

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 04-60001-CR-COOKE (s) (s) (s) (s) (s)

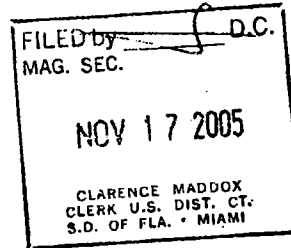
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ADHAM AMIN HASSOUN,
a/k/a "Abu Sayyaf,"
MOHAMED HESHAM YOUSSEF,
a/k/a "Abu Turab,"
KIFAH WAEEL JAYYOUSI,
a/k/a "Abu Mohamed,"
KASSEM DAHER,
a/k/a "Abu Zurr," and
JOSE PADILLA,
a/k/a "Ibrahim,"
a/k/a "Abu Abdullah the Puerto Rican,"
a/k/a "Abu Abdullah Al Mujahir,"

Defendants.



SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

INTRODUCTION

At times material to this Superseding Indictment:

1. There existed a radical Islamic fundamentalist movement dedicated to the establishment of a pure Islamic state (“Caliphate”) governed by strict Islamic law (“Sharia”). Followers and supporters of this movement adhered to a radical Salafist ideology that encouraged and promoted “violent jihad” to be waged by “mujahideen” using physical force and violence to oppose governments, institutions, and individuals that did not share their view of Islam.

2. As used in this Superseding Indictment, the terms “violent jihad” or “jihad” include planning, preparing for, and engaging in, acts of physical violence, including murder, maiming, kidnapping, and hostage-taking. The term “mujahideen” means warriors engaged in violent jihad.

VIOLENT JIHAD GROUPS

3. Groups espousing this radical Salafist ideology included the Islamic Group of Egypt, a/k/a “Gama’a al-Islamiyya,” a/k/a “IG,” a/k/a “AGAI;” the Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a/k/a “Islamic Jihad,” a/k/a “al-Jihad,” a/k/a “EIJ;” al-Qaeda; and violent jihad groups in other countries, including Afghanistan, Algeria, Bosnia, Chechnya, Lebanon, Libya, and Somalia. These groups engaged in acts of physical violence, including murder, maiming, kidnapping, and hostage-taking in waging violent jihad.

VIOLENT JIHAD SUPPORT CELLS

4. The physical violence committed by these jihad groups was supported and facilitated by a network of smaller groups or cells operating within the United States and in other countries, including Canada, Austria, Denmark, Italy, and the United Kingdom. These support cells engaged in, among other things, propaganda, fund-raising, recruiting personnel, and providing other physical assets necessary to wage violent jihad.

NORTH AMERICAN SUPPORT CELL

5. The defendants, along with other individuals, operated and participated in a North American support cell that sent money, physical assets, and mujahideen recruits to overseas conflicts for the purpose of fighting violent jihad. This North American support cell supported and coordinated with other support networks and mujahideen groups waging violent jihad. The defendants followed and supported Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, an influential and high-ranking member of certain violent jihad groups.

6. Mohamed Zaky, a/k/a "Abu Omar" (hereinafter "Zaky"), an unindicted coconspirator, was also a follower and supporter of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman. In the early 1990's, Zaky founded and operated within the United States, and elsewhere, at least three Islamic organizations, the Islamic Center of the Americas, Save Bosnia Now, and the American Worldwide Relief Organization. Until his death in 1995, Zaky used these organizations to promote violent jihad.

7. **KIFAH WAEL JAYYOUSI**, a/k/a "Abu Mohamed" (hereinafter "JAYYOUSI"), while a resident of San Diego, California, founded the American Islamic Group, and after Zaky died, operated the American Worldwide Relief Organization. Through the American Islamic Group, JAYYOUSI published The Islam Report, a newsletter that promoted violent jihad as a religious obligation, delivered information on violence committed by mujahideen, and solicited donations to support mujahideen operations and mujahideen families. JAYYOUSI actively recruited mujahideen fighters and raised funds for violent jihad.

