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IMAD EDDIN BARAKAT YARKAS
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM - SPANISH CELL

On November 13, 2001, the Spanish National Police (SNP) arrested IMAD EDDIN BARAKAT YARKAS, aka ABU DAHDAH, and ten members of his Spain-based radical Islamic terrorist cell following a two year investigation. Operation Datil, as it was called by the Spanish authorities, resulted in the seizure of vast quantities of evidentiary material, including but not limited to: documents, computers and other electronic media, videos, propaganda and various firearms.

Members of Yarkas's cell who were arrested are:

JASEM MAHBOULE, aka ABU MOHAMAD
DOB: 1962
POB: Direzzour, Syria

LUIS JOSE GALAN GONZALEZ, aka YUSUF GALAN
DOB: 03/21/1965
POB: Madrid, Spain

BASSAM DALATI SATUT, aka ABU ABDO
DOB: 5/7/1959
POB: Aleppo, Syria

MOHAMED GHALEB KALAJE ZOUAYDI, aka ABU TALHA
DOB: 1/3/1961
POB: Aleppo, Syria
(Later released)

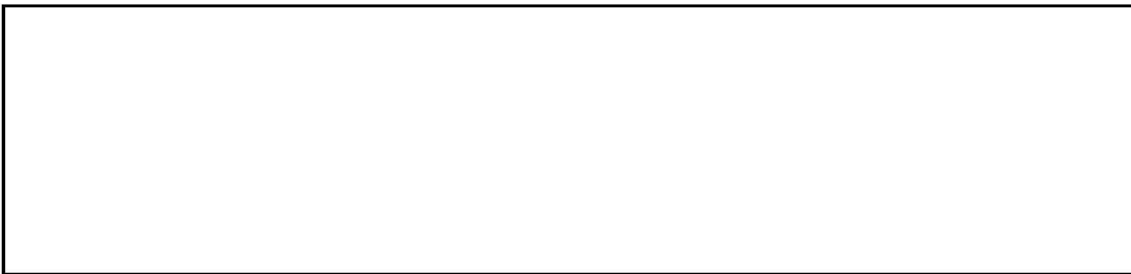
OSAMA DARRA, aka ABU THABET
DOB: 1/26/1966
POB: Damascus, Syria

MOHAMED NEEDL ACAID, aka NIDAL
DOB: 1967
POB: Damascus, Syria

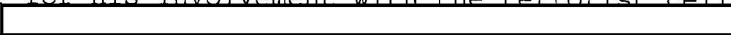
SAID CHEDADI
DOB: 1969
POB: Tangier, Morocco

AHMAD RAGHAD MARDINI DAKICHLI
DOB: 1/13/1951
POB: Damascus, Syria
(Later released)

MOHAMED ARABI SHEHIMI
DOB: 6/8/1961
POB: Mazrra, Beirut
(Later released)



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On April 23, 2002, MOHAMED GHALEB KALAJE ZOUAYDI was arrested by the SNP for his involvement with the terrorist cell headed by Yarkas. 



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On January 19, 2002, two additional members of the Yarkas cell were arrested by the SNP. These are:

Najib Chaib Mohamed (Naturalized Spanish Citizen)

DOB: 2/17/1966
POB: Nador, Morocco

ATMANE REZALI
DOB: (?) 10/8/1970
POB: Bordj el Kiffan, Algeria



On July 16, 2002, three additional members of the Yarkas cell were arrested by the SNP. These are:

GHASOUB AL-ABRASHI GHALYOUN, aka ABU MUSAB
DOB: 7/5/1963
POB: 2/6/1965

ABDALRAHMAN ALARNAOT ABU-ALJER, aka ABU OBED
DOB: 2/6/1965
POB: Damascus, Syria

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MOHAMEN KHAIR AL SAQQ, aka ABU ALDARDA
DOB: 2/4/1965
POB: Homs, Syria

