

**From:** Mark Mazzetti [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 12:02 PM  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** [AIN] Re: Abdullah al Shami

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[redacted] (b)(3)

Thanks [redacted] (b)(3)  
Best  
Mark

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 27, 2014, at 11:55 AM, [redacted] wrote: (b)(3)

Mark, we told Eric previously that we didn't have anything to offer on this, but we'll circle back with you later today.

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**From:** Mazzetti, Mark [redacted] (b)(6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** [redacted] (b)(3)  
**Subject:** Abdullah al Shami

[redacted] (b)(3)  
I think you've spoken to Eric about this, but I wanted to let you know that we're planning a story for tomorrow on the Abdullah al Shami debate.  
We're still hoping to get greater clarity about his position inside AQ. We have been told he is AQ's head of external operations, but at the same time there seems to be absolutely nothing about him in jihadi chat rooms or in public videos. Any sense of why this is?  
Many thanks  
Mark

