

## Abdelilah Himich



- ❖ Born: November 1989;
- ❖ Place of birth: Morocco;
- ❖ Nationality: France;
- ❖ Himich, also known as Abu Sulayman al-Faransi, is a senior foreign terrorist fighter and external operations figure for ISIL/ISIS.
- ❖ Himich created the Tariq Ibn Ziyad Battalion in 2015, a European foreign terrorist fighter cell that has provided operatives for ISIL attacks in Iraq, Syria, and abroad. At one time the battalion numbered as many as 300 members.
- ❖ He was also reportedly involved in the planning of ISIL's November 2015 Paris attacks and March 2016 Brussels attacks. In 2004, the founder and former leader of AHIF, Aqeel Abdulaziz Aqeel al-Aqeel, was listed on a INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notice for being associated with Al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden or the Taliban for "participating in the financing, planning, facilitating, preparing or perpetrating of acts of activities by, in conjunction with, under the name of, on behalf or in support of" Al-Qaeda.
- ❖ In September 2004, the U.S. Department of the Treasury alleged that its investigation had found direct links between the foundation and Osama bin Laden.
- ❖ Between 2002-2004, the United States designated thirteen AHF branch offices operating in Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Comoros Islands, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Netherlands, Pakistan, Somalia, Tanzania, and the United States.
- ❖ It was liquidated in 2004. At the time of its closing, AHIF had been operating in 50 countries and employed 5,000 workers.

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