



AQIM Claims Responsibility for Taking French and Spanish Hostages December 7, 2009

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): “Statement Claiming Responsibility for the Kidnapping of the French and the Three Spaniards” Released on: December 7, 2009



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“Thanks only due to Allah; He supported His servants; endeared His soldiers; solely defeated the [Kufr] parties, and prayer and peace upon the prophet of mercy and battle, and upon his pure family and virtuous companions, and thereafter:”

“At a time the crusaders continue their collateral war against Islam and Muslims everywhere through killing innocents, occupation of our land, violating our holy places, and their support to their agents and apostate cooperatives—couriers of aggression over our necks...here are the mujahideen, praise to Allah, continue targeting this satanic party, and they are fighting the all the polytheists like they fight all of us; in defense of our Muslim Nation and in deterrence to their aggression and belligerence. With the grace of Allah, two groups of heroic mujahideen were able to kidnap four Europeans during two separate operations:”

“The First One: In Mali on 11/25/2009, and resulted with the kidnapping of the Frenchman Pierre Camatte.”

“The Second One: In Mauritania on 11/29/2009, and resulted with the kidnapping of three Spaniards; they are Albert Vilalta—CEO of Tunnel Del Cadi company for Construction and Infrastructure—and Roque Pascual, and Alicia Gamez.”

“And, the mujahideen went back to their bases safely, and they pronounced that the hostages are in good health and are being treated with accordance to the Islamic Sharia. On the other side, later on Allah-willing, we will communicate to France and Spain with the mujahideen’s legitimate demands.”

“We say to the crusaders: your security and the security of your citizens are based on our security and the security of our Muslim brothers, as we do not become tired or bored, Allah-willing, from going forth on the path of fighting you and carrying Jihad against you, and we will exhaust all of our efforts to deter your oppression and rescue our prisoners tortured in your prisons; Allah is the Most Capable but most people do not comprehend.”