatim starts at 09:25:57]

Halima: They are also saying that Hassan Dahir has been wounded. He is in Eel-Bur. [OV]

Amina: There is truth in what people say.

Halima: Ahlusuna-Waljamaa is broadcasting it; no one else has seen it or talked about it.

Amina: They are the only source, right? Is there anyone else who announced it?

Halima: No, I just spoke to them; this morning, they said, "He is lying in a hospital in Eel-Bur"

Amina: That news must be verified.

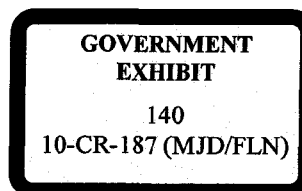
Halima: He is not even wounded; he spoke to his daughter yesterday afternoon.

Amina: Did he personally speak out?

Halima: Hassan? No, he has not mentioned that, he has not mentioned it.

Amina: Oh, my God please don't let us hear he has been wounded, my God [UI]

Halima: [OV] They said, "The entire Mogadishu population is confused, since he didn't speak



out”.

Amina: What?

Halima: “The entire Mogadishu population is saying that he is wounded since he didn’t speak out.” That is the rumors going around.

[Verbatim ends at 09:26:43]

[Verbatim starts at 09:28:53]

Halima: In the Red Cross hospital --

Amina: Huh?

Halima: -- he is lying in Eel-bur. That is what was said. What is he doing in a Red Cross hospital?

Amina: Sister, this is hard on you. But, know that the person who is closest to you can be a spy.

Halima: Right.

Amina: The person who is closest to you may spy on you and push you in a trap.

Halima: I know. They are just assuming things, sister.

Amina: Why didn’t you call him, and try to find him?--

Halima: Well [UI]...

Amina: -- since you are at home; I don’t even make any phone call, huh?

Halima: No, no, those guys are not easy to reach. The cleric cannot be reached.

Amina: You do not call him, oh my God.

Halima: Who should I call?

Amina: Call the boys. Let me tell you why you shouldn't call him, the phone will be used against him.

Halima: Omar Shukri has his phone and Omar Shukri is not answering it. He is not answering it.

Amina: How about Abdirizak?

Halima: You have Abdirizak's number, so why don't you give it to me?

Amina: How do I give it to you now? Where am I?

Halima: Generally speaking.

Amina: Yes, I shall give it to you so you can call him.

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: Because, I recall about the cleric, Abu --

Halima: Who?

Amina: -- I called him one day; he normally does not answer the phone, but when he saw my phone number he answered.

Halima: Who?

Amina: Abu, I mean Abu Mansur --

Halima: Okay.

Amina: -- he said, "Can you hear the airplane?"

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina: "Do you hear it?"

Halima: Uh-hum.

Amina: Look, it was said that whenever his phone is powered on --

Halima: Go on.

Amina: -- the airplane takes off.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: Especially at night.

Halima: Okay.

Amina: What do you think about that kind of mischief? They know everything you do.

Halima: Right, the cleric told me, "I am not allowed a phone."

Amina: What?

Halima: "No phone is permitted near me." said the cleric.

[Verbatim ends at 09:30:39]

INT DATE: 18 June 2009

TIME: 17:29:26 UTC

DURATION: 00:09:47

SESSION ID: 45868613

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 271-3119

[Verbatim starts at 17:30:03]

Halima: Are you aware of the delightful event that happened today?

Amina: How would I know, sister? I am at the hospital since this morning.

Halima: In that case, you'll be happy so hurry and get away from the hospital.

Amina: Tell me about it. The reason I called is, because I was wondering what you heard.

Halima: [OV] The best joy ever.

Amina: Tell me about it.

Halima: I will tell you surprising news.

Amina: Okay.

Halima: Omar Hashi is gone.

Amina: Did he die?

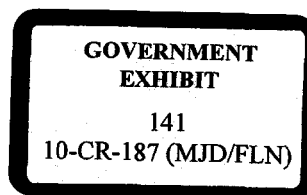
Halima: He is dead.

Amina: May God protect the people from him. Go on.

Halima: The hotel where he was staying in, with other hundreds of...I think Ethiopians were there also...and all the [UI] Hawadle clan elders, and Laqanyo, the other days foul mouthed one, who was the former Somali Ambassador to Ethiopia --

Amina: Go on.

Halima: -- all the officials; they are still counting the dead.



Amina: Wonderful!

Halima: His maternal cousin -- his own maternal cousin, who is a member of Al Shabab, was the guy who went inside with it.

Amina: He went inside with it and blew it up.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Wonderful!

Halima: Omar Hashi is gone. Today the Hawadle are in grief wherever they are.

[Verbatim stops at 17:30:48]

INT DATE: 02 July, 2009

TIME: 18:24:38 UTC

DURATION: 00:24:55

SESSION ID: 5289722 / 41133172

FROM: Hassan Afgoye, aka Abu Ayman

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

[Verbatim starts at 18:26:14]

Hassan: Anyway, there was a big fighting yesterday too. Some men died as martyrs on our side.

Amina: Who died as martyr?

Hassan: Some of our men.

Amina: How many?

Hassan: Anyway, up to four men became martyrs.

Amina: May God reward them with paradise and accept their sacrifice. Go on.

Hassan: They were attacked again today -- the attack was initiated by our men.

Amina: Go on.

Hassan: Anyway, thank God; they reached the desired location. The mujahidin have now gone beyond the foxholes the other side had established for themselves and are currently in the heart of the other side's territory.

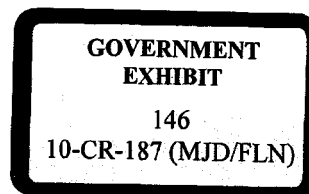
Amina: Okay, where is that?

Hassan: It is not an area that you would know. It is inside Kaaraan.

Amina: Aha. They were already in some parts of Kaaraan.

Hassan: Actually, they are -- [laughing] eh -- eh -- all of those areas: Sana', Beehaani ... [OV]

Amina: Aha! Those areas...



Hassan: [UI] that is the area. So anyway, thank God. The niggers were severely punished.

Amina: Okay.

Hassan: Eh -- the scale of artillery barrage they currently fired --

Amina: Hmm.

Hassan: -- I swear to God -- anyway, the only thing those guys and the Burundians know how to do is bombardment.

Amina: So you are saying that they fired plenty of artillery.

Hassan: Artilleries that are out of the ordinary.

Amina: Go on.

Hassan: The ones the Somalis own are reloaded after every single firing. These ones operate automatically during the battle.

Amina: Yes. America has just issued these weapons. Goddamn them.

[Verbatim stops at 18:27:59 and starts again at 18:29:15]

Hassan: Apart from that, we are doing well, thank God. Anyway, the man chosen by God became a martyr --

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: -- while the rest of the men are currently fighting. There are no other complaints, thank God.

Amina: We hope that the weaponry that was shipped to them gets captured, God willing.

Hassan: God willing. Did you talk to Barre?

Amina: No, no.

Hassan: The stuff is ready. It is currently in hand.

Amina: Go on.

Hassan: The DHL operates only on Saturdays and Sundays. It doesn't operate the rest of the days.

Amina: Go on.

Hassan: So, that is why it has not yet been sent to you. He used to send it to you through DHL, right?

Amina: Yes; the DHL. My address cannot be used. So I gave him another one and I told him. But I don't know whether he has it or not.

Hassan: In that case, you will call him or I will tell him to contact you and he will call you.

Amina: God willing. Er -- [OV] -- anyway, *right now* I don't have calling cards. Er -- we have just started working on packing some garments that are currently here -- a batch of garments, which is a leftover from the previous batches of garments and was being stored in various states. Since it was collected under my instructions, I am obligated to prepare another *container*, even though the expenses associated with it turned out to be too much for us. So that is why we are currently in the middle of cleaning and packaging. That is where I am supposed to go shortly, God willing, while the girls, who look after mother, are here. Mother is looked after by some girls.

Hassan: First of all, sister, may God bless you. I swear to God, the conditions which some of the men are facing today -- I swear to God -- UI --

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: [Sound]

Amina: I can't hear you, brother. What don't they have?

Hassan: Can you hear me now?

Amina: You sound better now.

Hassan: First of all, at this moment, the thing we need the most is wealth.

Amina: That is true, money.

Hassan: I swear to God our situations is such that ... God has been good to us.

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: As for these men, their soldiers -- each policeman is given a *salary* of \$700.

Amina: 700? 700?

Hassan: Each policeman of their soldiers was given \$700.

Amina: Each person?

Hassan: Each person.

Amina: It will not matter. We are witnessing a test of will from God. The non-Muslims invested all of their money in this, while all of the pretenders refused to give their wealth.

[Verbatim stops at 18:32:03 and starts again at 18:32:28]

Hassan: Sister isn't it possible to find some natives from where you live, who believe in us to some extent? Have you tried those people or do you rely only on yourselves?

Amina: No. First of all, the people -- we -- er -- first of all, six out of the seven days, I give lessons; do you follow me? And a lot of people attend it.

Hassan: Okay.

Amina: And I talk to them. [Sound] *Sometimes* we collect. Some of them insult us over this matter; do you understand?

Hassan: No... [OV]

Amina: The person who is a supporter ... either \$20 or \$10 or \$50 -- the only money we have at this moment is ... A girl contributed \$200; do you understand? Another one contributed 100.

Hassan: Okay.

Amina: How much is that? 300? I was planning to sell that necklace, add to it and then send it; do you understand what I am saying? What I am mean is, *once a time*, a single person steps forward -- a single person. [Sound] Do you understand?

Hassan: Look!

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: First of all, God bless our girls.

Amina: Yes. [Sound] the phone ... [OV]

Hassan: [UI]

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: Hello!

Amina: Yes – yes.

Hassan: Our girls --

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: -- God bless them.

Amina: Amen – amen.

[Verbatim stops at 18:33:42 and starts again at 18:34:38]

Amina: First of all these people -- first of all this is what they say about me -- I am around only by the grace of God. It is good to be truthful. I don't shy away from expressing myself. I tell the truth. I say to them: "You owe the dignity and honor you enjoy to the men who stand for the sake of God. You, the conscienceless..." I even -- you know -- utter insults at them; be it the ones who are here or those who use religion to further their interest and lie about the truth or those who hangout in social gathering places and are -- neither for country nor for religion -- in fact, I said that they are worst than ... I said that they are the ones God had referred to when he said, "*They are like cattle – nay more Misguided.*" They are not good in every aspect. One can't even escape their insults, let alone financial or any other help they may offer to the people.

[Verbatim stops at 18:35:14 and starts again at 18:35:40]

Hassan: Strange!

