



Statement from the Islamic Army of Iraq May 21, 2008

Statement from the Islamic Army of Iraq Regarding the Purported Arrest of One of Its Leaders in Tikrit Released on May 21, 2008



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"In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful."

"Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger."

"Some media and satellite channels reported information...that the occupation and government forces arrested one of Al-Qaeda Leaders in Nineveh but the so-called 'Tekreat' police in the center of Salahuddin province claimed that the leader, who was arrested is not Al-Qaeda but is a prominent leader of the Islamic Army in Iraq and that the arrest took place in the city of Tekreat, acting on intelligence information."

"We in the Islamic Army in Iraq deny such reports; the person in jail is not even a leading or a member in the Islamic Army in Iraq and that all the leaders of the army – thankfully – safe and continue their struggle in the battlefield against the occupation and its supporters culminating on them great losses, and we say to who sold his religion cheaply: you are in the lowest level of the lowliness, where you race to fight mujahedeen to serve the occupation, shame on you. Shame on all who sales [sic] his religion in order to achieve a life goal. Allah says: And soon will the unjust assailants know what vicissitudes their affairs will take!. Thank God, who ensures victory and empowerment."

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