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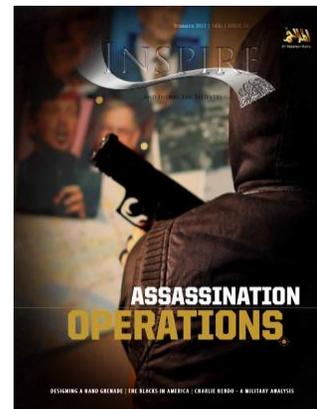
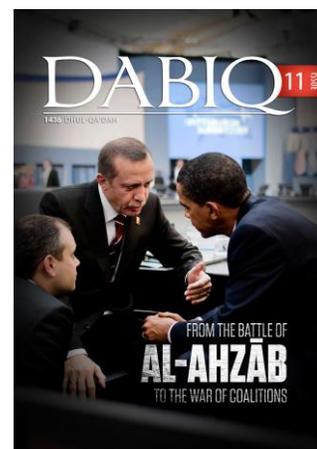
INTELLIGENCE NOTE

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AQAP/ISIS: New Editions of English Magazines Released

Two days prior to the anniversary of September 11, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) released new editions of their English-language periodicals, which focused primarily on broad issues and contained no threats to New Jersey. On Wednesday, AQAP released *Inspire* 14 following an audio message released earlier in the day by Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qa'ida's leader, while ISIS published the 11th issue of its *Dabiq* magazine.

- *Inspire* 14's content centered largely on damaging the US economy. Nine prominent American business figures were identified as targets, including Bill Gates, Warren Buffet, and Michael Bloomberg. Specifically, *Inspire* calls for their assassinations at their workplaces. *Dabiq* 11 featured a picture of Pope Francis, but does not mention his visit to the United States later this month; the magazine also levied stern criticism of al-Qa'ida, its organizational rival for supremacy of the radical global jihadist movement.
- As in past editions *Inspire* focuses on attacks by homegrown violent extremists (HVEs). Issue 14 professionalizes the role of HVEs by promoting assassinations as "intelligence operations" and by providing exhaustive steps to follow, modeled after the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks in Paris earlier this year. *Dabiq* continues to encourage adherents to travel to ISIS-controlled areas in Iraq and Syria, and exhorts those who cannot travel to conduct attacks in their home countries.
- Both publications attempt to exploit racial tensions in the United States for strategic gain. *Dabiq* focuses on high profile race-related incidents by claiming the caliphate embraces ethnic diversity. *Inspire* lays out specific steps for black Americans to counter racism, going as far as encouraging assassinations of "racist" politicians. AQAP previously used American race matters as HVE inspiration in *Inspire* 13—issued last December.

AQAP's *Inspire* Magazine Issue 14ISIS's *Dabiq* Magazine Issue 11

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