

## TERRORISM

Ekrem AVDIU aka (SUHEID ABI, SUHEIB ABU, SUHEID ABU, ABI SUHEIB) b 18/07/71 in MITROVICA Sex: M, KOA, married. He is a member of paramilitary group. He is the founder of ABS (ABU BAKIR SADIKA). He was sentenced in 1998 to nine years of jail at the date of 13/07/00 in MITROVICA. He has been granted an amnesty in 2001 and was free after that.

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He had a military training in AFGHANISTAN. From 1992 he was at war in BOSNIA, he was an Islamic volunteer in a special unit of MUJAHEDINS. In 1994 he was living in ZENICA (Bosnia Herzegovina). At this time he was a member of the BIF (Benevolence Islamic Foundation) which allowed him to have a major role in the financial support and in the fights for the cause of the MOUJAHIDIN. He came back to KOSOVO between 1995 and 1998, probably around 1996 – 1997.

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After a clash with Serbian Police forces, he tried to cross the border with FYROM where he was arrested. He is involved in weapons trafficking which come to ALBANIA and destined to ABU BEKIR SIDIK.

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In MITROVICA he is in cooperation with the army of liberation of KOSOVO (UCK / KLA), to the head of his unit of MUJAHEDINS 'ABU BAKIR SADIKA' which have been founded by him. This group is based in SRBICA. AVDIU had also founded SIMONICA GROUP in JUNIK.

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At the beginning of 2001 after his amnesty he came to live in MITROVICA and after PRISTINA where he lived at the end of September 2001.

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Since then he had been seen many times in MITROVICA. Last time it was the 03/11/01. He associates at the mosque HAXI VESELI in MITROVICA.

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From 1990 to 1997 he was in SAUDI ARABIA where he studied the Koran. He is also regularly in BOSNIE HERZEGOVINE. In 1992 he took fight training course in a center call 'ABU BEKIR SIDIK' near TESNA. He stayed there 15 months but didn't participate to fight. In 1994 he came in the SMONICA in the area of ZENICA where he was working for the Islamic center of the Balkan which was created by DUHAJMAN.

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CONNECTIONS Ekrem AVDIU cooperate with Sami LUSHTAKU aka Samit LUSTAKU, Sami LJISTAKU. Nickname : Loic, Sami.

Ekrem AVDIU is in connection with Ljulzim IMERI, nickname MALJIK, member of SIPOLJE Police.

Ekrem AVDIU is in connection with Abdulah DUHAJMAN.

Ekrem AVDIU is in connection with Muhamed AVDIJU aka AVDIU, Mohammed AVDJU, Muhammad AVDIU who is his brother.

Ekrem AVDIU is in connection with Ahmet HOCA aka Ahmet HOXHA with who he founded ABS.

Ekrem AVDIU cooperated with Sylejman SELIMI aka Sulejmmman the sultan, sultan, Sulejman SELIMI sultan, Syleiman, Suleyman, Syleman SELIMI, Sulejman SELIMI, SELIMI Sultan.

Ekrem AVDIU cooperated with Iqaz KODRA aka Iljaz KODRA

Ekrem AVDIU met many times FNU LNU aka Mali ABU.

Daut ISLJAMI aka Daut ISLAMI, nickname ARGON is under the order to Ekrem AVDIU.

Ekrem AVDIU was accomplice to Holjin BEKIM.

Ekrem AVDIU was accomplice to Osman BUJARI.

Ekrem AVDIU was accomplice to Naim BERISA.

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CONNECTIONS BETWEEN Ekrem AVDIU AND ORGANIZATIONS : Ekrem AVDIU cooperates with the army of liberation to KOSOVO (UCK – KLA)

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Contacts with Muslims extremists groups and terrorists : AL QAIDA, AL QAEDA, ARMY OF ISLAM, LA.

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He founded and is member of: ABU BEKIR SIDIK; ABU BEKIR SIDIKA.

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In 1997 DUHAJMAN asked him to take the post in the Islamic vocation in MITROVICA. This desk was necessary for financial transactions which allowed him to supply weapons to his group and to justify the expense of his group. In BOSNIA he was in contact with the chief of the army group ‘MOUJAHIDINS’ in the head of which was Mali ABU.

