# Abu Sufian bin Qumu

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Abu Sufian Ibrahim Ahmed Hamuda Bin Qumu (born 26 June 1959) is a citizen of Libya who was held in extrajudicial detention in the United States Guantanamo Bay detention camps, in Cuba. [1] Joint Task Force Guantanamo counterterrorism analysts report he was born on 26 June 1959, in Derna, Libya. He was shot on 14 April 2013 in Derna, Libya. [2]

Qumu was transferred to Libya on 28 September 2007.<sup>[3]</sup> In 2011 he became the leader of a band of fighters in his hometown of Derna during the 2011 Libyan civil war.<sup>[4]</sup>

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## Abu Sufian Ibrahim Ahmed Hamuda Bin Qumu

**Born** 26 June 1959

Derna, Libya

**Detained** Guantanamo

at

**ISN** 557

Charge(s) No charge (held in extrajudicial

detention)

**Status** Repatriated to Libyan custody; currently

a rebel leader in the Libyan civil war

# **Prior History**

A disclosed file from 2005 on WikiLeaks alleged that he served as a tank driver in the Libyan army. He later allegedly traveled to Afghanistan and trained in Bin Laden's Torkham Camp. After fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan, he allegedly worked as a truck driver for Wadi Al-'Aqiq, one of Bin Laden's companies in Suba, Sudan. He later joined the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group, joined the Taliban in 1998, and he was a "probable member of Al Qaida and a member of the African Extremist Network." [4][5]

## Repatriation and release

Qumu was reported to have been released in October 2007. [6] He was transferred to Libya on 28 September 2007. [7] and was released from Abu Salim prison in 2010 following an amnesty for political prisoners. [8]

## 17 February revolution

In 2011 Qumu became the leader of a band of fighters in his hometown of Derna called Ansar al-Sharia during the 2011 Libyan civil war.<sup>[4][9]</sup>

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Fox News reported Qumu as possibly being involved with and may have led the 11 September 2012 attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi, Libya that resulted in the murder of four US Diplomats including US Ambassador Chris Stevens. [10] However, in September of 2012, a US national security official reported to Mother Jones that "that report is wrong, there's no intelligence suggesting that he was leading the attack on the consulate that evening." [11] The NYT

Born

26 June 1959
Derna, Libya

Allegiance

National Transitional
Council (2011–)

Service/branch

National Liberation Army

Battles/wars

2011 Libyan civil war

report purported this version. There are other reports that indicate members of bin Qumu's Derna group may in fact have been present in Benghazi at the time of the attacks. [12]

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