Amina: Do you understand? These are strange people. We have never seen anything like this. We have never seen this type of people. All of them, young or old, be it those who belong to my clan and those who don't -- they all share the same understanding. They say, "Do you see this woman? She belongs to the youth. She is the one..." And those who received news of their family members say, "Yes, this woman sends the money which is used to kill our people. Blah, blah ..." That is what they say. Do you understand? [OV] They have gone as far as they could go. As for accusations, they have always -- they started years ago. I say to them, "Nothing will happen to me without God's will. May you die of *cancer*. The money you are earning as informants You are selling your own country as well as your own people." I said to them, "The people who are dying are not Americans. They are your own people. All of the conspiracies are directed against your own people."

[Verbatim stops at 18:36:21 and starts again at 18:36:57]

Hassan: Let me ask you this.

Amina: Yes,

Hassan: First of all, at least we get something from these girls who are giving 20 or 30. In fact, we don't get anything from men, you know? May God bless those girls for us. Let me ask you this.

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: The people you live with as their guests --

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: -- the native ones.

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: Don't any of them join there?

Amina: Er -- do you mean -- er -- are you referring to the Americans?

Hassan: Yes.

Amina: People who -- what do you mean? Where do they join? Do you mean the chat rooms?

Hassan: Islam -- Islam...

Amina: Well, if they convert to Islam -- well -- anyway, er -- we don't see those people. Of course there are some Muslims and even then these people are busy with things like teaching the religion to others, you see? But we have not seen any who are inclined to jihad and the like.

[Verbatim stops at 18:37:43 and starts again at 18:40:29]

Amina: Do you know what the Imams do? They hold a *fundraising* event in one of the mosques every year and they keep the *raised funds* for themselves. So, they told us to collect the money and hand it to them. This is what happened -- I am not sure whether it was in 2007 -- the first time Hawo-Kiin informed me and I contacted Abdullahi Timo-Jili'. We had collected 11,000 from our area and had handed it to him. Hawo-Kiin informed that the men were in a very bad shape. I obtained Abdillahi Timo-Jili's number and he told me that their situation was bad. I called the girls to another meeting and told them about the situation. I said to them that

we will not send anything to Minneapolis anymore. I reached a decision regarding that. We immediately collected money in a quick manner and sent it to them. You recall that, at the beginning of the Eid of sacrifice, we diverted it that way and instructed that it be given to the clergy. We have been collecting for them ever since. Later on we received word and we were told that these young men should be isolated. Do you understand? We said to them, "There won't be any isolating so get out of here. We don't accept it." That is how we parted ways. At any rate, some family members were sent to me in order to convince me to avoid getting arrested and thereby cause problem for my husband, my children and my mother whom I care for. I said to them that it is in God's hand and that they should lookout for their own wellbeing. I am not out to harm anyone.

Hassan: Is your husband there?

Amina: Yes.

Hassan: Aha.

Amina: My husband is here.

Hassan: Thank God.

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: Thank God. God bless you.

Amina: Hum.

Hassan: It would be bad if -- anyway, he may -- our system. It would be bad if they put a wedge between the two of you and thereby create a problem in your family, God forbid.

Amina: Anyway, they had sent and done a lot of things. With regard to us -- er -- well -- if he so wishes, he will stay with me with the way things are and if he wishes -- I don't care. You see, I was involved in this matter before we met and no one can force me to get out of this cause, be it my sibling or anyone else. But the good thing about him is, he supports these people and he is aware of the truth.

[Verbatim stops at 18:42:22 and starts again at 18:43:45]

Amina: In addition to that, we ... I tell the people to collect money in the name of the poor. Nobody is aware of the money I send to you. [Pause] I give them the numbers; I give them the names; the gold they have donated -- it is not -- no one told me -- eh ... Once I am told, "Needy people", well, they are needy. If a person specifies the orphans or specific people to me as a precondition, then I do not divert his.

Hassan: Correct.

Amina: But if it is for the needy, I divert it that way.

Hassan: *God reward you with a blessing. God reward you with a blessing.*

Amina: *To all of us. So ...*

Hassan: God reward you with a blessing.

Amina: To all of us. If a person does a good deed, it is to his benefit; so we pray that God accept our good deeds. We also ask God to make it easy for us, if he is so willing. So I will tell the girl to sell the single necklace we have. I will add the proceeds to the \$300.00 and send it. In the meantime, we will keep speaking out. Even if we arrange a teleconference with some guys -- look, the other day, we set up a teleconference with Sheikh Hassan. No one donated anything. But I sent you the small amount that was donated.

Hassan: Aha.

Amina: Right now, I am planning to set up a teleconference with some girls -- I will set up a teleconference with some girls through the *line*. When they come into the *line* -- for example, well, they will also bring in a little; but I will send most of what I get to ... the thinking behind that is: if the poor people do not find anyone to protect them, they will be destroyed. It is to their advantage to have someone to protect them from the enemy.

Hassan: That is a must.

Amina: Yes. As for the providing of sustenance, God has predestined it.

Hassan: That is right.

[Verbatim stops at 18:45:11 and starts again at 18:49:01]

Amina: The reason I did not get license for the stuff that is sent is because I don't want to lie to God. I don't want to send money to you and yet write on the papers that I don't contact you, you know? That is why I didn't get this country's legal license -- I mean to be able to export stuff.

Hassan: Aha.

[Verbatim stops at 18:49:14]

INT DATE: 14 July 2009

TIME: 01:13:28 UTC

DURATION: 00:19:37

SESSION ID: 5312609

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9538

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 271-3119

Amina: *Hello.*

Halima: Peace be to you.

Amina: Peace be to you also, his mercy and his blessings.

Halima: Did they leave you?

Amina: *Hello.*

Halima: Yes, did they leave?

Amina: Who?

Halima: Those ones.

Amina: Is this Halima, whom I couldn't recognize?

Halima: U-hum.

Amina: Yes! Yes!

Halima: They are still here by me.

Amina: They are still there? [Pause] What?

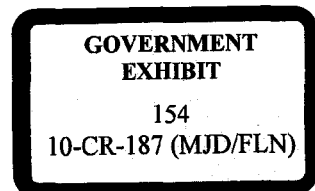
Halima: Yes, sister.

Amina: Where are the prayers you are supposed to perform? I told them; hey, I have to perform the Asr prayer.

Halima: Oh yes, I performed my Asr prayer; I even went to town and returned.

Amina: Then, can you tell me *why*? What are they doing at home?

Halima: They are dismantling the computers.



Amina: The computer-- do you have desktops?

Halima: I have two of them; one doesn't work and...

Amina: [OV] It wasn't a lap top?

Halima: No. They are dismantling them.

Amina: Okay, they are continuing with that.

Halima: Did they take the checks and the visa card from you?

Amina: What?

Halima: Did they take the checks and the visa card from you?

Amina: The checks?

Halima: Yes. And did they take your visa card?

Amina: Well yes, they took everything they collected.

Halima: They took a large bag with all the documents and everything else.

Amina: What?

Halima: They even took from me the old man's name [laughing]; it is also there. May God protect us [laughing].

Amina: What? What did they take?

Halima: The name.

Amina: So what? If they took everything, why do I care? Let them get lost.

[Verbatim stops at 01:14:47]

[Verbatim starts at 01:18:16]

Halima: They said, "Does she collect money through the conference line?" I said that I never saw it. They said, "Does she collect garments?" I said that all we, Somalis everywhere, do the garments collection. "Have you promoted money through the line?" The garment bags -- you see? --

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- that are shipped --

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- we add \$40.00 per person to cover their *transportation* expenses. Do you understand?

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: I have not seen that girl making any other collections. They asked, "Did that girl ever give you money and told you to send it.?" I said, "She never told me"
[Laughing].

Amina: Do you see? Do you see? You have been reported.

[Verbatim stops at 01:18:44]

[Verbatim starts at 01:19:22]

Halima: They took my computer, okay.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: At the most, they will find all what I have been saying on Paltalk.

Amina: [UI].

Halima: What, sister?

Amina: What about Paltalk?

Halima: It's said, they will find what I have been chatting about.

Amina: So, if they find out, what would that tell them? Beside, everyone has an opinion to express.

Halima: What I used to say [UI]

Amina: They too express their opinions.

Halima: "Long live Al Shabab...Hisbul Islam." At one time my name was Hisbul Islam.
[Laughing] They will find out that. [Laughing] Sister, what did you say?

[Verbatim stops at 01:19:45]

[Verbatim starts at 01:30:48]

Amina: Do you hear me?

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Don't mention men or anything like that, lest the conversation is being recorded.

Halima: No, no, no. Nothing will be heard from me, God willing.

Amina: The same applies if you receive a phone call.

Halima: Yes.

Amina: Because they said, "The two of you are accused."

Halima: Sister, who is the one who accused us. Damn them.

[Verbatim stops at 01:31:03]

INT DATE: 15 July 2009

TIME: 23:44:34 UTC

DURATION: 00:16:24

SESSION ID: 5318603

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507- 271-3119

[Verbatim starts at 23:53:14]

Halima: They asked me, "Did she used to hand you money?"

Amina: There we go, do you see?

Halima: I said, no. That girl, she never handed me any money [laughing].

Amina: Do you see? Do you see?

Halima: Yes [laughing].

Amina: Do you see? Go on.

Halima: That it is.

Amina: "Did she used to hand you money?" Wow! You should have asked, and where did I take it?

Halima: To Al Shabab.

Amina: What?

Halima: Al Shabab.

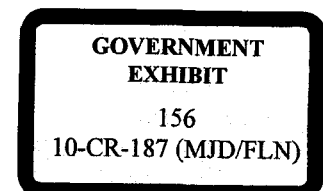
Amina: Wow, amazing.

Halima: "Is Al Shabab and Mujahid the same? Can you explain to us?" They said.

Amina: Al Shabab and who?

Halima: Mujahid.

Amina: Mujahid, okay.



Halima: They said, "Teach us .We don't know anything." You want an answer from me. Well, the Mujahid you have heard is made up by Al Shabab and Hisbul Islam.

Amina: What is wrong with you? When they asked you that question, why you didn't tell them that requires a long lecture, therefore they need to hire teachers.

Halima: They know it, they know it. I know that too, so I am not acting unwary. I am an adult who is aware of the situation.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: I said if you need Al Shabab. I said if you need a Somali Mujahid --

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: -- I am just telling you, it is made up of Al Shabab and Hisbul Islam.

[Verbatim stops at 23:54:10]

[Verbatim starts at 23:55:09]

Halima: They have spent a lot of time interviewing me; but what took most of their time, at least three hours, was downloading information from the two computers. They will find all what I used to write ...

Amina: [OV] Hold on sister.

Halima: Let me get back.

Amina: [Side conversation] Yes!

Halima: They will find all what I used to write on Paltalk.

Amina: [Side conversation] But the children are here.

