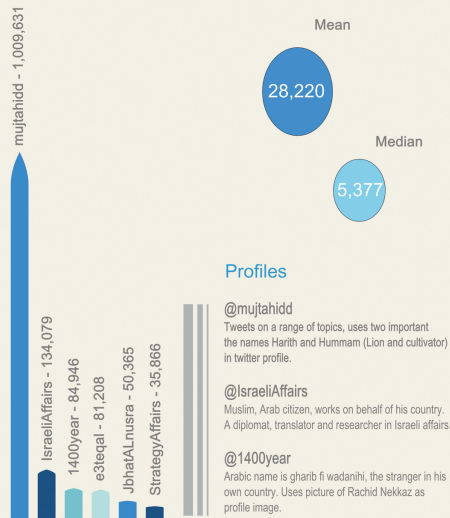# 66 Important Jihadi on Twitter
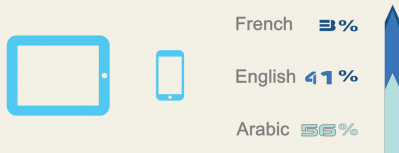
Locating important Jihadi

A recent posting on *Shumukh al-Islam* identified "The most important jihadi and support sites for jihad and the mujahideen on Twitter"
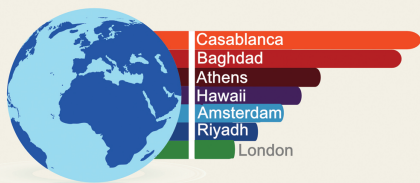
Followers

mujtahidd - 1,009,631

Mean
28,220

Median
5,377

IsraeliAffairs - 134,079
1400year - 84,946
e3teqal - 81,208
JbhatALnusra - 50,365
StrategyAffairs - 35,866

Profiles

@mujtahidd
Tweets on a range of topics, uses two important the names Harith and Hummam (Lion and cultivator) in twitter profile.

@IsraeliAffairs
Muslim, Arab citizen, works on behalf of his country. A diplomat, translator and researcher in Israeli affairs.

@1400year
Arabic name is gharib fi wadanihi, the stranger in his own country. Uses picture of Rachid Nekkaz as profile image.

Language used

The majority of the users set their Twitter language to Arabic. This data was ascertained from the Twitter API.

French **3%**
English **41%**
Arabic **56%**

It should be noted some users will tweet in more than one language - this shows which language they set up their twitter account with.

Location of timezone

When creating a Twitter account users set a timezone, used to determine the time of tweets in their timeline.

Casablanca
Baghdad
Athens
Hawaii
Amsterdam
Riyadh
London

To ease this process users are given the option of entering a nearby city to set the timezone.

Year Jihadi accounts were created

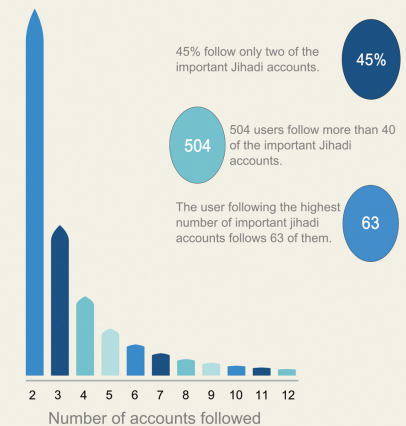The role of the 'media mujahid' has been promoted since the death of Osama bin Laden in May 2011.
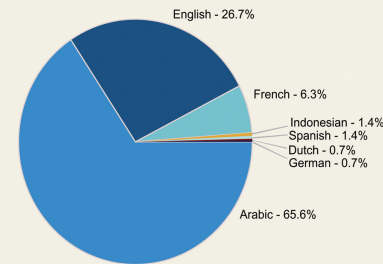
20% — 2011
72% — 2012
8% — Other

During 2011 members of Jihadist forumms, including al-Ansar, issued media strategies and advisory to fellow members. However, as the data shows it took a while for Jihadi Twitter activiism to gather pace as the Syrian conflict turned violent.

