



AQIM Denies Surrender of Abou Tamim Amine (a.k.a. Ben Touati Ali) February 3, 2009

Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "Denial of Reports Regarding the Surrender of Brother Amine, may Allah release him, the Commander of the al-Ansar Brigade."

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"...Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds... and prayers and peace be upon our prophet Mohammed, [on] his descendents, and his kind pure followers... Following the incident of the imprisonment of Brother Amine—the commander of the al-Ansar Brigade, may Allah protect him—last week while traveling en route to a jihadi mission, several news agencies mentioned the news, and they cited two stories. The first story, the accurate one, included the phrase 'the capture of.' But, the other false story is the one that certain media agencies, directed by the intelligence agencies, rushed to report—alleging that Brother Amine had surrendered to the apostates, and that he had served as their agent for a long while. From this, a bigger lie was extracted, built upon the first lie: namely, that our organization has been infiltrated from top down."

"And, it is not strange for the pens of the media to falsely and fraudulently spread something like this broken record—for the agent must spread the tales of his master in order to receive money... But the strange thing is some other media agencies have adopted these fairy tales conceived by the intelligence agencies without any proof or confirmation of the accuracy of the news, mowing down the basic principles of journalism. And, the lies and forgeries contained in this diseased report published by these mercenary pens were recently uncovered during the first field journalism investigation conducted by the site 'All About Algeria—which came to the resounding conclusion that the reports of these mercenary pens are mere accusations and illusions... And this is what we confirmed in an official statement a few days ago."

"Accordingly, we strongly deny the news of the surrender of Brother Amine, the commander of the al-Ansar Brigade (central zone)—may Allah free him from his shackles—and we confirm that our brother was captured last week while in the midst of a jihadi mission. We ask Allah to ease his hardship, and allow us to liberate our prisoners from the Algerian Guantanamo. We bring the pleasant news to the apostates and their masters that there are still lions left in the al-Ansar Brigade, and men with the same level of skill and expertise as as Brother Amine. Each time one of their commanders is killed or imprisoned, another one rises—and they have sworn an oath to Allah to keep their swords unsheathed, chopping off the heads of the agents until every single inch of the Muslim world is freed from every infidel, apostate, and agent... So rejoice, O' apostates, in what will harm you. O' Allah, protect our Islamic nation from the falsifications of the apostates, their lies, and the accusations of their mercenary pens and their schemes. O' Allah, relieve us from their harm as you wish..."

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