



## **AQIM: "To our Brothers and Relatives in Nigeria"**

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### **Al Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "Statement of Consolation, Advice, and Condolences to our Brothers and Family in Nigeria" Dated: August 17, 2009**



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"Praise to Allah, and peace and benediction be upon the messenger of Allah And upon his family and companions, and those who loyal to him."

"...We followed with broken hearts the events of the massacre which happened to our relatives and brothers in Nigeria on the past days, that barbaric crime and that ugly revenge which committed on the right of approximately 800 Muslims by wrecking their mosques and bombing their infirmary and tearing down their houses and the spiteful Christian army of Nigeria maiming murdered Muslims in the front of the sight and the hearing of the proud world with human rights and value of freedom and fake justice.."

"And the Christian group who is ruling the majority of Muslims tried to justify the crime by spreading lies and sullyng our Salafi brothers and their supporters from general Muslims. But the scenes of the killed unarmed innocent Muslims and the invalids and women and children and the scene of the sheik preacher martyr Mohamed Yusuf may Allah have mercy on him with signs of the savage torture on his pure body after his detention, all of it is plain fact that what happened is a crusader war and wrongful and unjust and oppression led by a minority of Christians against the majority of almost 80 million Muslims under the slogan of "Destroying Islam and Exterminating Muslims."

"And what kills our hearts with grief is for this horrific crime to take place amid total silence from the nation of one billion Muslims from east to west, and we haven't even witnessed one demonstration in condemnation. And in front of the tragedy that happened to our Nigerian Muslim brothers in general, and Salafi jihadists in particular, and with them the Shaykh Imam Mohamed Youcef, may Allah have mercy on him, we cannot but give our warmer condolence and support to the relatives of the martyrs and the injured, and pray that may Allah rescue them and replace with tragedy with good times and also remind them that tribulation and testing is Allah's norm for those who spread Islam..."

"Also we don't want to miss the opportunity to advise our brothers and loved ones to discard the separation and the disagreement and to recognize the important of unity to stand up in the face of the infidels disbelievers and to give our brothers the good news that the blood of the martyr is light and fire, and the blood of Shaykh Mohamed Yusuf and his brothers won't go just like that by

Allah's willing, light to lit the path for Muslims in Nigeria and fire to burn cross worshipers and to water the tree of Islam even with the hate of the infidels.”

“O’ Allah give our brothers patient and comfort and rescue them from their tragedy. O’ Allah give victory to your slaves Muslims in Nigeria over their enemies and be with them not against them and accept their martyrs and cure their wounded and free their captives and give them peace.”