8. **ADHAM AMIN HASSOUN** a/k/a "Abu Sayyaf" (hereinafter "HASSOUN"), a resident of Broward County, Florida, was the East Coast representative of the American Islamic Group and the American Worldwide Relief Organization. HASSOUN assisted in distributing

The Islam Report and fund-raising for violent jihad on behalf of the American Worldwide Relief Organization. HASSOUN also served as the North American distributor of Nida'ul Islam, an Islamic magazine promoting violent jihad. HASSOUN worked with JAYYOUSI and others in actively recruiting mujahideen fighters and raising funds for violent jihad.

9. **KASSEM DAHER, a/k/a "Abu Zurr"** (hereinafter "**DAHER**"), resided in LeDuc, Canada. **DAHER** was affiliated with the Canadian Islamic Association, and communicated and coordinated with mujahideen field commanders and violent jihad leaders overseas. **DAHER** worked with JAYYOUSI, HASSOUN, and others in actively recruiting mujahideen fighters and raising funds for violent jihad.

10. **MOHAMED HESHAM YOUSSEF, a/k/a "Abu Turab"** (hereinafter "**YOUSSEF**"), resided in Broward County, Florida, and elsewhere. **YOUSSEF** was recruited by the North American support cell to participate in violent jihad, and traveled overseas for that purpose.

11. **JOSE PADILLA, a/k/a "Ibrahim," a/k/a "Abu Abdullah the Puerto Rican," a/k/a "Abu Abdullah Al Mujahir"** (hereinafter "**PADILLA**"), resided in Broward County, Florida, and elsewhere. **PADILLA** was recruited by the North American support cell to participate in violent jihad, and traveled overseas for that purpose.

COUNT 1

(Conspiracy to Murder, Kidnap, and Maim Persons in a Foreign Country)

Paragraphs 1 through 11 of this Superseding Indictment are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

12. Beginning at a time uncertain, but no later than in or about October 1993, and continuing until on or about November 1, 2001, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

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at least one of whom having been within the jurisdiction of the United States, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit at any place outside the United States, acts that would constitute murder, that is, the unlawful killing of human beings with malice aforethought, kidnapping, and maiming if committed in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, and did commit one or more acts within the jurisdiction of the United States, to effect the purpose and object of the conspiracy.

PURPOSE AND OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

13. It was a purpose and object of the conspiracy to advance violent jihad, including supporting, and participating in, armed confrontations in specific locations outside the United States, and committing acts of murder, kidnapping, and maiming, for the purpose of opposing existing governments and civilian factions and establishing Islamic states under Sharia.

MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

14. The manner and means by which the defendants and their coconspirators sought to accomplish the purpose and object of the conspiracy included the following:

a. Members of the conspiracy would and did recruit, and attempt to recruit, mujahideen warriors who would engage in violent jihad.

b. Members of the conspiracy would and did solicit and raise monies to support and train mujahideen warriors who would engage in violent jihad.

c. Members of the conspiracy would and did transfer monies from places inside the United States to places outside the United States to support violent jihad.

d. Members of the conspiracy would and did provide communications equipment and other physical assets to individuals and groups engaged in violent jihad.

e. Members of the conspiracy would and did publish statements advocating violent jihad to encourage, induce, and persuade others to support and engage in violent jihad.

f. Members of the conspiracy would and did seek support and training to serve as mujahideen warriors who would engage in violent jihad.

g. Members of the conspiracy would and did use humanitarian, educational, and other non-governmental organizations to cover, conceal, and disguise their support of violent jihad.

h. Members of the conspiracy would and did utilize codes and other techniques to cover, conceal, and disguise their true identities and activities.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its purpose and object, at least one of the coconspirators committed, or caused to be committed, at least one of the following overt acts within the United States, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere:

15. In or about October 1993, **JAYYOUSI** opened a bank account in the name of the "Islamic Group."

16. On or about June 13, 1994, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$1,000 check to **JAYYOUSI** with the memo line stating, "support for the person."

