



Al-Qaeda Clashes with Yemeni Forces in Mareb

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Al Qaeda Al-Jihad Organization in the Arab Peninsula: "A Statement Regarding the Lastest Battle in Mareb" Released on: August 3, 2009



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"There is no God but Allah; Muhammad is the messenger of Allah"

"In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful."

((A statement regarding the last battle in Mareb))

"Praise be to Allah who said: {And fight them on until there is no more Tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in God. But if they cease, Let there be no hostility except to those who practice oppression, Surah Al-Baqara, 193}, and peace and prayer upon the messenger of Allah who said: 'he had put my blessing under my spear. He made the ones who do not do what I say submitted and surrendered. A nation that is similar to you is a part of you.' And to proceed...."

"The forces of the Yemeni government had waged a military operation in Mareb province, under the command of the director of the National Security Agency - the Americans' play-tool - Omar Muhammad Abdullah Saleh, after the visit of the American forces' Commander and Mohammad Bin Naif, the assistant to the Saudi minister of Interior (for security affairs) in Sanaa."

"They advanced in the direction of the black tribes, in order to attack the house of the Mujahid brother, Aidh al-Shabwani. They had bombarded his home and damaged several houses that were near it, using tanks and machineguns. Eight Mujahidin brothers stood in front of this unjustified aggressiveness, resisted it and prevented them from tightening their control over the house or enter it at the beginning (of the clash), before the reinforcement of their mujahideen brothers from near-by areas had come. A violent clash took place between the two sides, and lasted several hours. The Yemeni army suffered a shameful defeat. The results of the battle were:

- Five tanks were destroyed and damaged.
- One officer and a numerous number of soldiers were killed, and others injured.

- Seven soldiers were captured.
- A booty, which includes military equipment and weapons, was taken.”

“Also, the mujahideen bombarded the presidential palace, where Omar Saleh was staying in Mareb.”

“We thank Allah for these results, and would like to emphasize the following:”

“We denounce the news published by the media, regarding the death of the Mujahid brother aidh Al-Shabwani or one of the Mujahidin during this battle. The Yemeni government had gone too far in the Valley, and opened by itself a new front and a new war that did not exist before. The devils are heading to their death, and we condemn their evil actions. Our brothers, thank to Allah, are present everywhere, waiting for a sign to begin.”

“We would like to direct this call to the soldiers of the military forces: abandon this entity, which fights against Allah, his messenger and the believers, which assists the Jews and the Christians, and stands against the mujahideen, in a war against the ‘terror’, or in other words, against the Islamic religion, even if their souls will not leave their bodies, a thing that Almighty Allah does not want to happen.”

“We are warning all those who were tempted by the government and its commanders, to betray (the Islamic religion) - the shame caches up and stays, and defaces one’s tribe. His (the traitor’s) work will be for nothing and the government will no longer be able to protect itself. If not, your closest family will be the enemy of each other, because of unacceptable interests.”

“And soon will the unjust assailants know what vicissitudes their affairs will take!”

“Al-Qaidat ul-Jihad Organization in the Arabian Peninsula”

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