



LIFG Faction Announces Split from Al-Qaida July 3, 2009

“An Open Speech Regarding the Details of the Dialogue Between the LIFG and the Libyan Regime” Released: July 3, 2009



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In the name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate

“Thanks due to Allah who facilitated for his believer servants a path for His graciousness, and clarified for them the road of guidance, and made the Messenger's companions a proof on that, and He took them as servants for him as they gave Him their worship and they did not take another [God] as procurator, and He wrote faith in their hearts and He supported them with His spirit when they accepted Allah as a Lord, and Islam as a religion, and Muhammad as a messenger, and thereafter:”

“In the light of the current dialogue between the leadership of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group and the Libyan regime—which lasted more than two years—and in achieving the will of the group's leadership, we wanted to, as current and former member of the group and other close persons, express out opinion in that, and we assure with the following points:”

“First: the group was risen initially to uncover the existing injustice upon our Libyan people, and to seek the establishment of justice and measure, and to achieve that considerable Sharia interests, and not to follow mortal benefits in life, or to achieve interests for inside and outside parties.”

“Second: the Libyan regime takes responsibility for sanctioning freedoms, violating rights, spreading oppression, injustice and corruption, absence of justice and equality, arresting many for their prayer in mosques and following the prophet's Sunna, and even liquidating them in prisons in a criminal way like what happened in the massacre of Abu Sleem prison, and shutting off the Da'wa in the faces of the youth.”

“Third: the Fighting Group, during the former years, excelled in solidifying with al-Sharia laws as the group forbade itself by many wrongful practices like random bombings, destroying private and public property, and targeting civilians.”

“Fourth: via reviewing the previous experience of the group, it became clear that the military work hasn't achieved any goals for the group regarding relieving injustice from people, and achieving considerable Sharia interests, and based upon this we support the decision of the group that demands stopping the military works inside of Libya, and to steadfast with the group's policy in not opening any outside fronts for whatever reason was.”

“Fifth: the group has the right to review its policies, and to look into the public interest regarding the efficiency of the face-offs or their absence, as the group's leadership are richest in previous experiences and in sacrifice, and they are trustworthy, loyal, and steadfast with promises.”

“Sixth: we announce our support to the current dialogue between the group's leadership and the Libyan regime if that'll lead to stopping bloodshed, releasing the prisoners, spreading security and justice, uniting the affairs of families, and allowing the chance for Da'wa, educational and political works.”

“Seventh: we reserve our right to express regarding the statement of al-Qaddafi Establishment for Development's commentary about the message of the group's Amir the brother Abd al-Hakeem Belhajj about the dialogue, and we denounce the security-oriented tone it entailed, which does not suit a party claiming neutrality.”

“We also reserve highly towards what was mentioned on the television program broadcasted by the Libyan channel—which discussed the history of the group by commentary on the speech of Saif al-Islam al-Qaddafi 'The truth for Tomorrow's Libya—and what was mentioned in it of forging the truth, flipping the facts, disfiguring the image of the group's history, and exaggerations by personalities that do not represent the Fighting Group, formerly or latterly.”

“Eighth: we demand the Libyan regime to show credibility in the dialogue, and we await what comes out from it, and the outcome of the dialogue's results, and we reserve our Sharia and natural right to oppose the regime if it doesn't back away from its former policies that led to crisis and occlusion.”

“Ninth: in the midst of what is known as 'war on terrorism,' various parties, headed by the Libyan regime, sought to connect the Fighting Group with al-Qa'eda Organization; the matter that resulted in adding the name of group to the lists of the so-called 'terrorist groups' in some countries, and closing in on its activities outside, and handing its leadership to the Libyan regime, and upon that we assure clearly the non-enrollment of the fighting group with al-Qa'eda Organization, formerly or latterly, and we demand these parties to delete the name of the Fighting Group from these lists, and to revise its policies towards the group.”

“Tenth: we assure what was said by Sheikh Abu al-Laith al-Liby—may Allah have mercy on him—regarding his enrollment in al-Qa'eda Organization, if that is what was understood, and this is an individual decision that opposes the main regulations of the group, which requires the approval of most members in the Shura Majlis like these important decisions.”

“This is what demanded to be stated regarding the details of the dialogue, and we call upon Allah, raised and glorified, to solidify the opinions and remove the error, and to make for the believers an openness and a way out, He is the Custodian and the most Capable, and Allah's prayer and peace upon our prophet Muhammad and his family and companions.”

Current and Former Members in the Islamic Fighting Group-Britain
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