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Synopsis

The document mostly consists of a large number of invoices for money spent by al-Qaeda and the Islamic Union in Somalia and Ogaden to support training, living expenses, and military operations in 1993.

Key Themes

In the first letter, Saiful-Islam writes to Brother 'Omar details how he spent the money given to him, and notes that Abu Hafis refused to send his passport because he was afraid it would be lost.

The second item is a list of budget items including food, shipping, travel, shoes, socks and personal use) in both Somalian shillings and Ethiopian bir.

The bulk of the document consists of short statements by al-Qaeda operatives or members of the Islamic Union in Somalia and Ogaden attesting to the fact that they have received money (in either bir or shillings) from the local al-Qaeda accountant (generally, but not always, Zachariah al-Maqdesi), or 'Omar Tajuddin, Commander of the Preparation Branch. 'Abdullah Irad, Commander of the Jihad Office, and 'Abdullah 'Omar, Commander of the Islamic Union, and 'Omar Tajuddin himself, were frequent recipients.

The money loaned out was used for the following activities:

1. Medical treatment for one of the brothers
2. Fuel for the rations vehicle; diesel fuel
3. Alimony for a woman
4. A brother visiting his family
5. Assisting the brothers in traveling to the Abagro River
6. Military operations and supplies on the southern, northern, northeastern, and eastern fronts, as well as in Gedo
7. Camels, both for travel and for meat
8. Shipping
9. Food and drink
10. Paying off debts

The final two items are somewhat different. The first item is a detailed budget of travel and supply expenses. The second item identifies some of the key people in budgetary operations, and who has debts in what amounts. Ahmed Karaghai is the courier who came from Addis Ababa. Ahmed Diri Sheikh Rasheed and Mohammed 'Atya are in charge of purchasing. 'Abd Al-Salam 'Othman took \$5000 from Djibouti without permission.