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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE FILE REVIEW

Detainee ISN: KU-552

Detainee Name: Faez Mohammed Ahmed al-Kandari

Detainee Aliases: See Compendium

Nationality: Kuwaiti

Date of Birth: June 1977

Arrival at Guantanamo: May 2002

Date of Last Assessment: 6 March 2014

Faez Mohammed Ahmed al-Kandari (KU-552)—a Kuwaiti al-Qa'ida recruiter and propagandist who probably served as Usama Bin Ladin's spiritual advisor—has remained compliant with the detention staff at Guantanamo since March 2014. He continues to deny having ever conducted terrorist acts or had extremist affiliations. Several members of his family probably also have taken part in terrorism, including attacks against US targets in Kuwait. One of KU-552's family members has been tied to al-Qa'ida affiliated groups in Syria.