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Baghdadi’s wife revealed IS group secrets

AFP | Istanbul

The wife of slain Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi revealed “a lot of information” about the jihadist group’s “inner workings” after she was captured last year, a Turkish official said.

The official said that Baghdadi’s spouse identified herself as Rania Mahmoud but was in fact Asma Fawzi Muhammad Al-Qubaysi.

She was said to be the “first wife” of the IS leader, who was killed in a US special forces raid in Syria last month.

The woman was arrested on June 2, 2018 in the province of Hatay, near the Syrian border, along with 10 others, including Baghdadi’s daughter, who identified herself as Leila Jabeer.

The official said the family links were confirmed using a DNA sample of Baghdadi provided by Iraqi authorities.

“We discovered (the wife’s) real identity pretty quickly. At that point, she volunteered a lot of information about Baghdadi and the inner workings of ISIS,” the official said.

“We were able to confirm a lot of things that we already knew. We also obtained new information that led to a series of arrests elsewhere.”

President Recep Tayyip Erdo-



Turkey has revealed that slain Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi’s wife was captured last year and disclosed details about the jihadist group’s “inner workings”.

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but we didn’t make a big fuss about it,” Erdogan told a gathering of students in Ankara.

He confirmed that Turkey had also captured Baghdadi’s sister and brother-in-law.

Erdogan took a swipe at the United States for making a big deal of Baghdadi’s killing, saying: “They started a very big communication operation.”

The IS leader was killed in a US special forces raid carried out with the help of Kurdish fighters in the northwestern Syrian province of Idlib, just across the border from Turkey.

gan revealed for the first time on Wednesday that she had been detained.

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Killed American family may have been ‘bait’

Reuters | Bavispe, Mexico

The nine American women and children killed in northern Mexico were victims of a territorial dispute between an arm of the Sinaloa Cartel and a rival gang, officials said on Wednesday, and may have been used to lure one side into a firefight.

Members of breakaway Mormon communities that settled in Mexico decades ago, the three families were ambushed as they drove along a dirt track in Sonora state, leading to US President Donald Trump urging Mexico and the United States to “wage war” together on the drug cartels.

Accounts emerging of Monday morning’s slayings detailed the heroism of a surviving boy who walked for miles to get help for his siblings, and heavy gun battles in the remote hill area that lasted for hours into the night after the attack.

“We were deliberately targeted, used as bait to lure one cartel against another,” said Lafe Langford, a cousin of some of the victims, who grew up in the same Mormon village.

Hitmen opened fire on the three mothers and 14 children travelling from a village in Sonora to meet with relatives in neighbouring Chihuahua state and Phoenix, Arizona.

When the killers struck, the families were spread out along a 12-mile (20 km) stretch of road near the border of the two states, according to Mexican authorities and the families.

As bullets began to pummel the first car, a white Chevrolet Suburban, Christina Marie Langford Johnson stepped out waving her arms to show that they were not gang members, according to a family statement based on reports from the surviving children.

Heroic walk to find a rescue party

When the gunmen shot dead his mother and two brothers, the uninjured 13-year-old Devin Langford hid six surviving siblings nearby and walked for 14 miles (23 km) to find a rescue party.

“After witnessing his mother and brothers being shot dead, Dawna (Langford)’s son Devin hid his six other siblings in the bushes and covered them with branches to keep them safe while he went for help,” the families said in their statement.

For 11 hours, relatives had no idea about what had happened to their loved ones.

The youngest of Devin’s siblings, 9-month old Oliver, was shot in the chest; 8-year-old

Christina was shot dead. Her baby, Faith, survived the attack in a child seat that her mother appeared to have placed on the floor before she got out.

Gunfire also ripped into a second white Suburban, carrying Dawna Langford and nine children, some two kilometres back, authorities said. Dawna and two sons were killed.

A third car, 18 km behind, was shot up and burst into flames, killing Rhonita Miller and her four children.

Cody had bullet wounds to the jaw and the leg, while Xander, 4, had been hit in the back. Brothers Trevor, 11, and Rogan, 2, lay dead.

When Devin failed to return, his 9-year-old sister Mckenzie, who was grazed in the arm, went after him and walked 10 miles before getting lost in the dark. Search parties later found her, the families said. Another sister, Kylie, was shot in the foot, while sibling Ryder was uninjured.

Nearby were the bodies of the Miller family, including 8-month-old twins Titus and Tiana. “All shot and burned in their vehicle,” the statement said. “Only ashes and a few bones remain.”

According to the US account, Baghdadi ran into a dead-end tunnel in his hideout and detonated a suicide vest, killing himself and two children.

