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GUANTANAMO DETAINEE PROFILE

Detainee ISN:	KU-232
Detainee Name:	Fouzi Khalid Abdullah al-Awda
Detainee Aliases:	Fawzi Al Odah, Abu Haya, Abu Khalid, Al Safina, Fauzi al Kuwaiti
Nationality:	Kuwaiti
Date of Birth:	6 May 1977
Arrival at Guantanamo:	13 February 2002

Fouzi Khalid Abdullah al-Awda (KU-232) in August 2001 traveled from Kuwait to Afghanistan, where he probably attended terrorist training and possibly fought alongside the Taliban and al-Qa'ida. During interviews, he consistently has denied involvement in terrorism and maintained he traveled to Afghanistan for humanitarian reasons to provide alms for the poor and to teach the Koran. A body of reporting suggests he underwent training in Afghanistan and wittingly engaged in extremist activity while in Afghanistan.

- KU-232 during interviews repeatedly has denied involvement in terrorism but admitted meeting with a Taliban representative after he arrived in Afghanistan and said he transited Tora Bora during Operation Enduring Freedom.
- We lack confidence in statements from other detainees that KU-232 was closely associated with Usama Bin Ladin or belonged to an al-Qa'ida cell in London.

KU-232 during his time at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility has committed numerous infractions, the frequency and severity of which have declined in recent years, and he has acted on occasion as a leader among the detainee population. KU-232 has not provided valuable information about al-Qa'ida's operations in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and he has declined all interviews since 2007.

In 2009, the Kuwaiti government built the Al Salam Center to rehabilitate extremists, including those Kuwaitis returning from Guantanamo. KU-232 has expressed non-extremist aspirations for his life after transfer, although there is insufficient information to assess whether his stated intentions are genuine. Were he to attempt to reengage in extremism, his most likely path would be through family members who are in contact with extremists in Kuwait, including his cousin, Adel Zamel Abd Al Mahsen Al Zamel (KU-568) – a former Guantanamo detainee who has attempted to communicate with KU-232 since his repatriation to Kuwait and KU-232's father, who has ties to other repatriated Guantanamo detainees through his humanitarian work.

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