Amina: [Side conversation] Okay, peace be to you [resume conversation] Go on.

Halima: What I used to offer in Paltalk --

Amina: Go on.

Halima: -- they will find that. Once my screen name was Baba Sufi; once my screen name was Hisbul Islam [laughter]; and they find [UI] the cleric Hassan Dahir Aweys.

Amina: H-hum.

Halima: No problem, no problem.

Amina: If they discover ... *Why?*

Halima: No problem; God will help me. God will help me.

[Verbatim stops at 23:55:44]

INT DATE: 19 July, 2009

TIME: 23:07:28 UTC

DURATION: 00:13:23

SESSION IDs: 5327340 / 34893493

FROM: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

TO: Ali, Amina 507-282-6214

[Verbatim begins at 23:16:24]

Halima: Did anyone call you or come to you again? *[Laughing]*

Amina: Who?

Halima: Those who took our books.

Amina: No, I didn't see those.

Halima: Was the computer returned to you?

Amina: Silly you, talking about a computer!

Halima: Go on.

Amina: Let me make you laugh.

Halima: Go on.

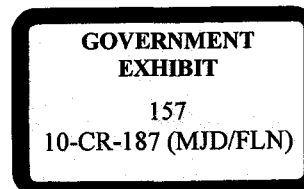
Amina: Girl, when I use the calling cards--

Halima: Go on.

Amina: --I throw the card in the trash; and the tail end of the card that does not contain the number--

Halima: --you used to keep?

Amina: --I used to insert them in the books.



Halima: Go on.

Amina: A pile of them was here and they took them. They will *scan* them. [OV]

Halima: [UI] [*Laughing*]

Amina: [*Laughing*]

Halima: [*Sound*] [IA] it is filled with [IA] of Hassan Dahir.

Amina: No. I am talking about the tail end of the calling card, which I used to insert in the books and... [OV]

Halima: They can find it in there – they will find it in there.

Amina: What?

Halima: U-hum

Amina: What will they find?

Halima: Where the card was used to call.

Amina: Will they find that?

Halima: Yes, *because* every time the calling card shortchanges us,--

Amina: Go on.

Halima: We call them and ask them to give us credit for the amount we lose.

Amina: But, I told you that I threw away the part that contains the number in the trash.

Halima: What number?

Amina: I told you that the calling card, which I used to make the call, was thrown in the trash.

Halima: Go on.

Amina: There is a tail end, right?

Halima: Doesn't the tail end have a number?

Amina: I told you, the tail end.

Halima: I got that.

Amina: I told you, only the tail end.

Halima: U-hum.

Amina: I throw the calling card in the trash so it does not confuse me.

Halima: I got that.

Amina: I told you that they took the tail end of the calling cards.

Halima: [*Sound*] [UI] they will find.

Amina: Well, no. They will only find the customer service number. And when they find the customer service number – well, all of the customer service numbers are the same.

Halima: Yes, the common one.

Amina: You have to provide the number, right?

Halima: But, keep in mind that you made the calls from the one in your home.

Amina: U-hum.

Halima: God protect you from them and protect me from them too, because they will find mine also. [UI]

Amina: Well, even if they find out, what are they going to find? Sister, they will only find the poor girls that I used to talk to.

Halima: That is not a problem. [OV]

Amina: Yes. [OV]

Halima: It would be bad for me, if they find the other people [UI]... [OV]

Amina: The girls, who, you know, were distributing the money,--

Halima: Yes, that is not a problem.

Amina: --are ready.

Halima: That is not a problem.

Amina: Yes.

Halima: What?

Amina: Yes. [*Sound*]

Halima: Do you receive calls on your cell phone?

Amina: Yes.

Halima: They will also investigate both of us through all of the cell phones.

Amina: What?

Halima: They will investigate both of us through the cell phones.

Amina: Which one?

Halima: They can request months' worth of records from T-Mobile, which has years' worth of records.

Amina: Really?

Halima: Really – *computerized* records. [*Laughing*]

Amina: I don't care. [*Sound*] [UI] I don't care.

Halima: [UI]

Amina: The telephone – don't you know that they took my telephone?

Halima: Which telephone?

Amina: My telephone.

Halima: The cell phone?

Amina: Yes – No.

Halima: Hum.

Amina: My home phone's bill.

Halima: [*Sound*] [UI] they will find it. Well, they are only interested in the *account* number it contains.

[Verbatim stops at 23:18:33]

INT DATE: 20 July 2009

TIME: 19:37:46 UTC

DURATION: 00:20:08

SESSION ID: 45868616

FROM: Ali, Amina 507- 271-3119

TO: Hassan, Hawo Mohamed aka Halima Hassan 507-319-9111

[Verbatim starts at 19:54:11]

Halima: They took it from me --

Amina:Uh-huh.

Halima: -- do you remember the money that was pledged online?

Amina:Yes, it was recorded it... the books are all full.

Halima: -- they also took the list of the people's phone numbers.

Amina:Okay.

Halima: All the money that was collected....they previously asked me, "Do you collect money in Amina's line?"

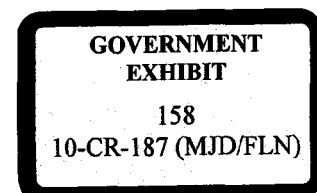
Amina:Uh-huh.

Halima: I said, "I have never witnessed it."

Amina:[Breathing] That is right. No, problem we collect it for our people and we will continue to collect it.

Halima: Uh-huh.

Amina:Well, and we have learned from them, also our religion encourages it.



Halima: Uh-uh.

Amina: Well, they too collect.

Halima: Yes, but I denied it.

Amina: [Non pertinent side conversation]

Halima: If they say to you, "Did Hawo collect money with you?" Tell them no, because I don't want to contradict myself."

Amina: Okay. I will say, "I used to collect it...."

[The verbatim ends: 19:54:52]

Duplicate

Dahabehil Inc.
Rochester Location
101 N. BROADWAY
ROCHESTER,
MN
55906
507-990-5289

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TOTAL FEE	\$	10.00
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RECEIVER
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ABDIRISAQ HASAN OSMAN USD\$200.00
249928176157
SUDAN, Sudan
KHARTOUM

Customer Information
Account ID: ROC-10522
HASSAN, HAWO MOHAMED
Home: (507) 319-9111

Signature: _____

Refund Policy
1- If you decide to refund your fund,
it will take seven days from the day
you request.
2-If the refund is due to the error
of the sender or recipient, only the
net amount will be refunded.
3-If the refund is due to the error
of Dahabehil, the gross amount
will be refunded.

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Target Language: English
Name of Source File (Document): 50220.smd
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-Direction:

SUMMARY TRANSLATION

The article, dated 02/20/09 (Shaban 25, 1430), reports the announcement of an Islamic administration established by the Mujahedins in the Bay and Bakol regions of Somalia. There was a very important ceremony at the site of the previous Apostate Parliament in Baidoa. The purpose of the ceremony, attended by the leaders of Al-Shabab, the elders, the businessmen and the clergy, was to announce a central administration for the regions of Bay and Bakol. The ceremony followed a series of meeting that the leaders of Al-Shabab had with the city's leaders of all social levels; like the cultural elders, intellectuals, businessmen and clergy from Ahlu Sunnah Wal-Jama.

All the leaders who spoke at the event thanked God for giving the Mujahedins control of the city of Baidoa after taking it from the non-believers and the apostates and declared that history will celebrate this day.

[TN: The following is a verbatim translation of the article]

“The place of the meeting today was ADC headquarters, where members of the Apostate Parliament, now dispersed abroad, had their meetings for a long time. For that reason, it has been decided that from now on this headquarter will be known as the home of the Administrative Council and not the non-believers' parliament.

After that, the members of administration for the leadership of Bay and Bakol were named as a group. The following are the names of those appointed:

Sheikh Hassan Mohamed Ali, aka Abu Ayman – Administrative Governor of the Bay and Bakol region.

Abdullahi Moalin Mohamed Abdurahman – Deputy Governor.

Mohamed Abdurahman Aden, aka Abu Usama – Director of the Justice Department.

Hassan Aden Aden – Deputy Director of the Justice Department.

Hassan Dirow Abdulle Nur – Chief of the Brigade for the promotion of good moral values and the prevention of the moral sins.

Moalin Abdullahi Moalin gedow – Director of Finance and Development

Ibrahim Robow Ali – Deputi Director of Finance

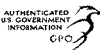
Sheikh Abdiaziz Sheikh Hassan Mohamed – The Institute of Religious Affairs and Education.

Sheikh Ibrahim Hassan Aden – Deputy of the Institute of Religious Affairs.

Moalin Mohamed Moalin Aden, aka Gaduudow [Red] – Director of Social Affairs and Education.

Count	Date	Sender Name	Beneficiary Name	Beneficiary Number	Amount	Money Remitter Co.	Exhibit Numbers
2	9/17/2008	Basra Ali Warsame	Nimco Ali Mohamed	25215332225	1,063	Kaah Rmt No. OHB0006625	2, 3, 161
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4	11/2/2008	Fadumo Said Umo Ibrahim	Haawokiin Hasan Raage	25215875171	500	Kaah Rmt No. OHB0007571	24, 27, 28, 32, 35, 263, 165
5	2/12/2009	Basra Cali Warsame, a/k/a Basra Ali Warsame	Nuurto Ahmed Hassan	25215332225	750	Qaran Financial Trans. ID 3528419	76, 80, 166
6	2/23/2009	Shugri Ducaale	Madiina Xaaji Axmed	2521548856 (25215408856)	1,000	Tawakal Transaction No. 1265298	84, 87, 90, 169
7	2/23/2009	Ubah Abshir Farah	Shamso Ali Ahmed	25215401510	1,000	Hodan Global Transaction No. 2061	88, 89, 90, 91, 198
8	3/10/2009	Xamdi Cabdicilmi, a/k/a Hamdi Abdielmi Abdirahman, a/k/a Umu-Yusra	Maryan Muuse Bakar	25215401510	550	Tawakal Transaction No. 1290189	99, 100, 103, 171
9	3/14/2009	Amina Sheekh Cusman, a/k/a Amina Sheikh Osman	Shamso Ali Ahmed	25215401510	1,195	Qaran Financial Trans. ID 3689278	102, 103, 104, 105, 173
10	5/18/2009	Ubah Farah	Faduma Farah Nor	5104242 (25215104242)	500	Qaran Express US, Inc. Rem No. 4042823	128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 175
11	5/18/2009	Saido Mohamud	Nadifa Musa	5104242 (25215104242)	500	Qaran Express US, Inc. Rem No. 4042824	128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 176
12	5/31/2009	Amina Saeed Hassan Abdilleh, a/k/a Amina Sa'iid	Fadumo Farah Nor	25215104242	250	Dahabshil Trans. ID 249706	138, 139, 178
13	7/5/2009	Amina Saeed Hassan Abdilleh, a/k/a Amina Sa'iid	Nadifo Muse Ali	2521510424(1)2	300	Dahabshil Trans. ID 253472	147, 148, 149, 153, 180

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11191 and # 11192]

Florida Disaster # FL-00030

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of FLORIDA dated 03/10/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.
Incident Period: 02/21/2008 through 02/22/2008.