17. On or about February 4, 1995, **JAYYOUSI** and **DAHER** discussed setting up a for-profit business to fund jihad, "[T]his business, the profit generated from this business will be for the brothers, I mean we have to support the mujahideen brother," and **DAHER** then described his organization, the Canadian Islamic Association, as a "cover, I mean it's very good."

18. On or about March 21, 1995, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **JAYYOUSI** and **DAHER**, in which **HASSOUN** stressed that "we have a number of people active in the field," and then stated, "All of us are in a chain, if one link of the chain is separated, the movement will not function," and that this concept is particularly important in the field of "tourism."

19. On or about June 25, 1995, **DAHER** participated in a coded conversation with **HASSOUN** and **JAYYOUSI**, in which **DAHER** reported, "Our friend in the first region . . . Has opened up a football court over there . . . because there are matches . . . he wants only to give training for the game."

20. On or about July 25, 1995, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued an \$8,000 check to the Canadian Islamic Association with the memo line stating, "for tourism."

21. On or about August 2, 1995, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$5,000 check to the American Worldwide Relief Organization with the memo line stating, "for brothers."
22. On or about August 31, 1995, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$3,000 check to the "Canadian I. Association" with the memo line stating, "for tourism and tourist."
23. On or about January 16, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, in which **YOUSSEF** indicated that he was looking for "work" in "an area that was a little active."
24. On or about February 16, 1996, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$600 check to **JAYYOUSI** with the memo line stating, "Chechnya."
25. On or about February 17, 1996, **YOUSSEF** departed the United States for Egypt.
26. On or about April 17, 1996, **PADILLA** obtained his United States passport in Miami, Florida.
27. On or about May 23, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with Unindicted Coconspirator #1, who was in Lebanon, in which **HASSOUN** asked if Unindicted Coconspirator #1 had a way to "get something over to the soccer team in Chechnya or Bosnia."
28. On or about May 30, 1996, **HASSOUN** and **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, discussed their intention to "prepare" **PADILLA** and send him to Egypt.
29. On or about June 2, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with an individual about **HASSOUN**'s plans to deliver a sermon on Chechnya for the purpose of raising funds for Chechnya.
30. On or about June 8, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **DAHER**, who was in Canada, about Afghanistan, in which they discussed "the ones who want to go out and smell the air."

31. On or about June 11, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **JAYYOUSI** about **YOUSSEF** being someone who wants to "get some fresh air . . . and find a route for himself."

32. On or about June 16, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, and told him the "deal" would be completed within the month, and **YOUSSEF** responded, "[B]y God, I am ready."

33. On or about June 30, 1996, **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, participated in a coded conversation with **HASSOUN**, and told **HASSOUN** that while he (**YOUSSEF**) was busy studying the Koran, this study was not his purpose and that he was waiting for the "trade" to take its "natural" course.

34. On or about September 1, 1996, **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, told **HASSOUN** that he was "ready for the . . . uh . . . the trade immediately," and **HASSOUN** responded, "By Allah, there is . . . there is trade in . . . uh . . . in Somalia. . . [G]et ready, get organized, and go down there . . . to see. . . [W]e'll open up a market over there."

35. On or about September 2, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **JAYYOUSI**, who asked **HASSOUN** to look for an "opportunity for us to come and visit . . . for Chechnya."

36. On or about September 30, 1996, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$2,000 check to **DAHER** with the memo line stating, "one for Bosnia one for Libya."

37. On or about October 23, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, in which he told **YOUSSEF** to go to Ogaden to "smell fresh air."

38. On or about October 25, 1996, **HASSOUN** told **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, to "go to the area that I told you about . . . brothers have arrived there . . . and God willing, you will

go uh . . . start a company with them. . . . And forget about the worldly brides and the worldly home, okay?"

39. On or about November 30, 1996, Unindicted Coconspirator #1, calling from Turkey, participated in a conversation with an individual in the United States, and told the individual to instruct **HASSOUN** not to talk over the phone about these matters, "not even in code . . . tourism and such."

