



## **AQIM Rejects “Recent Media Lies”, Including Chem-Bio Accident**

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### **Al-Qaida’s Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: “A Response to the Recent Lies in the Media.”**

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“...Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds... In this statement, we wish to respond to two false news items that were published by some in the media, who have recently become accustomed to tricking, misleading, and deceiving public opinion. The first item: the fatwah that was published in several local and foreign newspapers on January 19, 2009, as part of a purported statement from Shaykh Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud, may Allah keep him safe—in which he accused Adel Imam of disbelief and authorized the shedding of his blood. The bizarre aspect of this situation with these newspapers is that they did not cite any specific source for this obvious lie. Therefore, we completely deny this issue and stress that what was attributed to the commander of our organization is nothing but a fabrication and a falsification. We want to further emphasize that any statement attributed to our organization received through forums whose source is not the Al-Fajr Media Center are not to be trusted.”

“The second item: on January 6, 2009, several journalists wrote reports, based upon information they had received from their bosses in the Algerian intelligence bureaus, about dozens of mujahideen who died from contracting the plague. According to their claims, this disease was spread throughout the ranks of Al-Qaida organization and that it will soon cause the collapse of this organization! Although these absurd matters and all of these worthless intelligence scams cannot fool those who pay attention, in order to maintain the confidence of our Muslim brothers, we wanted to announce that there was no truth to these rumors. The mujahideen, with Allah’s mercy, are in the best of shape. We don’t know anything about this so-called plague, because it never happened—other than perhaps in the minds and hearts of those collaborators who falsely carry the title of ‘journalists.’”

“We announce to our Islamic nation that the purpose of falsified reports such as these is to frighten young men away from joining the jihad and to become weapons on the battlefields. Beware, young men of Islam, and do not listen to these wicked lies. Frustrate the hypocrites, rise up, and go to the battlefields of honor and dignity. The real plague that threatens our nation’s existence is this apostate group of treacherous rulers who have allied themselves with the Jews and the Christians in order to destroy Gaza, to sell out Palestine, and to trample over our beliefs, honor, and sacred possessions. O’ Allah, protect our Muslim nation from the deception of the apostates and their lies and from the fabrications of the corrupt media and from their falsifications. O’ Allah, keep us away from their evilness with what you will... O’ Allah, grant victory to the mujahideen in every place and assist them with your power... Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar.”