Effective Date: 03/10/2008.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/09/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/10/2008.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing And Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Bay

Contiguous Counties:

Florida, Calhoun, Gulf, Jackson, Walton, Washington.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.500
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.750
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11191 6 and for economic injury is 11192 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Florida.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

March 10, 2008.

Steven C. Preston,

Administrator.

[FR Doc. E8-5388 Filed 3-17-08; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6136]

In the Matter of the Designation of al-Shabaab, aka al-Shabab, aka Shabaab, aka the Youth, aka Mujahidin Al-Shabaab Movement, aka Mujahideen Youth Movement, aka Mujahidin Youth Movement, aka MYM, aka Harakat Shabab al-Mujahidin, aka Hizbul Shabaab, aka Hisb'ul Shabaab, aka al-Shabaab al-Islamiya, aka Youth Wing, aka al-Shabaab al-Islaam, aka al-Shabaab al-Jihaad, aka the Unity of Islamic Youth, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter, and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that the relevant circumstances described in section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (hereinafter "INA") (8 U.S.C. 1189), exist with respect to al-Shabaab (aka al-Shabab, aka Shabaab, aka the Youth, aka Mujahidin al-Shabaab Movement, aka Mujahideen Youth Movement, aka Mujahidin Youth Movement, aka MYM, aka Harakat Shabab al-Mujahidin, aka Hizbul Shabaab, aka Hisb'ul Shabaab, aka al-Shabaab al-Islamiya, aka Youth Wing, aka al Shabaab al-Islaam, aka al-Shabaab al-Jihaad, aka the Unity of Islamic Youth).

Therefore, I hereby designate that organization and its aliases as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the INA.

This designation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 26, 2008.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

[FR Doc. E8-5444 Filed 3-17-08; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6137]

In the Matter of the Designation of al-Shabaab, aka al-Shabab, aka Shabaab, aka the Youth, aka Mujahidin Al-Shabaab Movement, aka Mujahideen Youth Movement, aka MYM, aka Harakat Shabab al-Mujahidin, aka Hizbul Shabaab, aka Hisb'ul Shabaab, aka al-Shabaab al-Islamiya, aka Youth Wing, aka al-Shabaab al-Islaam, aka al-Shabaab al-Jihaad, aka the Unity of Islamic Youth as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as Amended

Acting under the authority of and in accordance with Section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, as amended by Executive Order 13268 of July 2, 2002, and Executive Order 13284 of January 23, 2003, I hereby determine that the organization known as al-Shabaab (aka al-Shabab, aka Shabaab, aka the Youth, aka Mujahidin al-Shabaab Movement, aka Mujahideen Youth Movement, aka Mujahidin Youth Movement, aka MYM, aka Harakat Shabab al-Mujahidin, aka Hizbul Shabaab, aka Hisb'ul Shabaab, aka al-Shabaab al-Islamiya, aka Youth Wing, aka al Shabaab al-Islaam, aka al-Shabaab al-Jihaad, aka the Unity of Islamic Youth) has committed, or poses a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

Consistent with the determination in Section 10 of Executive Order 13224 that "prior notice to persons determined to be subject to the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order because of the ability to transfer funds instantaneously," I determine that no prior notice needs to be provided to any person subject to this determination who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, because to do so would render ineffectual the measures authorized in the Order.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

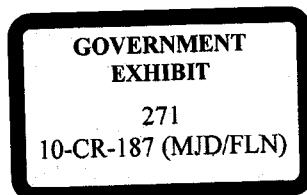
Dated: February 26, 2008.

Condoleezza Rice,

Secretary of State, Department of State.

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Type of Review: Extension.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 13, 2002.

William T. Earle,

Assistant Director (Management) CFO.

[FR Doc. 02-6587 Filed 3-18-02; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designations of Terrorism-Related Blocked Persons

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the designation of additional persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, pertaining to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism.

DATES: The designations by the Secretary of the Treasury of additional persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 were variously effective on November 7, 2001, December 4, 2001, December 20, 2001, or January 9, 2002, as reflected in the separate lists set forth in this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C. 20220, tel.: 202/622-2520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

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Background

On September 23, 2001, President Bush issued Executive Order 13224 (the "Order") imposing economic sanctions on persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support certain acts of terrorism. In an annex to the Order, President Bush identified 12 individuals and 15 entities whose assets are blocked pursuant to the Order (66 FR 49079, September 25, 2001). The property and interests in property of an additional 33 individuals and 6 entities were blocked pursuant to determinations by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury effective October 12, 2001, referenced in a **Federal Register** document published by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury (66 FR 54404, October 26, 2001).

Further Additional Determinations. Pursuant to subsections 1(c) and 1(d) of the Order, further additional persons have been determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General: to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons listed in the annex to the Order or designated pursuant to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order; to assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, acts of terrorism or persons listed on the annex or designated pursuant to the Order; or to be otherwise associated with persons listed on the annex to the Order or designated pursuant to

subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order. These additional determinations are set forth in the lists below. In addition, further determinations made on October 31, 2001, December 18, 2001, and December 31, 2001, by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, under subsection 1(b) of the Order, are addressed in a separate notice published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

All property and interests in property of any listed person that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of United States persons, including their overseas branches, are blocked, and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn or otherwise dealt in, and all transactions by U.S. persons or within the United States in property or interests in property of any listed person are prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control or exempted by statute.

The designations by the Secretary of the Treasury of further additional persons whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224 were variously effective on the relevant date of determination (November 7, 2001, December 4, 2001, December 20, 2001 or January 9, 2002), as reflected under separate headings in the lists below.

In Section 10 of the Order, the President determined that because of the ability to transfer funds or assets instantaneously, prior notice to persons listed in the Annex to, or determined to be subject to, the Order who might have a constitutional presence in the United States, would render ineffectual the blocking and other measures authorized in the Order. The President further determined that no prior notification of a determination need be provided to any person who might have a constitutional presence in the United States. In furtherance of the objectives of the Order, the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that no prior notice should be afforded to the subjects of the determinations reflected in this notice because to do so would give the subjects that opportunity to evade the measures described in the Order and, consequently, render those measures ineffectual toward addressing the national emergency declared in the Order.

The lists of additional designations follow:

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*Designations of November 7, 2001
(Entities)*

AARAN MONEY WIRE SERVICE INC., 1806 Riverside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

AL BARAKA EXCHANGE L.L.C., P.O. Box 3313, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; P.O. Box 20066, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

AL-BARAKAAT, Mogadishu, Somalia; Dubai, United Arab Emirates. AL-BARAKAAT BANK, Mogadishu, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAAT BANK OF SOMALIA (BBS) (a.k.a. BARAKAAT BANK OF SOMALIA), Mogadishu, Somalia; Bossaso, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAAT GROUP OF COMPANIES SOMALIA LIMITED (a.k.a. AL-BARAKAT FINANCIAL COMPANY), P.O. Box 3313, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Mogadishu, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAAT WIRING SERVICE, 2940 Pillsbury Avenue, Suite 4, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55408.

AL-BARAKAT FINANCE GROUP, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Mogadishu, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAT FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Mogadishu, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAT GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS (a.k.a. BARAKAAT GLOBETELCOMPANY), P.O. Box 3313, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Mogadishu, Somalia; Hargeysa, Somalia.

AL-BARAKAT INTERNATIONAL (a.k.a. BARACO CO.), Box 2923, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

AL-BARAKAT INVESTMENTS, P.O. Box 3313, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-209673-93]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing final regulation, REG-209673-93 (TD 8700), Mark to Market for Dealers in Securities (§§ 1.475(b)-4, and 1.475(c)-1).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 20, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Glenn Kirkland, Internal Revenue Service, room 6411, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the regulation should be directed to Larnice Mack, (202) 622-3179, or through the internet (*Larnice.Mack@irs.gov*) Internal Revenue Service, room 6407, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Mark to Market for Dealers in Securities.

OMB Number: 1545-1496.
Regulation Project Number: REG-209673-93.

Abstract: Under section 1.475(b)-4, the information required to be recorded is required by the IRS to determine whether exemption from mark-to-market treatment is properly claimed, and will be used to make that determination upon audit of taxpayers' books and records. Also, under section 1.475(c)-1(a)(3)(iii), the information is necessary for the Service to determine whether a consolidated group has elected to disregard inter-member transactions in determining a member's status as a dealer in securities.

Current Actions: There is no change to this existing regulation.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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United States of America,)	File No. CR-10-187
)	(MJD/FLN)
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
)	October 5, 2011
(1) Amina Farah Ali and)	
(2) Hawo Mohamed Hassan,)	
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Defendants.)	
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. DAVIS and a Jury
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

(TESTIMONY OF MATTHEW BRYDEN)

Proceedings recorded by mechanical stenography;
transcript produced by computer.

1 A. The Burundians are part of an African Union peace
2 support operation known as AMISOM, the African Union Mission
3 in Somalia. It's composed for the moment of mainly Ugandan
4 troops and also a smaller contingent of Burundian. Some
5 other governments have recently pledged troops, including
6 the government of Djibouti.

7 It operates under a United Nations mandate, but it
8 is an African Union force and its principal mission is to
9 protect the Transitional Federal institutions, the
10 government, the parliament, the members of parliament, the
11 government officials, and to allow them to operate in the
12 Somali capitol.

13 Q. And how long have the African Union troops been deployed
14 in Somalia?

15 A. They've been deployed -- the first contingent arrived
16 just before the Ethiopians left in January, February 2009.
17 So since late 2008 there have been Ugandan troops there.

18 Q. Okay. And I don't know if it's on this map or not, but
19 can you identify the Elasha Biyaha.

20 A. It isn't on this map. It is -- it would be -- well, it
21 might be. It would be just probably to the left of the map
22 along the Afgoye Road, sort of in that general area where I
23 have put the arrow, maybe a little further.

24 Q. Okay. And what is the Elasha Biyaha?

25 A. It just means water wells. It was the main water

1 Q. And is this the timeline that we just discussed?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 MR. WARD: I would offer 256, Your Honor.

4 MR. SCOTT: No objection, Your Honor.

5 MS. GURSTELLE: No objection, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Be admitted.

7 BY MR. WARD:

8 Q. Mr. Bryden, can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the
9 jury when Somalia gained its independence.

