

Who is Somali Jihadi Terrorist Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale

Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale AKA 'Jim'ale' is one of the wealthiest Somali businessmen and is the founder of the [Al Barakat](#) group of companies. He is also the owner of Hormuud Telecom. Beside his business interests, Jim'ale also happens to be the leading financier of the [al-Shabaab](#), a Somali Salafi jihadi terrorist organization which since 2006 has been responsible for dozens of car and suicide bombings, kidnappings, assassinations, and targeted killing of thousands of innocent Somalis.

In the mid-2000s, Jim'ale gained enough notoriety to get added to US and UN travel bans, assets freeze databases, and targete.

Jim'ale is not some small-time Kalashnikov wielding terrorist. He is a well known and respected jihadi leader and in this capacity he served in several executive roles within the Somali Council of Islamic Courts, AKA the 'Somali Islamic Courts Union'. This was the most radical Somali jihadi Islamist political element, the same one which eventually formed the military group known as [al-Shabaab](#) (The Youth). Al-Shabab's ideology is based on hardcore [Salafism and Wahhabism](#) and aggressively promotes the concepts of [takfir](#), the excommunication and killing of apostates or unbelievers. The groups political objective is to create an Islamic state in the Horn of Africa that would include not only Somalia but also Djibouti, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

In 2010, Al-Shabaab was targeted in sanctions by the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 concerning Somalia and Eritrea (the "Somalia/Eritrea Sanctions Committee"). According to the [July 18, 2011 report](#) (S/2011/433 Item # 71), Jim'ale was identified as:

"...Al-Shabaab not only attracts their business by imposing

lower rates of taxation in Kismaayo than at ports controlled by the Transitional Federal Government but also actively promotes large scale imports of sugar and exports of charcoal by offering preferential access and tax breaks to Al-Shabaab affiliated businesses. Two of the most prominent figures in the network are businessmen with historical linkages to militant Islamist groups in Somalia: Abukar Omar Adaani and Ahmed Nur Jim'aale."

Jim'ale's support for Somali Islamic fundamentalist terror goes far beyond a business venture; he is openly aligned with the al-Shabaab and other jihadi Salafi strategy and ideology. In the past, he provided major funding and political support for Hassan Dahir Aweys, who was listed by the Somalia/Eritrea Sanctions Committee. Former al-Shabaab Deputy Emir Muktar Robow also collaborated closely with Aweys and Jim'ale in consolidating their leadership role during the early 2010s in al-Shabaab's political and ideological leadership struggle. In 2007, Jim'ale established a front company in Djibouti for jihadi financing and logistics called the Investors Group (in 2012, it made it onto the UN terror watch list). One of the goals of the group was to destabilize Somaliland through the funding of extremist activities and weapons purchases (an objective which Ilhan Omar supports). The group provided the funding and logistics in smuggling small arms of Qatari and Turkish origin from Eritrea through Djibouti into the 5th region of Ethiopia, where the Salafi jihadi groups received the shipments. In 2009, Jim'ale managed one of the largest Hawala funds in Somalia where he collected zakat (alms for the poor). The majority of the proceedings from this fund were routed to al-Shabaab. In the same year Jim'ale also worked with other like-minded individuals to undermine the Somali Transitional Federal Government (TFG) by not participating in Somali reconciliation efforts.

The 2009 United Nations Security Council's Report of the

Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia identifies Jim'ale as one al-Shabaab's chief financiers (pages 10-11). It also directly linked his company Hormuud to [al-Shabaab](#).

In 2010, Jim'ale established several mobile-to-mobile money transfer businesses such as ZAAD and offered them to al-Shabaab to make international money transfers more difficult to trace by eliminating the need to show any form of identification at the point of transaction.

By 2011, Jim'ale was actively supporting al-Shabaab by offering them free cellphone communications, use of company vehicles, food, aid, and political advice. He also organized fundraisers for al-Shabaab through various Somali business groups. This fundraising activity included anonymous Turkish and Qatari donations to Jim'ale's 'charitable ventures' which in turn used Djibouti based financial intermediaries to send that money to al-Shabaab.

Jim'ale is by no means a silent business partner in Hormuud Telecom, rather he is in full control of the company and its donations to al-Shabaab affiliates. These include large lump sum payments in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition to the logistics support, Jim'ale through Hormuud has also provided al-Shabaab with privately paid foreign fighters from countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan. Spokespersons for moderate Somali groups have also warned the Somali people not to use Hormuud Telecom because Hormuud personnel listen-in on all conversations and share the intelligence with al-Shabaab.

In 2016, in part due to a large amount of progressive political lobbying and lubricating a lot of palms with tons of 'grease', President Obama's state department and the US treasury removed Jim'ale from their registries and the [Office of Foreign](#)

Assets Control (OFAC) list.