40. On or about December 31, 1996, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, in which **HASSOUN** reported that "56 brothers got married" in Somalia, and asked **YOUSSEF** to get news about Somalia.

41. On or about January 26, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with Unindicted Coconspirator #1 about jihad in Ogaden, Ethiopia, in which **HASSOUN** reported that "58 brothers died . . . the attack was repelled but the Americans used their airplanes . . . and were bombarding them . . . so the situation was very harmful to the brothers, but thanks to God, they will be repaid two-fold," and that, with regard to fund-raising, "whatever, we collect we will be sending over there . . . a few emirs have called specifically concerning the subject . . . emirs of certain war fronts ask for such."

42. On or about January 26, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **DAHER** and another individual, in which **HASSOUN** reported, "Because they are playing football in Somalia. . . . it's heating up a lot, so we're sending . . . uh . . . uniforms . . . and . . . uh . . . sneakers for football over there."

43. On or about January 31, 1997, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$2,000 check to **DAHER** with the memo line stating, "Somalia."

44. On or about April 6, 1997, **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, left a coded message for **HASSOUN**, indicating that **YOUSSEF** needed to confirm things before “we go on the picnic, God willing.”

45. On or about April 6, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, and discussed another “brother” who was “going on a picnic,” and when **HASSOUN** asked if **YOUSSEF** would be going with this “brother,” **YOUSSEF** responded that he planned to join a group of possibly ten others who were going “to smell fresh air and to eat cheese.”

46. On or about June 7, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **DAHER** regarding the “brothers” in Lebanon, in which **DAHER** confirmed that they had bought “the zucchini and such,” and that after the “wedding” there would be “very good things.”

47. On or about July 9, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **DAHER** and another individual regarding Lebanon, in which **DAHER** advised **HASSOUN** that “green goods” were “needed urgently.”

48. On or about July 28, 1997, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **PADILLA** and asked **PADILLA** if he was “ready,” and **PADILLA** replied that “it’s gonna happen soon.”

49. On or about February 10, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **DAHER**, in which they discussed that the \$3,500 that they had sent to Lebanon was used to buy “zucchini.”

50. On or about June 17, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, about **HASSOUN** sending \$5,000 to fund the travel for five “partners.”

51. On or about June 21, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, about 20 "other partners" and **HASSOUN** wiring **YOUSSEF** money via the Thomas Cooke wire transfer company in Cairo.

52. On or about June 22, 1998, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$5,000 check to cash with **YOUSSEF**'s name on the memo line, and then used the funds to purchase an official check from Barnett Bank payable to **YOUSSEF**.

53. On or about June 24, 1998, **HASSOUN** caused to be sent a \$5,000 Western Union wire transfer to **YOUSSEF** in Cairo, Egypt.

54. On or about June 24, 1998, **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, called **HASSOUN**, who reported that the funds were available.

55. On or about July 7, 1998, **YOUSSEF** called **HASSOUN** from Albania en route "to the inside," and **HASSOUN** promised to wire \$5,000 to him.

56. On or about July 18, 1998, **YOUSSEF** called **HASSOUN** on a satellite telephone, and reported that he had entered Kosovo under bombing from the Serbs, and **HASSOUN** told **YOUSSEF** that he was sending \$5,000 with **PADILLA**.

57. On or about July 18, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with an individual, in which he reported that **YOUSSEF** was "playing football yesterday and they had casualties," and **HASSOUN** asked the individual, "[A]re you ready?"

58. On or about July 28, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with an individual, and described **YOUSSEF**'s activities in Kosovo as "tourism completely."

59. On or about July 29, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with an individual, in which **HASSOUN** reported that he was "concentrating on the matter of this new area which has opened up" and had "some loved ones that have gone there."

60. On or about August 3, 1998, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$1,300 check to cash with the memo line stating, "Kosovo."

61. On or about August 10, 1998, **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, called **HASSOUN**, and participated in a coded conversation about "the joint venture that they had formed," including the fact that "seventy got completely married," that they all "ran into ambushes, well-organized and well-prepared ambushes," and that "[s]ports equipment" was used "to launch an attack on the other team."