10 A. Somalia gained its independence in 1960. The British
11 part, the British Somaliland protectorate, became
12 independent on 26 June 1960 and five days later the Italian
13 part of Somalia, the south, gained independence on July 1st
14 and on the same day they unified.

15 Q. And was there a time period during which Somalia
16 operated as a democracy?

17 A. Yes. For the first nine years it was a democracy, a
18 very vibrant, very active democracy.

19 Q. And what happened?

20 A. In 1969 the president was assassinated and the military
21 stepped in to fill the vacuum, established a military regime
22 headed by General Mohamed Siad Barre, who then ruled the
23 country for the next 21 years.

24 Q. And for 21 years what became of General Siad Barre?

25 A. Well, he went to war with Ethiopia in 1977 and the

1 Somali military was badly defeated, the economy suffered.
2 And from 1978 onwards he faced insurgencies in various parts
3 of the country that picked up momentum through the 1980's.

4 In 1988 full-scale war broke out starting in the
5 northwest and in January 1991, in fact, 30 December 1990,
6 the fighting reached Mogadishu itself and by the end of
7 January '91 he was expelled from the capitol. He kept
8 fighting for another year and a half before he was
9 finally -- he and his forces were chased into neighboring
10 Kenya and he died in exile.

11 Q. And since 1991, Mr. Bryden, has there been an effective
12 central government in Somalia?

13 A. No, there has since then been no effective central
14 government in Somalia.

15 Q. Immediately following the fall of Siad Barre, can you
16 briefly summarize what events took place.

17 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat the question?

18 Q. After General Barre was deposed, in the immediate years
19 thereafter what events took place?

20 A. Well, immediately after he fell, the rebel movement that
21 had taken control of the capitol -- it was called the United
22 Somali Congress and it was mainly almost exclusively from
23 the Hawiye clan -- divided and went to war with itself. And
24 so there was civil war in the capitol and much of central
25 Somalia.

1 neighboring Ethiopia, which supported faction leaders to
2 contain it and eventually to bring it down.

3 As a result, in 2002 the next attempt to form a
4 government started. Two years of peace talks in neighboring
5 Kenya between the faction leaders supported by Ethiopia, the
6 most important of whom was Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, who was
7 then president of the region of Puntland, and the
8 Transitional National Government, they were supposed to come
9 up with a power-sharing arrangement. It didn't really
10 happen.

11 The TNG was replaced in October 2004 by the
12 Transitional Federal Government, which is the government
13 that is still in place in Mogadishu at the moment.

14 Q. Okay. You mentioned the name Abdullahi Yusuf. When he
15 headed what you called the Transitional National Government,
16 did his government ever sit in Somalia?

17 A. Yes, it did. For the first year, from 2004 and '05, the
18 government actually sat in Nairobi, Kenya, outside the
19 country. In 2005 it moved back into Somalia initially to
20 the town of Jowhar, just north of Mogadishu, and then it
21 moved later the same year to Baidoa in the southwest.

22 Q. Now, initially why did it sit in Kenya?

23 A. Because Abdullahi Yusuf considered Mogadishu not safe
24 enough for his government. Many of the people in Mogadishu
25 opposed his leadership and believed that he was seeking to

1 Union was.

2 A. Well, the Islamic Courts Union -- I would really have to
3 go back a long way, but the Courts first really appeared as
4 courts in 1998 in several parts of Mogadishu. There were
5 three principal courts and a fourth south of Mogadishu in
6 the town of Merca and this was a -- these were, again,
7 clan-based courts, but claiming to administer Islamic law,
8 Sharia law.

9 And the most prominent figure of the Courts, the
10 leader, if you will, was Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys, who had
11 a history already of trying to establish Islamic law in
12 Somalia since the early 1990's.

13 And the Courts over time gained the support of
14 much of the business community and parts of the community of
15 Mogadishu because they established for the first time, after
16 many years, law and order.

17 And in 2006 the Islamic Courts eventually took
18 control in June 2006 of the city of Mogadishu and expanded
19 their control across much of southern Somalia.

20 Q. And while we are on the subject, was one of the leaders
21 of the Courts an individual named Sharif -- Sheikh Sharif
22 Ahmed?

23 A. Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed, yes.

24 Q. And what became of the Islamic Courts?

25 A. The Islamic Courts were dismantled and displaced in

1 al-Shabaab forces started to attack positions
2 outside Baidoa. And I haven't mentioned, but by then there
3 were Ethiopian forces protecting the government in Baidoa.
4 And as, in a sense, Shabaab started these provocations to
5 interrupt the peace talks, Ethiopia took the opportunity to
6 send its forces into Somalia and take control of the
7 country.

8 Q. And subsequent to the Ethiopians entering was there
9 another attempt to restructure the Transitional Federal
10 Government, known as the Djibouti Agreement?

11 A. Yes. From the end of 2006 until two thousand and --
12 late 2008 the government, the Transitional Federal
13 Government, was based in Mogadishu, headed by Abdullahi
14 Yusuf, and it was facing a very active insurgency and was
15 unable to establish its control, even with thousands of
16 Ethiopian troops.

17 The Ethiopians finally were of the opinion that
18 there needed to be a dialogue, that the government had to
19 talk to particularly some of the clans who were supporting
20 the insurgency, parts of the Hawiye clan. And they found
21 that President Yusuf was resistant. He didn't want to talk
22 to anyone. He had a reputation as a dictator and he lived
23 up to it.

24 And so finally under pressure from Ethiopia, from
25 the United States, from a number of different places he was

1 forced to resign and peace talks in Djibouti by the rest of
2 his government and part of the Islamic Courts and the group
3 from Eritrea produced a new government -- that's early
4 January 2009 -- headed by Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed and
5 that is the government that is now sitting in Mogadishu.

6 Q. Okay. And Sheikh Sharif Sheikh Ahmed was one of the
7 former leaders of the Islamic Courts; is that correct?

8 A. He was the chairman of the Islamic Courts in Mogadishu
9 in 2006.

10 Q. And as part of the Djibouti Agreement did the Ethiopian
11 forces withdraw?

12 A. Yes, they did.

13 Q. And that's shown on your timeline in January of 2009; is
14 that correct?

15 A. That's correct.

16 Q. Now, the organization known as al-Shabaab, was it part
17 of the Djibouti Agreement?

18 A. No, it wasn't. It opposed the Djibouti Agreement.

19 Q. And what response did they make?

20 A. They attacked the new government headed by Sheikh
21 Sharif. So essentially what used to be the Islamic
22 Courts -- Shabaab had been part of the Islamic Courts --
23 formally split and al-Shabaab attacked President Sharif when
24 he returned to Mogadishu.

25 Q. And are there -- are you aware of instances where

1 al-Shabaab compared the new government of Sheikh Sharif
2 Sheikh Ahmed to the former government of Abdullahi Yusuf?

3 A. Yes. They said essentially that this was no different
4 from the previous government, that Sheikh Sharif had sold
5 out, that this was now a government of apostates, and that
6 it should be opposed.

7 Q. And when you use the term "apostates," can you explain
8 to the jury what that means.

9 A. That means that they had effectively -- they were no
10 longer Muslim. They had -- I would say they had renounced
11 their religion, but, in fact, in Shabaab's ideology Shabaab
12 gives itself the authority to designate other Muslims as
13 non-Muslims. It's an act called takfir or takfirism. And
14 so they essentially denounced the new government as
15 non-Muslim and therefore it would be legal for them to
16 attack it.

17 Q. Now, I wanted to talk a little bit about al-Shabaab
18 itself. And are you aware what the formal name is of the
19 Foreign Terrorist Organization al-Shabaab?

20 A. The full name is most often Harakat al-Shabaab
21 al-Mujahideen.

22 THE COURT: All right. Let's stop here. We'll
23 take a 15-minute break, 15-minute break. All rise for the
24 jury.

25 (Recess taken at 3:30 p.m.)

1 think depending on the context they would also refer to
2 themselves as mujahideen, but when speaking in veiled
3 speeches, as it were, dhallinyarada, innamada, yaryarka.
4 Several different terms could be used to conceal the name.

5 Q. All right. Mr. Bryden, can you tell the jury what the
6 objectives are of al-Shabaab.

7 A. As far as I think anyone can say, since it's a very
8 secretive organization and there are still elements about
9 its purposes and its structure that are not fully understood
10 to outsiders, to impose their version of Islamic law on
11 Somalia.

12 And for some members of the movement, because
13 there are different ideas within the movement, some
14 apparently seek to export that version of Islamic law to
15 neighboring countries, at least to the Muslim populations in
16 those neighboring countries, and some seek to associate
17 themselves with some form of global Islamic jihad espoused
18 by other movements around the world.

19 Q. Okay. Well, I understand it has ambitions beyond the
20 borders of Somalia, but how about, what's its position with
21 respect to the Transitional Federal Government under Sheikh
22 Sharif Sheikh Ahmed?

23 A. To expel, dismantle that government, and to replace it
24 with their own rule by force.

25 Q. Okay. And when you say its brand of Sharia, does it

1 Q. And according to Shabaab, what was the driver's crime?

2 A. The driver's crime was to have converted to
3 Christianity.

4 Q. And was the video posted to YouTube?

5 A. I don't believe it was posted on YouTube. I don't think
6 it would have passed their filters. But it was widely
7 circulated on other sites and even on mobile phones.

8 Q. Now, let's talk a little bit about some of the tactics
9 that al-Shabaab uses as a military group. First off, is it
10 a regular army?

11 A. No, it's not a regular army. It's more of a guerrilla
12 army. It does have some form of regular units, but it's
13 mainly a guerrilla fighting force.

14 Q. Does it have uniforms?

15 A. Some of its formed units have uniforms. They have some
16 distinctive markings, like the red shawl, the red immamad,
17 which is closely identified with al-Shabaab, but not all the
18 fighters wear it, in fact, I'd say that's probably a
19 minority, especially because Shabaab go to great pains to
20 conceal their identities.

21 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I need a comparison. Go
22 back to the interpretation of Sharia law. You talked about
23 Somalia. Do you know anything about the Kingdom of Saudi
24 Arabia?

25 THE WITNESS: I know a little about the Kingdom,

1 religion through example, through teaching, but essentially
2 through peaceful means; and the Salafi Jihadiyya espouse
3 imposing their rule essentially through violence. In Saudi
4 Arabia, even the government itself is engaged in containment
5 of the Salafi Jihadiyya movement through its own criminal
6 system.

7 So there are, of course, similarities, both being
8 Salafis, but that is the critical distinction, is the use of
9 violence.