The raid came in the wake of a Turkish military offensive against the Kurdish militants,

who have been a close ally of the West in the fight against IS, but are viewed as terrorists by Ankara.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 September 2019

USD’000

|   | 30-Sep-19<br>(reviewed) | 31-Dec-18<br>(audited) |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <strong>ASSETS</strong>                       |                         |                        |
| Bank balances                                 | 1,042                   | 632                    |
| Murabaha receivables- net                     | 12,825                  | 13,530                 |
| Other assets                                  | 484                     | 462                    |
| <strong>Total Assets</strong>                 | <strong>14,351</strong> | 14,624                 |
| <strong>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</strong>       |                         |                        |
|   | 30-Sep-19               | 31-Dec-18              |
| <strong>LIABILITIES</strong>                  |                         |                        |
| Payables and other accrued expenses           | 238                     | 171                    |
| <strong>Total Liabilities</strong>            | <strong>238</strong>    | 171                    |
| <strong>EQUITY</strong>                       |                         |                        |
| Share capital                                 | 10,000                  | 10,000                 |
| Statutory reserve                             | 3,361                   | 3,361                  |
| Retained earnings                             | 752                     | 1,092                  |
| <strong>Total equity</strong>                 | <strong>14,113</strong> | 14,453                 |
| <strong>Total Liabilities and Equity</strong> | <strong>14,351</strong> | 14,624                 |

CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT for the nine month period ended 30 September 2019

|  | 30-Sep-19<br>(reviewed) | 30-Sep-18<br>(reviewed) | 30-Sep-19<br>(reviewed) | 30-Sep-18<br>(reviewed) |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <strong>INCOME</strong>                    |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Income from murabaha contracts             | 259                     | 209                     | 78                      | 81                      |
| Income from restricted investment accounts | 87                      | 144                     | 22                      | 44                      |
| Income from advisory services              | 1,596                   | 1,384                   | 558                     | 455                     |
| <strong>Total Income</strong>              | <strong>1,942</strong>  | 1,737                   | <strong>658</strong>    | 580                     |
| <strong>EXPENSES</strong>                  |                         |                         |                         |                         |
| Staff costs                                | 295                     | 270                     | 98                      | 90                      |
| Other expenses                             | 895                     | 605                     | 310                     | 210                     |
| <strong>Total Expenses</strong>            | <strong>1,190</strong>  | 875                     | <strong>408</strong>    | 300                     |
| <strong>Profit for the Period</strong>     | <strong>752</strong>    | 862                     | <strong>250</strong>    | 280                     |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the nine month period ended 30 September 2019

USD’000

| 2019 (reviewed)                          | Share Capital           | Retained earnings    | Statutory Reserves     | Total                   |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| As at 1 January 2019                     | 10,000                  | 1,092                | 3,361                  | 14,453                  |
| Profit for the period                    | -                       | 752                  | -                      | 752                     |
| Dividends declared                       | -                       | (1,092)              | -                      | (1,092)                 |
| <strong>As at 30 September 2019</strong> | <strong>10,000</strong> | <strong>752</strong> | <strong>3,361</strong> | <strong>14,113</strong> |
| 2018 (reviewed)                          | Share Capital           | Retained earnings    | Statutory Reserves     | Total                   |
| As at 1 January 2018                     | 10,000                  | 38                   | 3,243                  | 13,281                  |
| Transition adjustment on adopting FAS 30 | -                       | (7)                  | -                      | (7)                     |
| Restated balance as at 1 January 2018    | 10,000                  | 31                   | 3,243                  | 13,274                  |
| Profit for the period                    | -                       | 862                  | -                      | 862                     |
| <strong>As at 30 September 2018</strong> | <strong>10,000</strong> | <strong>893</strong> | <strong>3,243</strong> | <strong>14,136</strong> |

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the nine month period ended 30 September 2019

|   | 30-Sep-19<br>(reviewed)  | 30-Sep-18<br>(reviewed) |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <strong>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong>                                   |                          |                         |
| Receipt on maturity of restricted investment account                    | -                        | 30,061                  |
| Receipt of advisory income  | 1,549                    | 1,530                   |
| Receipts of income from murabaha contracts                              | 259                      | 209                     |
| Receipts of income from restricted investment accounts                  | 87                       | 144                     |
| Payment to employees and suppliers                                      | (529)                    | (477)                   |
| Management fees paid  | (569)                    | (329)                   |
| <strong>Net cash generated from operating activities</strong>           | <strong>797</strong>     | 31,138                  |
| <strong>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</strong>                                   |                          |                         |
| Dividends paid  | (1,092)                  | -                       |
| <strong>Cash flows used in financing activities</strong>                | <strong>(1,092)</strong> | -                       |
| <strong>Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents</strong> | <strong>(295)</strong>   | 31,138                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January                                  | 14,162                   | 12,954                  |
| <strong>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September</strong>              | <strong>13,867</strong>  | 44,092                  |
| <strong>Cash and cash equivalents comprise:</strong>                    |                          |                         |
| Bank balances   | 1,042                    | 30,558                  |
| Murabaha receivables - Gross  | 12,825                   | 13,534                  |
| <strong>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September</strong>              | <strong>13,867</strong>  | 44,092                  |

The financials statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 6 November 2019

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Chairman

Usman Ahmed  
Chief executive officer

The published figures have been extracted from financial statements reviewed by KPMG, who expressed an unqualified review opinion on 6 November 2019

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