62. On or about August 17, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, in which **HASSOUN** agreed to send **PADILLA** to him.

63. On or about August 18, 1998, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$5,000 check to Global Relief Foundation (hereinafter "GRF") with the memo line stating, "Kosovo."

64. On or about August 28, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with an individual, and attempted to solicit a donation for **PADILLA**'s travel, to which the individual agreed, and stated that he had already contributed "to his cause" in the past.

65. On or about September 5, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, and advised him that **PADILLA** would be arriving on Sunday, and that **YOUSSEF** should meet **PADILLA** at the airport.

66. On or about September 5, 1998, **PADILLA** flew from the Southern District of Florida to Cairo, Egypt.

67. On or about October 20, 1998, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, and inquired about the welfare of **PADILLA**.

68. On or about February 8, 1999, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with an individual, and stated that he provides financial support to **YOUSSEF** and **PADILLA**, and

expressed the importance of **YOUSSEF** “[having] cash . . . So he is always comfortable, and [keeping] it on the side until further notice” for the purpose of supporting **PADILLA** and “some brothers who would like . . . to follow Ibrahim’s [**PADILLA**’s] example as well.”

69. On or about February 8, 1999, **HASSOUN** participated in a three-way conversation with **YOUSSEF** and **PADILLA**, who were in Egypt, in which **HASSOUN** asked **PADILLA** about the progress of his studies and if he still had money.

70. On or about April 5, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$3,000 check to GRF with the memo line stating, "Kosovo."

71. On or about April 15, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$600 check to GRF with the memo line stating, "to support Kosovo."

72. On or about July 25, 1999, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **PADILLA**, who was in Egypt, in which **PADILLA** reported that he had requested “an army jacket, a book bag, and a sleeping bag” because there “was a rumor here that the door was open somewhere.”

73. On or about July 25, 1999, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with an individual, in which **HASSOUN** discussed a plan to give money to the individual so that the individual's wife can withdraw the money in Egypt to give to **PADILLA**.

74. On or about August 1, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$1,000 check to an individual with **PADILLA**’s name on the memo line.

75. On or about August 13, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$4,400 check to an individual with the memo line stating, "50 Dagastan."

76. On or about October 1, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$2,500 check to GRF with the memo line stating, "Tourism, Propaganda, Chechnya."

77. On or about October 17, 1999, **HASSOUN** participated in a coded conversation with **PADILLA**, who was in Egypt, in which **HASSOUN** told **PADILLA** that he must “prepare [himself] financially” so that **PADILLA** can “move . . . to some close area.”

78. On or about October 20, 1999, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$2,500 check to GRF with the memo line stating, “from Al Iman in Chechnya.”

79. On or about November 15, 1999, **JAYYOUSI** participated in a conversation with Unindicted Coconspirator #2 regarding raising funds for “the brothers,” to which **JAYYOUSI** stated that they were transferring some funds through GRF.

80. On or about January 20, 2000, **HASSOUN** caused to be issued a \$2,000 check to GRF with the memo line stating, “Chechnya.”

81. On or about April 10, 2000, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **PADILLA**, who was in Egypt, in which they discussed the possibility of **PADILLA** traveling to Yemen, but **PADILLA** indicated that he needed “a recommendation to connect [him] with the good brothers, with the right faith.”

82. On or about May 6, 2000, **JAYYOUSI** participated in a conversation with Unindicted Coconspirator #2, in which **JAYYOUSI** said that he would try to wire Unindicted Coconspirator #2 more money, and that Unindicted Coconspirator #2 should use \$3,000 for travel.

83. On or about July 24, 2000, **PADILLA** filled out a “Mujahideen Data Form” in preparation for violent jihad training in Afghanistan.

84. On or about September 3, 2000, **HASSOUN** participated in a conversation with **YOUSSEF**, who was in Egypt, who indicated that he would be traveling “there at Usama’s and .