10 THE COURT: Okay. You may continue.

11 BY MR. WARD:

12 Q. Mr. Bryden, back on the tactics of the al-Shabaab
13 militia, do they employ a tactic known as suicide bombings?

14 A. Yes, they do.

15 Q. Can you describe to the jury what takes place in a
16 suicide bombing.

17 A. Suicide bombings, there are basically two different
18 forms, what we would refer to as the VBIED, the
19 vehicle-borne improvised explosive device, and the PBIED,
20 the person-borne improvised explosive device.

21 The PBIED is when a person straps or has strapped
22 to him or her an explosive belt, and these belts typically
23 in Somalia have a couple of different trigger mechanisms.
24 One is that the person -- there have been both male and
25 female bombers -- detonate their own belts, but usually

1 there's also a fail-safe, which is something like a remote
2 phone or a radio-controlled alarm. In case the person
3 doesn't detonate the device, then someone else watching
4 remotely, a controller, can detonate the device to make sure
5 that the explosion goes off. We know this partly because in
6 a few cases the bombs have not gone off and we've been able
7 to analyze the devices.

8 The vehicle-borne improvised explosive device is a
9 vehicle packed with any combination of explosives, sometimes
10 incendiary, sometimes high explosive. These can be packed
11 in the back of a truck or a Land Cruiser. The Shabaab for
12 some reason like to use what's called the Surf. It's a
13 four-wheel drive vehicle and it's a sort of station wagon.
14 And sometimes the explosive is packed in the door panels or
15 under the seats. Sometimes it's just stacked in the rear.

16 And the vehicle is driven up to a facility. If
17 they get past any guards or any security, usually blow it up
18 inside the facility. Other explosions, including some
19 recently, have gone off at the gates of the facility because
20 most facilities in Mogadishu and now elsewhere in Somalia
21 are better protected precisely because this has become such
22 a common tactic.

23 Q. Do they also employ improvised explosive devices like
24 roadside bombs?

25 A. They do indeed. These get more and more sophisticated.

1 An IED in Somalia -- there are some techniques that are
2 borrowed apparently from other countries, like Iraq and
3 Afghanistan, but in Somalia we've seen a progression from
4 very crude devices.

5 Like an anti-tank mine, the pressure device for
6 the mine is removed. It's then wired to a trigger mechanism
7 and then often nuts and bolts or bullets will be welded onto
8 the outside of the mine to increase the fragmentation
9 effect.

10 Increasingly now we also see the use of gas
11 cylinders, which are then -- rebar, construction steel bars,
12 are chopped up and adhered to the outside of the gas
13 cylinder or the explosive, which also increases the
14 fragmentation effect. And these can be hidden in garbage.

15 Then the last sort of third major form of IED is
16 in, say, a jerrycan, which would normally be containing milk
17 or vegetable oil, and it's stuffed full of TNT and then
18 wired to explode. So it looks like an everyday item left by
19 the side of the road and it can be detonated when TFG troops
20 or AMISOM or whatever the target is drives by.

21 Q. Thank you, Mr. Bryden. Now, al-Shabaab has mortars, do
22 they not?

23 A. They do.

24 Q. And do they use the -- do they set the mortars up in
25 civilian population centers?

1 A. They have in the past and continue to do so. They'll
2 either take a mobile team with a small mortar into a
3 neighborhood and fire from that neighborhood. Often that
4 involves, then, retaliatory fire from government forces or
5 African Union forces. They also use pickup trucks and
6 sometimes they'll place a mortar in the back of a pickup
7 truck, drive it into a neighborhood, fire, and then drive
8 out again so they are not there when the return fire comes
9 in.

10 Q. Is there any particular purpose behind firing from a
11 civilian population center that you know of?

12 A. I mean, the main purpose is understood to be that by
13 attracting the fire of AU or government troops, which then
14 kill civilians, that these enemy forces of al-Shabaab will
15 be blamed, the government will be delegitimized and become
16 less popular, the presence of the AU forces likewise, and
17 eventually there will be such public opposition to these
18 forces that they'll either be defeated or they'll have to
19 withdraw.

20 Q. Now, are there any types of activities that al-Shabaab
21 is responsible for that is directed at intimidating the
22 civilian population?

23 A. They have a range of techniques to intimidate the
24 civilian population.

25 One is just in areas that they control they

1 have a highly authoritarian rule and, again, the use of
2 amputations or executions is exemplary. It keeps people
3 under control.

4 They also use, for example, issuing of what are
5 known as night letters, warnings, pieces of paper that can
6 be slipped under someone's door, left at their home saying
7 you are being warned. They do this particularly with junior
8 government officials, like district commissioners, municipal
9 officials. You either leave government service or you or
10 your family will be killed.

11 And, yes, SMS. Like every 21st century movement
12 now, the use of technology to send messages, sometimes phone
13 calls. Again, the same kind of message, leave government
14 service, don't do this, don't do that or you will suffer the
15 consequences.

16 Q. Do they employ any type of targeted assassinations?

17 A. Targeted assassinations are very common of both -- well,
18 government officials are routinely targeted. They have --
19 al-Shabaab in the past first became really visible through a
20 campaign of targeted assassinations. They killed aide
21 workers. They killed journalists. They killed civil
22 society Somalia leaders they disagreed with, people from
23 nongovernmental organizations. A very high-profile peace
24 activist in Somalia was assassinated by al-Shabaab. So very
25 common.

1 They've also been known fairly routinely to kill
2 members of their own ranks, especially young men who want to
3 escape. And, again, this is believed to have an exemplary
4 value so that other militia don't try to escape, because
5 they see what the consequences would be.

6 Q. In your experience with al-Shabaab, have people been
7 known to have been assassinated to and from -- on their way
8 to and from Friday prayer?

9 A. Yes. That became one of the trademarks of an al-Shabaab
10 assassination, was to kill someone usually exiting a mosque,
11 not just Friday prayer, but prayers.

12 MR. WARD: If I could have Government's 49,
13 please.

14 BY MR. WARD:

15 Q. Government's 49 was addressed previously through the
16 first witness and we'll hear more about it later, but on
17 page 2, if you have it there in front of you, Mr. Bryden, if
18 you see about dead center of the page Hawo Hassan, who is
19 called Halima in this transcript, is speaking and the second
20 sentence reads, "He said, 'Why do people who come out of
21 mosques get killed?'" And there's an indication that
22 there's laughing. Do you see where I am talking about?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. Is that a reference to these assassinations that we were
25 just talking about?

1 A. Yes, in my assessment it is. It's very common knowledge
2 that this is a Shabaab tactic.

3 Q. And the one question I think I failed to ask you is: In
4 your view, is there a reason that al-Shabaab has to employ
5 these tactics to intimidate the civilian population of
6 Somalia?

7 A. The only reason would appear to be that al-Shabaab is
8 not popular, it doesn't have popular support. It's
9 politically a very weak movement and so it retains control
10 through an oppressive form of rule.

11 These kinds of killings do two things. One, they
12 strike fear in the population. Secondly, over a period of
13 years they have started to eliminate Somali leaders who
14 disagree with Shabaab's way of thinking. A whole sort of
15 intellectual caste is being eliminated year by year so
16 Shabaab, I imagine in a few years, would find itself without
17 leadership capable of standing up to them.

18 Q. Mr. Bryden, I wanted to talk about a few al-Shabaab
19 leaders that you may be familiar with. Do you know Mukhtar
20 Robow?

21 A. Yes, I do.

22 Q. And who is Mukhtar Robow?

23 A. Mukhtar Robow is the -- he's one of the top leadership
24 of al-Shabaab, probably a member of what is known as the
25 Shura, the collective leadership of the movement. He's the

1 senior member of al-Shabaab from the Digil-Mirifle or the
2 Rahanweyn clan and he's -- that's from the Bay region, Bay
3 and Bakool region.

4 Q. And does he have a nickname or a kunya?

5 A. He is known also as Abu Mansur.

6 Q. And can you explain to the grand jury -- I'm sorry -- to
7 the jury what a kunya is.

8 A. A kunya is an Arabic term for a kind of nickname, Abu,
9 Abu something, Abu Salma, Abu Mansur, Abu Salman, and these
10 are often references either to one of the companions of the
11 Prophet Muhammad or a reference to one's children or some
12 other term. But it's a *nom de guerre*. It's a nickname for
13 a fighter in al-Shabaab.

14 Q. Now, directing your attention to the time frame February
15 and March of 2009, in the course of your work did you become
16 familiar with an individual named Hassan Afgoye?

17 A. Yes, I did.

18 Q. And who is Hassan Afgoye?

19 A. Hassan Afgoye, also known as Hassan Mohamed Ali, also
20 known as Abu Ayman, was appointed to governor, the senior
21 Shabaab figure, in the Bay and Bakool regions in 2009. He
22 had a very brief term of office, I think five or six months.

23 Q. And in what connection did you learn about Mr. Afgoye
24 becoming the administrative governor of Bay and Bakool in
25 Somalia?

1 A. It was noteworthy because Abu Ayman/Hassan Afgoye
2 replaced Abu Mansur, he replaced Mukhtar Robow, who was very
3 well known. He had acted as a spokesman for the movement
4 and was very visible. Most Shabaab leaders are not visible.

5 And in early 2009 the Ethiopian troops withdrew,
6 al-Shabaab took control of much of southern Somalia. And
7 when Mukhtar Robow arrived in Baidoa, there were still some
8 members of the Transitional Federal Parliament from his clan
9 in Baidoa.

10 There had been an order from the top leadership of
11 al-Shabaab, particularly from the Amir, Ahmed Abdi
12 aw-Mohamed Godane --

13 COURT REPORTER: Could you say that again a little
14 slower, please.

15 THE WITNESS: -- Ahmed Abdi aw-Mohamed Godane,
16 that members of the Transitional Federal Government and
17 parliament should be killed. And Robow didn't kill I think
18 there were five members of parliament, he allowed them to
19 leave in safety, and was almost immediately replaced by Abu
20 Ayman.

21 And so the implication being, because al-Shabaab
22 doesn't advertise these things, that because Robow wasn't
23 tough enough and he hadn't done what the orders were, that
24 he was removed from office. And Abu Ayman came in
25 essentially to make sure that the orders of the Shura and

1 the leadership were followed.

2 BY MR. WARD:

3 Q. Did he make any public pronouncements about, you know,
4 whether or not he would carry out the orders with respect to
5 members of the Transitional Federal Parliament?

6 A. He did. He made public statements that members of
7 parliament should be killed and would be killed if they --
8 there were none left in Baidoa at the time, but at least
9 that was his statement of intent.

10 And then he also embarked on a series of measures
11 intended to show a crackdown, greater discipline in Baidoa
12 in terms of dress code, the chewing of khat, which
13 al-Shabaab discourages, and some security measures that he
14 put in place.

