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[redacted] **Death of Al-Qa'ida Western Hostage and al-Qa'ida Senior Leader In Early to Mid-January 2015 in Shawal Valley, North Waziristan Agency, Federally Administrated Tribal Areas, Pakistan**

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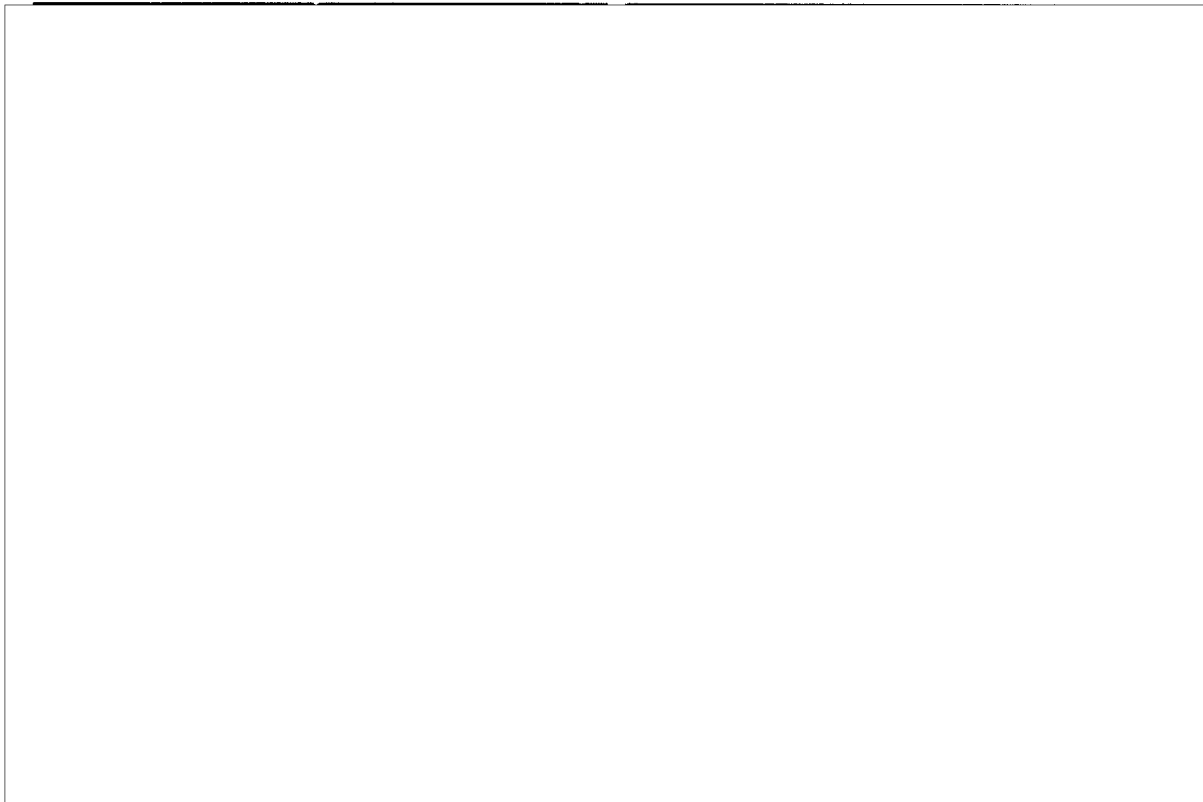
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[redacted] As of late February 2015, [redacted] one of [redacted] Western prisoners, which they referred to as "the Yahudi", or "the Jewish one", had been killed in an explosion in the Shawal Valley, North Waziristan Agency (NWA), Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA), Pakistan, while still in al-Qa'ida custody. [redacted]

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[redacted] al-Qa'ida senior leader Ahmad Faruq AKA Ustad Faruq AKA Faruq al-Punjabi had also been killed in the same explosion with the Yahudi. The explosion took place in approximately early to mid-January 2015. [redacted] the Yahudi was the only hostage who had been killed in the explosion. [redacted]

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[redacted] Comment: The Western hostage referenced is likely the American citizen captured by militants in Lahore, Punjab Province, Pakistan, in August 2011. [redacted]

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