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Lt. j.g. El Charif was born in Beirut, Lebanon and graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton with a double Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish History and Culture. He attended Texas A&M University in College Station, TX before transferring to the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. to complete his Master of Arts in Security Studies in June 2013.

After receiving his education, Lt. j.g. El Charif interned with the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. as a junior intelligence officer with the Defense Combating Terrorism Center. He served as a strategic analyst, writing integrated all-source products in support of U.S. combating-terrorism operations. Later detailed to the Afghanistan/Pakistan team located in the Pentagon, in support of the Department of Defense Leadership Element to the J2. Afterwards he was assigned to the lead Analyst for Southeast Asia Operations and a liaison to the Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force.

In 2015, El Charif deployed to Djibouti as part of the Horn of Africa Task Force in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served as a Reports Officer for the J2X mission in the Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) campaign. He provided collectors and embedded analysts with up to date national and theater-level collection requirements, appropriate priority targets and operational directives. Furthermore, managed all source, overt and clandestine requirements while responsible for de-confliction in theater, as well as with other country teams and Intelligence Community agencies.

El Charif also served as a Multi-INT Collection Manager at both United States European and African Command specializing in HUMINT, GEOINT and OSINT support to intelligence operations. He also served as the embedded Collection Manager for the Terrorism and Transnational branches covering Transnational Terrorism, Force Protection requirements and the counterintelligence division for the entire EUCOM/AFRICOM area of operations. He is a subject matter expert on all methodology and tools pertaining to collection, production management and intelligence systems.

As an Adjunct Professor and Faculty Member with the University of Maryland, Texas Central College, and the National Intelligence University, El Charif taught undergraduate and graduate classes pertaining to Global Terrorism, Roots of Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Counterterrorism and Homeland Security. His experience gained from multiple years of service to the U.S. government has provided him with valuable work experiences relating to the counterterrorism and collection support challenges. He received several awards including the DI award, Joint Civilian Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal. El Charif serves as a Naval Intelligence Officer with the Navy Reserves Defense Attaché Service and recently returned from his role as the Assistant Naval Attaché to Republic of Algeria. He resides in Virginia and is proficient in several languages, including Spanish, French, and Arabic.