15 Q. Okay. And what is khat?

16 A. Khat is a -- it's a green leaf. It's grown in Ethiopia,
17 Kenya, and Yemen. It's widely chewed in Somalia. It's
18 basically a methamphetamine, a mild methamphetamine, and a
19 lot of Somali males chew it in the afternoons, sit together
20 and talk about whatever they choose to talk about. It's a
21 stimulant.

22 Q. Now, when -- also during the course of your work with
23 the monitoring group did you become aware of whether or not
24 al-Shabaab published -- or publicized, I'm sorry, itself
25 publicized the fact that Mr. Afgoye, Hassan Mohamed Ali, had

1 been appointed al-Shabaab administrative governor of Bay and
2 Bakool?

3 A. Yes. In my work and my previous work we rely very
4 heavily on what we call open source intelligence and open
5 source analysis, which is looking at local media, and
6 assessing these public sources of information. And
7 al-Shabaab has a number of websites and radios that are
8 identified with the movement, and communiqués announcing the
9 appointment of Abu Ayman were published on these websites
10 and over radios.

11 MR. WARD: And if I could have Government's
12 Exhibit 244, please.

13 BY MR. WARD:

14 Q. And do you recognize Government's 244, Mr. Bryden?

15 A. I do, although I can't read it.

16 MR. WARD: And if we could go more towards the
17 center of the page and blow it up.

18 BY MR. WARD:

19 Q. And, sir, do you recognize that as the communiqué?

20 A. Yes, I do.

21 Q. And that's the one from al-Shabaab appointing Hassan
22 Afgoye/Hassan Mohamed Ali/Abu Ayman as the al-Shabaab
23 administrative governor of Bay and Bakool?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. And is there also a translation attached to it?

1 A. I don't see a translation.

2 Q. (Indicating.)

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. For the benefit of the jury, can you just circle the
5 portion where it indicates that Abu Ayman is now the
6 administrative governor of Bay and Bakool.

7 MR. SCOTT: Mr. Prosecutor, why don't you just
8 offer the exhibit.

9 MR. WARD: I'm sorry. I offer 244, Your Honor.
10 Thank you, Mr. Scott.

11 MR. SCOTT: No objection.

12 THE COURT: Be admitted. Any objection from --

13 MS. GURSTELLE: No objection.

14 THE COURT: Be admitted.

15 BY MR. WARD:

16 Q. Okay. And what's the date of the communiqué?

17 A. I don't --

18 Q. At the top.

19 A. Dated 20 February 2009.

20 THE COURT: Can I undo all these lines or do you
21 want them in there?

22 MR. WARD: Oh. Your Honor, I'll take care of that
23 right now.

24 BY MR. WARD:

25 Q. All right. Mr. Bryden --

1 THE COURT: If I could do this. If there's a
2 section of an exhibit that you want the witness to read,
3 let's blow that section up so the jury can see it, the
4 gallery can see it, and maybe even I can see it.

5 MR. WARD: Yes, Your Honor. Can we highlight that
6 section and blow it up.

7 BY MR. WARD:

8 Q. Okay. And is the top entry there the name of the
9 individual we've been talking about and referring to as
10 Hassan Afgoye?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. And just for the jury's benefit, the name Hassan Afgoye
13 is not here. Can you explain how that relates to this
14 individual here.

15 A. The use of nicknames is very common in Somalia. Most
16 Somalis would have a nickname, for whatever reason. Afgoye
17 is a town to the west of Mogadishu, as I indicated earlier,
18 and so the assumption would be if someone has a name like
19 Hassan Afgoye that he is actually from Afgoye, either was
20 born there or lived there for part of his life, or maybe he
21 inherited it from his father or grandfather as a nickname.
22 But that is why we would have his proper name, Hassan
23 Mohamed Ali; his pre-jihadist Somali nickname, Hassan
24 Afgoye; and then his Shabaab kunya or nickname, Abu Ayman.
25 It can get confusing.

1 Q. Mr. Bryden, if we could go to --

2 MR. WARD: If I could have Government's
3 Exhibit 70, please. I'm sorry. I can't read my own notes.
4 Government's Exhibit 105. And this is a call that was
5 addressed earlier today and would be addressed later through
6 the testimony of Special Agent Wilson, but I would ask to
7 play the call at this point, Your Honor.

8 (Audio recording played.)

9 BY MR. WARD:

10 Q. Mr. Bryden, I forgot to ask before we played the call:
11 According to the transcript, what's the date of the call?

12 A. 18 March 2009.

13 Q. And are the speakers Hassan Afgoye, a/k/a Abu Ayman, and
14 Amina Ali?

15 A. Yes, they are.

16 Q. And directing your attention to page 2, just below the
17 midpoint --

18 MR. WARD: If you could blow up the part that
19 says, "Amina: I know. You became the Bay and Bakool
20 region's head. Are you Abu-Aymana Ayman, Abu Ayman?"

21 BY MR. WARD:

22 Q. Do you see that, sir?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. And just below that Hassan says, "We were involved in a
25 battle." When he says "we," who was he referring to?

1 A. The name Sakiin -- the best known Somali whom I think
2 bears the nickname Sakiin is the speaker of the Transitional
3 Federal Parliament, Sharif Hassan, widely known -- it's a
4 disparaging nickname, not one he would be proud of -- widely
5 known as Sharif Sakiin.

6 Q. And two lines above that is Amina talking about people
7 who were working at Paltalk?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what is Paltalk?

10 A. Paltalk, it's a system of online forums. And al-Dawa's
11 Paltalk is one of the forums that from my own experience
12 were used to communicate al-Shabaab news to members of the
13 Somali community in the diaspora, people living abroad, and
14 also to solicit funds online.

15 Q. And is there an indication from the conversation that
16 this man from the Transitional Federal Government has done
17 something to shut the place down?

18 A. It would suggest that he's used his influence to have
19 the activists managing the Paltalk forum from Saudi Arabia
20 arrested and to have it shut down and that the forum has
21 migrated to a new forum, one that I am very familiar with,
22 which was the Dawa Tawheed Paltalk forum.

23 Q. When you say you are very familiar with it, do you
24 monitor that in the course of your work with the --

25 A. We do monitor it in the course of our work.

1 Q. Going on to Government's Exhibit 70, please, Mr. Bryden,
2 was there a time in early February 2009 when Sheikh Sharif
3 Sheikh Ahmed, the new head of the Transitional Federal
4 Government, attempted to install his government in
5 Mogadishu?

6 A. Yes. In the beginning of February of 2009 he returned
7 from Djibouti in order to establish his government in the
8 country.

9 Q. And on the day that he attempted to move in, did
10 anything of particular significance happen?

11 A. His motorcade and the presidential palace when he
12 arrived there came under mortar fire.

13 Q. And earlier when you were looking at the map, is the
14 presidential palace called Villa Somalia?

15 A. Yes, it is.

16 Q. And was that the place that was shelled?

17 A. Yes, it was.

18 MR. WARD: Your Honor, I would ask that -- I'm
19 sorry.

20 BY MR. WARD:

21 Q. And is the date of the transcript on Government's 70
22 February 7, 2009?

23 A. Yes, it is.

24 Q. And are the speakers identified as Amina Ali and Hawo
25 Mohamed Hassan?

1 A. Yes, they are.

2 MR. WARD: Can we play the call.

3 (Audio recording played.)

4 MR. WARD: Can we go ahead and play the second
5 clip.

6 (Audio recording played.)

7 MR. WARD: And then the final clip.

8 (Audio recording played.)

9 BY MR. WARD:

10 Q. Mr. Bryden, with respect to the mortar bombing of Villa
11 Somalia, did al-Shabaab claim credit for that through
12 another one of these communiqués?

13 A. Yes, they did.

14 Q. And in the transcript itself, on the first page when it
15 refers to "Sharif," who does that refer to?

16 A. That would be the new president, Sheikh Sharif Sheikh
17 Ahmed.

18 Q. And later on page 3 in the third clip where Halima or
19 Hawo Hassan states, "Omar Iman held a press conference this
20 morning. He held it at the Pasta Factory." Who is Omar
21 Iman?

22 A. Omar Iman is -- he was the, one would say, founder of
23 the group called Hizbul Islam. He had recently returned
24 from Eritrea and established a new militia inside the
25 country. He later became the deputy to the real head of

1 Hizbul Islam, Hassan Dahir Aweys.

2 Q. And is Hizbul Islam another opposition militia operating
3 against the TFG?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q. And what groups is it composed of?

6 A. Hizbul Islam was composed of four groups, the Alliance
7 for the Reliberation of Somalia based out of Asmara and
8 headed by Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys; the Jabhadda Islaamiga
9 Soomaaliyeed or Somali Islamic Front known as JABISO; the
10 Anole group or Anole forces, which were a very small group
11 based in the Kismayo area from the Harti clan; and the
12 fourth group were the Ras Kamboni forces, which were the
13 forces of the longstanding Islamist militia leader known as
14 Hassan Turki.

15 Q. And, Mr. Bryden, continuing on to the final page where
16 Hawo Hassan, identified as Halima, says, "Their pictures are
17 all over Shabelle." What's Shabelle?

18 A. Shabelle News is one of the foremost media houses in
19 Somalia. It's both a radio and a website.

20 Q. Moving to Government's Exhibit 91, do you have the
21 transcript for 91 in front of you, Mr. Bryden?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. And does it indicate a telephone conversation on the
24 25th of February 2009?

25 A. Yes, it does.

1 A. Yes, they are.

2 MR. WARD: Offer Government's Exhibit 141.

3 MR. SCOTT: Same foundation objection I've had
4 throughout, Your Honor.

5 MS. GURSTELLE: No objection to this transcript.

6 THE COURT: Be admitted.

7 BY MR. WARD:

8 Q. Now --

9 THE COURT: Are you going to play it?

10 MR. WARD: I was, Your Honor, but I was going to
11 ask a couple of background questions.

12 THE COURT: Go ahead.

13 BY MR. WARD:

14 Q. Mr. Bryden, about this time, June 18th, was there a
15 suicide bombing at a hotel called the Medina?

16 A. Yes, there was.

17 Q. And what city is that located in?

18 A. In Beledweyne.

19 Q. And can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury
20 what happened or what the circumstances were of that suicide
21 bombing.

22 A. The circumstances were that the Transitional Federal
23 Government minister of national security, a man named Omar
24 Hashi, who was from the Hawadle clan, he had been a member
25 of the opposition Alliance for the Reliberation of Somalia

1 based in Asmara. He was appointed to this position in
2 President Sharif's government and returned to Mogadishu.

3 Beledweyne is in a very contested region.
4 Basically the west part of the region, Hiran region, was
5 aligned with al-Shabaab. The clans of the eastern part more
6 with the government.