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Would have receive ISLAMIC RELIEF – KOSOVO; IRW – KVO, IR – KVO (Islamic ONG)

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Ekrem AVDIU could be in contact with Arabian Muslim extremist who have some links with the organization of BIN LADEN. They received a financial help from RELIEF ISLAMIC ORGANISATION and in KOSOVO, ORPHANS AND FAMILIES FUND, KOFF.

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During December 2001 organised a group around one hundred Muslims Albanian to recruit some others Albanians to fight in TCHETCHENIA in the name of ISLAM.

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Activities of AVDIU taking place in DJAKOVICA and his area and to a lesser extent in MITROVICA and in this town the desk for the Islamic Vocation (world bureau for JIHAD).

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French Gendarmerie from KFOR made contact with Imam Asllan FAZLIU b 05/03/69 in VIDISHIQ, who in charge for the 'HAXHI VESELI' mosque in MITROVICA. He told them that he knows Ekrem AVDIU but after that he said that he doesn't have any relationship with him.

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#### NON SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE

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Extremism in Kosovo (information from 06/03/03):

1. Abu Bekir Sidik (ABS),  
established 1998,

led by Ekrem AVDIU and  
Shpend KOPRIVA,  
Little Bosnia Section.

2. Ekrem AVDIU:
  - Iraqi
  - lives in Mitrovica
  - educated in Saudi Arabia
  - fought in Bosnia and with UCK
  - primarily organizer and financier
  - committed surveillances of KFOR
  - unconfirmed ties to al Qaida (?).

3. World Bureau of Jihad:
  - led by Ekrem AVDIU
  - receiving money from World Office for Islamic Appeals (at least 235,000 USD since 1998)
  - Al Wafa, Mitrovica
  - radical Saudi Arabic NGO.

CIUs comment additional to 1:

The ABS is also known as Abu Bekir Hidik Organization. It was financed by Saudi money. The initial payment was 20,000 US. Later an additional payment of 215,000 DM was made. That money bought automobiles and office furnishings. During the Kosovo conflict, the ABS had 7 groups. It operated in the Donji Prekaz and Mahala Kodra Mountains in Drenica.

Shpend KOPRIVA,

b. 11/6/68 in Mitrovica,

founded ABS in 1998. He is married and has 4 children. A residence of Mitrovica Marka Milyanova N 25 was listed His brother, Beqir KOPRIVA, resides in Sweden. He was sentenced to 7 years by the Yugoslav government but the sentence was commuted.

CIUs comment additional to 2:

Ekrem AVDIU,

b. 18/7/71 in Broboniq, Mitrovica.

Father is Bajram. He attended the Theological School in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. A listed address is 34 Sinchelicheva, Mitrovica, telephone 37744187609, 044187609. He fought in Bosnia with the Tesanj Brigade. He recruited fighters to fight in Chechnya. He received financial support of the Muslim Brotherhood (1997). After the Kosovo conflict, he established the Kosovo Islamic Bureau also known as Abu Suheib, in Kosovska, Mitrovica.)

CIU comment to 3:

World Bureau of Jihad is unknown as an NGO.

Per UNMIK, NGO are not required to register in Kosovo and many don't.

World Office for Islamic Appeals is unknown.

Al Wafa is known as an NGO.

Sweden.

The unit was disbanded at the end of July 1998.

On the 5/08/98, him, Ekrem AVDIJU and another member of the group Nexhmedim LAUSHA [dob 15/11/53, pob K.Mitrovica, living in Mitrovica Kralja Minutina str n. 95 responsible for the supply] were detained in Deneral Jankovic, on the border with FYROM by the Serbian Security Forces (SSF).

he group after a period a detention in Pristina, until June 1999, was moved to the detention facility in Pozarevac (Serbia). In fact the Court of Justice of Kraljevo (FRY) - indicted AVDIJU, KOPRIVA and LAUSHA together with other 110 associates as members at different levels of the Islamic terrorist organisation Abu Bekir SIDIK, responsible for "...making up the mentioned terrorist organisation following an Islamic inspiration with the goal to undertake violent actions threatening the order and the security of the FRY to accomplish the separation of Kosovo and other areas where the Albanian people where living and founding another state to be unified to the Albanian Republic" .