Followers of important Jihadi

129,905 users follow more than one 'important Jihadi' account

79% of those users follow between two and five of the important Jihadi accounts.
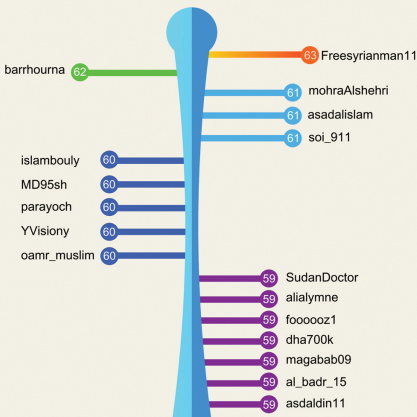
79%

45% follow only two of the important Jihadi accounts.
45%

504 users follow more than 40 of the important Jihadi accounts.
504

The user following the highest number of important jihadi accounts follows 63 of them.
63

Number of accounts followed
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Language used by followers of important Jihadi

English - 26.7%
French - 6.3%
Indonesian - 1.4%
Spanish - 1.4%
Dutch - 0.7%
German - 0.7%
Arabic - 65.6%

Based on the language set on Twitter by the 504 users which follow 40 or more important Jihadi accounts.

Most frequent followers of important Jihadi

barrhourna 62
63 Freesyrianman11
61 mohraAlshehri
61 asadalislam
61 soi_911

islambouly 60
MD95sh 60
parayoch 60
YVisiony 60
oamr_muslim 60

59 SudanDoctor
59 alialymne
59 foooooz1
59 dha700k
59 magabab09
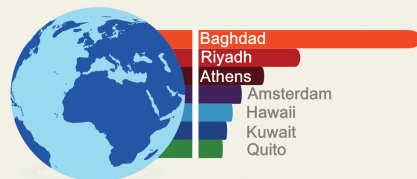59 al_badr_15
59 asdaldin11

Most frequent followers is calculated using the followers of 65 important jihadi. Mujtahidd was excluded as this account alone had more followers than the other 65 Jihadi combined .

Note:

The inclusion of users here is on the basis of appearing in the recent posting "The most important jihadi and support sites for jihad and the mujahideen on Twitter" on *Shumukh al-Islam*. These users are being promoted as important jihadi or supporters, whether or not they would self-define that way. Equally, following important jihadi should not betaken by itself as an indiciation of alegiance.

Location of timezone for frequent followers of important Jihadi
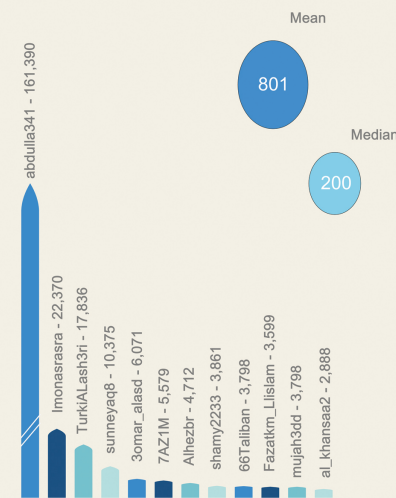
Baghdad
Riyadh
Athens
Amsterdam
Hawaii
Kuwait
Quito

Based on the location used to set timezone for the 504 users that follow more than 40 important jihadi on Twitter

Frequent followers of important Jihadi with the greatest followers

These are users with the greatest number of followers from the group who follow 40 or more important Jihadi.
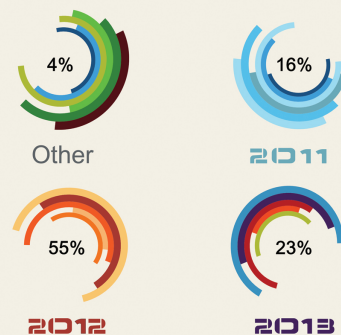
Followers

Mean
801

Median
200

abdulla341 - 161,390
lmonasrasra - 22,370
TurkiALash3ri - 17,836
sunneyaq8 - 10,375
3omar_alasd - 6,071
7AZ1M - 5,579
Alhezbr - 4,712
shamy2233 - 3,861
66Taliban - 3,798
Fazatkm_Llislam - 3,599
mujah3dd - 3,798
al_khansaa2 - 2,888

The mean (801) and Median (200) number of followers is lower amongst this group of users than for the 66 important jihadi accounts. This indicates this group of users are individual users or those with lower appeal. than the 66 import ant jihadi.

Year frequent followers of important Jihadi created accounts

While 2012 was a key year for the creation of acconts by the media mujahid' and the majority of the frequent follower group were also created in 2012, nearly a quarter have been created more recently.

4% — Other
16% — 2011
55% — 2012
23% — 2013

Infographic drawn by Ali Fisher, including analysis by Nico Prucha