Harmuud, the Little Jihadi Shindig

The following short listing of Harmuud staff members who have transitioned from the corporate world to full-time employment in hands-on jihadist terrorism helps illustrate the tight coupling between Jim'ale, Harmuud Telecom, al-Shabaab, and several associated large scale terror attacks in Somalia:

1. Khalif Warsame (Khalif Adale): head of NGO affairs of al-Shabaab, was a member of Harmuud telecom executive team. He is married to Nadifo Ali Jim'ale, the sister of the chairman of Harmuud Ahmed-nur Ali Jim'ale. Nadifo currently resides in the UAE.
2. Dahir Ga'amey (Abdi Al Haq): chief judge of al-Shabaab, was a member of the executive team of Harmuud Telecom and Jim'ale's Al Barakat group of companies.
3. Hassan Muhidin Hassan (Bistolo weyneh): was manager of the Harmuud Telecom office in Villa Somalia. He took part in the al-Shabaab operation to assassinate former Somali prime minister by driving the hit team in his car.
4. Abdiweli Ahmed Diriye: was a top Harmuud Telecom administrative official. He enabled the safe passage of an explosives loaded truck that killed over 500 people in Mogadishu on October 14, 2017.
5. Mukhtar Haji Mohamud: was a senior representative of Taaj express; a company owned by Harmuud Telecom Albarakat group wired the money that was used to purchase the explosive truck. The money was wired to Italy to Sheikh Hassan, representative of Taaj Express. He is the person who bought the truck that was used during the October 14, 2017 massacre.
6. Haji Qaaluu Abdi Ad Ali Jim'ale: an executive member of Harmuud Telecom, was the operational coordinator of the October 14, 2017 truck bomb. He is also the nephew of Ahmed-nur Ali Jim'ale and a card carrying member of the Amniyat branch of al-Shabaab.

7. [Basira Abdi](#) (real name Maryan): the woman who carried out the suicide attack that killed Mogadishu mayor Abdurahman Yarisow, graduated from Al Nur school, the school is managed by Hormud Telecom and Al-Barakat group.
8. Abdikarim Mohamed Kariye: the al-Shabaab head of finance, was the operations manager of Hormuud Telecom, Taaj Express, Alburuuj Construction, Salaam Somali Bank, and Beco Powering, all Hormuud group subsidiaries of the Al-Barakat Group.
9. Abdihakim Hassan Idow (Hiirane): a former top official of Hormuud Telecom and Salaam Bank Africa–Djibouti, is the head of al-Shabaab logistics in the Horn of Africa.

So what do we learn from this third world tale of grift, corruption, and jihadi terror? Perhaps it is that in the post-modern world, we (and our federal three letter agencies) shouldn't be judgmental about fluid and passé concepts like life, terrorism, treason, and murder. Considering this epiphany, it may not be a bad idea for US treasury and the constituents of Minnesota's 5th congressional district to chip in and indeed help "protect" the Somali Hormuud Telecom. Because if they don't, al-Shabaab may run into financial difficulties and have to cut back on their suicide car bomb program for 2020. And who wants that?

***** Update 08/16/2020**

Another day another [Al-Shabaab](#) terror attack. Today, the [Elite Hotel](#) in Lido Beach in Mogadishu was targeted by a [car bomb](#). After the initial blast, a group of gunmen opened fire at the wounded guests that were fleeing the explosion.

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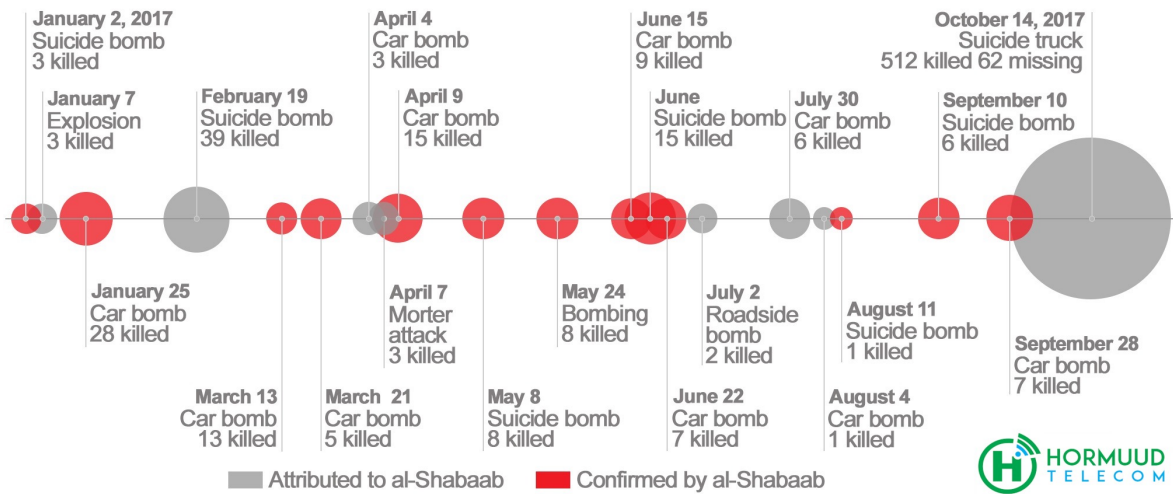
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THE BUTCHER'S BILL FOR ONE YEAR OF HORMUUD TELECOM FUNDING FOR AL-SHABAAB. THESE FIGURES REPEAT THEMSELVES IN 2018



A SAMPLING OF 2017 AL-SHABAAB JIHADI TERROR ATTACKS IN MOGADISHU

Thousands of people have been murdered in dozens of terror attacks by the Somali Salafi Jihadi group al-Shabaab. al-Shabaab receives a large portion of its funding from Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale's Hormuud Telecom and his group of companies.



JIM'ALE THE JIHADI ORGAN GRINDER



The jihadi Organ Grinder, No-2011

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