As stated in the court sentence the organisation was operating under the frame of the UCK and the persons indicted to accomplish those goals were helped by foreigners coming from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Albania, Scotland, Ireland, FYROM and United Kingdom.

While the Republic of Albania was in charge for the equipment...”.

The most prominent characters indicted along with the three above mentioned were:  
Ljulzim IMERI, dob 16/05/75, pob Pristina,  
son of Rahaman, living in Pristina, Carice Milice street n. 50/16, aka “MALJIK”, within  
the unit team leader of a squad of 10 elements detained by SSF on 08/08/98;

Ertan BIKLICI, dob 08/04/78, pob Pristina, son of Emin, living in Pristina, Suncani  
Breg, street, second street, n. 8, student at the university, alias ABU KADIR, within the  
unit team leader of a squad of 10 elements, detained by SSF on the 08.08.98;

Krenan TELJCIJU dob 29/11/77, pob Pristina, son of Cerana, with his residence in  
Pristina, but dwelling in Obilic, Milosa Obilica street n. 19, student at the university, aka  
“OTHMAN”detained by SSF on 08.08.98;

Iir HODJA/HOXHA, dob 25/06/75, pob Prizren, son of Sejduhala, living in Pristina,  
Ulpijana street D/9, student at the Pristina University, the doctor of the unit detained by  
SSF on the 26.08.98;

Baskim GLOGOVZI/GLOGOVCI, dob 01/03/79, pob K. Mitrovica, son of Ramadan,  
living in Mitrovica-Sipolje hamlet, Sava Kovacevic street, student at the Pristina  
University, aka “ABU ABAZ” detained by SSF on the 16/10/98;

Sesaim/Xhesaim MISSINI, dob 13/10/58, pob K. Mitrovica, son of Aljim, living in  
Mitrovica, Sindjeliceva street n. 56, detained by SSF on the 10.08.98;

Bujar OSMANI, dob 11/06/63, pob K. Mitrovica, with residence in Kosovska Mitrovica,  
son of Ali.Ahmet HODJA, responsible for the recruitment of several students of the  
parallel university in Pristina;

Samir HOTI (nfi);

Ally HOTI ;(nfi)

Adem AVDIJU (cousin of Ekrem);

Ekrem AVDIJU was sentenced to 10 years in jail and  
Spend KOPRIVA to seven years. T

he same people later on were set up free on the grounds of an amnesty approved by the Serbian Government for the Albanian prisoners.

Ekrem AVDIJU, Spend KOPRIVA and LAUSHA currently are back to Mitrovica where the first is directly involved in the spreading of the Islamic religion. According to what affirmed on the court sentence the group came out after an agreement between Ekrem AVDIJU, Spend KOPRIVA, Muhammed AVDIJU and Ahmet/Akhmet HODJA/HOXHA (nfi).

In particular, it was pointed out the activity of Ekrem AVDIJU, probably the most educated of the group. During the period spent in Saudi Arabia Ekrem AVDIJU received in Rijad from the responsible for the "International Office for the Islamic recall" Abdulam DAHAJMAN/DUHAIJMAN 20.000 dollars as well as instructions to open a similar office in Kosovo, task that he did when he came back. Moreover he bought 5-four wheeler cars whom, two "Mitsubishi" two "Toyota Land Cruiser" and one "Nissan Patrol" as well as 1 computer "PC Contrade", 2 computer "PC Laptop", 1 cellular phone, 2 satellite cellular phone, one video camera, one video VCR, one camera "Nikon", one telefax "Panasonic", one GPS, medicines. Creating this network he got also another financial support of 215.000 DM.

Once a week he, as leader of the group, with the name of Abu SUHEIB was reporting to DUHAJMAN the activity carried out by the unit. He also held within the unit religious classes spreading the "Jihad" and the "Holy war".

Enclose the picture of Bujar OSMANI.