7 And the minister, since this was his home region,
8 was sent there on a delegation to mobilize support for the
9 government and presumably to make some local security
10 arrangements between the clans. They were holding meetings
11 in a major hotel in the town called the Medina.

12 And after one of the meetings had ended and
13 participants in the meetings and other people who were just
14 hanging around the hotel came out accompanying the
15 dignitaries to their vehicles, a vehicle drove into the
16 hotel parking lot through the main gate and detonated,
17 killing many of the participants and also civilians.

18 Q. And did al-Shabaab claim credit for that suicide bombing
19 at the hotel Medina?

20 A. Yes, they did.

21 Q. And was the Somali -- or the ex-Somali Ethiopian
22 ambassador also killed in that attack?

23 A. Yes. Abdikarim Farah Laqanyo, former ambassador to
24 Ethiopia, was killed in the attack as well.

25 MR. WARD: Can we play the call.

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. DAVIS and a Jury
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1 A. Yes, it is.

2 Q. Now, with respect to Mr. Robow, did he respond to the
3 United States Government's designation of al-Shabaab as a
4 foreign terrorist organization?

5 A. He did.

6 MR. WARD: And if I could have Government's
7 Exhibit 256, please.

8 BY MR. WARD:

9 Q. Focusing on the date in February 2008 on page 2, do you
10 see the date February 26, 2008?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Is that the date that the U.S. designated al-Shabaab as
13 a foreign terrorist organization?

14 A. I believe it is.

15 Q. And the jury has seen as Exhibit 271 the formal
16 announcement of the designation, but directing your
17 attention to a time period in March of 2008, how did
18 al-Shabaab respond to the publication of the notice of its
19 designation as a foreign terrorist organization under U.S.
20 law?

21 A. Mukhtar Robow welcomed the designation essentially as a
22 badge of honor.

23 Q. And how did he -- how did that come to light, that he
24 had responded welcoming it as a badge of honor?

25 A. He made a public statement, a press statement.

1 Q. And was that carried out over the Internet?

2 A. That was carried by local radio and over the Internet.

3 MR. WARD: Now if we could go to --

4 BY MR. WARD:

5 Q. Well, let me ask you: Are you familiar with an
6 individual named Hassan Dahir Aweys? We talked a little bit
7 about him yesterday.

8 A. I am.

9 Q. Can you explain to the jury a little bit more about who
10 he is.

11 A. Hassan Dahir Aweys was the vice chairman and military
12 commander of the first Somali jihadist movement known as
13 al-Ittihad al-Islam or AIAI, which is also a designated
14 organization.

15 And following the dismantling of AIAI, in the mid
16 1990s he re-emerged as the key figure behind the Islamic
17 Courts. He has acted as a mentor for a number of the key
18 leaders in al-Shabaab and he is currently aligned with
19 al-Shabaab.

20 MR. WARD: Now if I could have Government's
21 Exhibit 223.

22 BY MR. WARD:

23 Q. And do you recognize the individual in that picture?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. And how is it you recognize Hassan Dahir Aweys?

1 A. Yes, there are.

2 Q. And do you recall the numbers of those exhibits?

3 A. If I consult my notes, those would be Exhibits 18 and
4 26.

5 MR. WARD: If I could have Government's
6 Exhibit 122, please. Government's 122 is not in evidence
7 and I would offer it at this time.

8 MR. SCOTT: Same objection on foundation, Your
9 Honor.

10 MS. GURSTELLE: 802 objection on the statements of
11 the individual that is not the defendant or co-defendant.

12 THE COURT: Objection is overruled. Be admitted.

13 BY MR. WARD:

14 Q. Mr. Bryden, is this an April 19, 2009 telephone call
15 that involves a man named Mo'alim Burhan and the Defendant
16 Amina Ali?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. And do you know Mo'alim Burhan?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. Who is he?

21 A. Mo'alim Burhan is a routine speaker on the Paltalk
22 online forums that we discussed yesterday. He's believed --
23 that's believed to be a nickname for a known Shabaab leader
24 known as Mahad or Mahdi Karatey, but Mo'alim Burhan per se
25 is someone whom we have monitored soliciting funds,

1 mobilizing support over online chat forums.

2 Q. When you say you monitored him, did you listen to his
3 presentations on the Paltalk discussion forum?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Are you familiar with his voice?

6 A. I am familiar with his voice.

7 Q. Did you listen to Government's Exhibit 122, the audio,
8 yourself?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Is that the voice of Mo'alim Burhan?

11 A. I believe it is.

12 Q. The man you also suspect is named Mahad Karatey?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And where is he in the al-Shabaab leadership?

15 A. Mahad Karatey has operated principally in the Mogadishu
16 area. He's one of the senior figures from the Hawiye clan
17 to emerge as an al-Shabaab leader, especially following the
18 death of Aden Hashi Ayrow.

19 Q. And is Mr. Ayrow the individual that you indicated was
20 part of the core leadership up until May of 2008?

21 A. That's correct.

22 Q. What happened to him?

23 A. He was killed by an air strike.

24 Q. Are you familiar with the name of an individual named
25 Bashir Geelle Farah?

1 controlled 95 percent of the areas in which the World Food
2 Programme operated?

3 A. That's probably correct.

4 Q. And the World Food Programme is a well-respected
5 international aid agency?

6 A. It's a UN agency.

7 Q. So it would be fair to say that even well-respected aid
8 agencies have difficulty providing aid in areas where
9 al-Shabaab is operating without some of those funds being --
10 aid being diverted to al-Shabaab?

11 A. That's correct. The humanitarian community, of course,
12 adheres to the principle of humanitarian neutrality, which
13 is it doesn't matter who is in control, if there are
14 civilians in need, then they try to provide assistance and
15 they accept that it's never perfect, especially areas that
16 they cannot control.

17 al-Shabaab established a system, which is, in
18 fact, referred to in one of the calls, it's known as the
19 Office for the Supervision of -- I can't remember exactly
20 the term, but basically of aid agencies, that increasingly
21 hindered access for NGOs and the UN to areas under their
22 control, which meant that the proportion of assistance that
23 was being diverted or that couldn't be verified as having
24 reached the beneficiaries increased. And that's one of the
25 reasons that since that time international agencies have

1 done less and less business in those areas, because they
2 just can't confirm where the aid is going.

3 Q. Thank you, Mr. Bryden. I don't have any more questions.

4 A. Thank you.

5 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

6 BY MR. WARD:

7 Q. Mr. Bryden, I just want to work backwards and talk about
8 some of the questions you were asked on cross examination by
9 Ms. Gurstelle, particularly with respect to humanitarian
10 assistance efforts.

11 In your view, is al-Shabaab part of the solution
12 of delivering humanitarian assistance or are they part of
13 the problem?

14 A. Well, our most recent report concludes that al-Shabaab
15 actively obstructs humanitarian access to areas under its
16 control.

17 Q. And, sir, if you recall, you were asked on cross
18 examination about a group called Hizbul Islam led by Sheikh
19 Hassan Dahir Aweys, the specially designated global
20 terrorist?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you were asked some questions in relationship to
23 al-Shabaab about that group. But do the two -- when Hizbul
24 Islam existed, did the two groups, al-Shabaab and Hizbul
25 Islam, share the goal of overthrowing the Transitional

1 Federal Government?

2 A. Yes, they did.

3 Q. And was that going to be by peaceful means or --

4 A. No, that was a coordinated military effort.

5 Q. You were asked a question on cross examination about a
6 particular group or possibly even a police group that used
7 some tactics similar to al-Shabaab. Do you recall that
8 question?

9 A. Yes, although I think it was phrased somewhat
10 differently, that they also used rocket-propelled grenades
11 and violence against civilians.

12 Q. Thank you for reminding me. Is there any other group in
13 Somalia operating on either side of the conflict that
14 engages in suicide bombing?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Sir, moving backward to Mr. Scott's cross examination,
17 do you remember talking with him about the tongue-lashing
18 that the Defendant Amina Ali gave to Hassan Afgoye talking
19 about the here we are, you know, we're at your service Osama
20 campaign?

21 A. Yes, I do.

22 MR. WARD: If I could have 114, please.

23 BY MR. WARD:

24 Q. 114 is that same conversation that both you and -- or
25 both I and Mr. Scott asked you about, but on the second page

1 at the top, this is where Amina is giving Hassan Afgoye a
2 piece of her mind and she's saying that the only thing that
3 Osama bin Laden can do is stir up animosities and reinforce
4 the suspicion those sick people have about your relationship
5 with these men. Do you see that there?

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. And my question to you, sir, is: We're talking about in
8 March of 2009 some communications or a response to a
9 communication from Osama bin Laden. Prior to March of 2009
10 had there been other communications or other indications of
11 a relationship between the Foreign Terrorist Organization
12 al-Shabaab and leaders of al-Qaeda?

13 A. Yes, there had been. There was a long-standing
14 relationship.

15 Q. Can you give me an example of two or three of those.

16 A. Well, first of all, Hassan Dahir Aweys himself had had a
17 relationship with al-Qaeda East Africa dating from the early
18 1990s, as had Hassan Turki.

19 Then several of the prominent al-Shabaab figures,
20 especially I would say someone I haven't mentioned, Ibrahim
21 Haji Jama Mee'aad/al-Afghani, who was one of the first
22 al-Shabaab to engage in jihad back in the late 1980s, also
23 had a prior relationship with al-Qaeda. He had been trained
24 in Afghanistan and he and Aden Hashi Ayrow provided some of
25 the militias and support, the liaison for the three

1 principal members of al-Qaeda East Africa who moved to
2 Mogadishu.

3 After the 1998 embassy bombing in Nairobi, the
4 presumed head of the al-Qaeda East Africa cell, Fazul
5 Abdullah Mohammed, moved to Somalia together with others.

6 After the 2002 bombing of the Paradise Hotel in
7 Kikambala near Mombasa and the attempted shooting down of an
8 Israeli airliner near Mombasa, other members of the al-Qaeda
9 East African Network moved to Somalia.

10 Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan, Abu Talha al-Sudani, and
11 these groups -- these individuals were known to be protected
12 by the militias of Aden Hashi Ayrow. Ibrahim Haji Jama was
13 associated with them at that time, as were some other
14 members of what later became known as al-Shabaab.

15 Q. Now, have there been other communications where
16 prominent leaders of al-Qaeda had encouraged al-Shabaab to
17 continue its violent jihad against the Transitional Federal
18 Government?

19 A. Yes. And I don't remember the dates, but there were
20 statements from Ayman al-Zawahiri, bin Laden's number two,
21 and also communications with al-Libbi, another senior
22 al-Qaeda figure.

23 Q. Now, Mr. Scott also asked you about the form of Sharia
24 that al-Shabaab would like to implement by force and I think
25 you indicated in response to his question that all of the