



## **AQIM Claims Bombing Attack on French Contractors in Algeria**

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### **Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: "The Battle of Abdelrahman al-Thulathi (The Killing of 2 French Nationals and 37 Apostates, and Wounding Dozens of Others)."**

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"...In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful... Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds... and peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Mohammed, his family, supporters, and those who continue to follow his path until Judgment Day."

"O' our beloved Islamic nation: here again we are witnessing the lions of Islam from among your righteous sons, writing new epic legends each day with their blood, and using their bodies to frame the most beautiful portraits of sacrifice and selflessness, to repel the assault of the infidels and the apostates that is plotting to enslave and murder you. In releasing this communiqué, we carry the good news to you of the successful completion of the Battle of the Martyr Abdelrahman al-Thulathi, during which the descendants of Tariq bin Ziyad have sought revenge for a commander from amongst their commanders—exactly as they had previously promised and threatened... The battle resulted in a successful conclusion, just as the mujahideen had planned—reaping a severe harvest from among the apostates and their masters. It also uncovered the extent of the lies and deception of the security forces, the revelation of which has begun to disturb the slumber of the tyrants."

- "The first target of the raid was the pagan guard barracks in Burj Kaifan [east of] the capital Algiers. This barracks served as an academy for approximately 3,000 soldiers. After following up, making preparations, and observing it over the space of four months, the mujahideen discovered two vulnerabilities. First, the overcrowding of its main gate at closing time each Wednesday evening as the men were inspected upon leaving through the gate. The second was the gathering of these apostates at a café nearby to the barracks. The mujahideen were able to confirm that [this café] was not frequented by innocent, ordinary Muslims, but rather catered only to soldiers. Consequently, the mujahideen decided to attack these two vulnerable points with a pair of martyrdom operations. On the evening of Wednesday,



June 4, 2008, the courageous martyrdom seeker Yousef Abu Baseer al-Aasmi marched forth while wearing an explosive vest in order to attack the apostate villains who had gathered near the main gate and, by the grace of Allah, was able to infiltrate their ranks and blow himself up amongst them. Only moments later, the lion and martyrdom seeker Ibrahim al-Adham—who was waiting in the café amongst another group of apostates—detonated his explosive vest [raining] further torment upon them, and causing many casualties. According to our sources, these martyrdom operations resulted in the deaths of more than 23 apostates from the pagan guard and wounding dozens more.”



- “The mujahideen executed the second operation of this campaign on the following day, June 5, 2008. A massive explosive device was detonated targeting an apostate army convoy in Ras Jannat (Boumerdas). The explosion caused at least fourteen casualties among the soldiers, all praise be to Allah.”
- “The third operation of this campaign executed by the mujahideen targeted two French crusaders working for the Razel company in Beni Amrane (Boumerdas). Following much preparation and careful observation, the mujahideen decided to target the French delegation, despite the heavy security blanket provided by their apostate servants. The mujahideen planted two huge explosive devices near the apostate barracks in Beni Amrane. On Sunday, June 8, 2008, the mujahideen detonated the first explosive targeting a French vehicle. When the apostates attempted to intervene, the mujahideen confronted them and detonated the second explosive device. There were a total of 2 French nationals and 9 apostates killed, and an unknown number of others were wounded.”

“With this operation, the harvest of the Battle of the Martyr Abdelrahman [al-Thulathi] came to a total of 37 [apostate] soldiers and two French nationals, not to mention dozens of injured from the ranks of the enemy. Among the blessings from this battle was the immediate shutdown of operations by the French company, whose presence has posed risks which the mujahideen have, for so long, warned of—and of [the risks posed] by others Christian companies. We have clarified several times that these [companies] are legitimate targets for the mujahideen and that they will enjoy no safety, by the power of Allah and his might, under the protection of the apostates. Another blessing resulting from this raid were the tremors of terror and anxiety that have rippled through the ranks of the pagan guards, who did not expect that the mujahideen would be able to reach such fortified and secure positions.”

“This battle has revealed the degree to which the media has been used by the apostates to spread lies and deceit about the attacks of the courageous mujahideen, and it demonstrates the utter speechlessness they suffer whenever some of their true losses are revealed to the general public—and how they struggle with all their strength to conceal the secret facts and to spread their lies amongst the people. For the Interior Ministry lied when it concealed the fact that there had been a second martyrdom-seeker during the operation targeting the pagan guards, who succeeded in tearing those surrounding him in the café to shreds. And then, there are the lies concerning the harvest of this operation—which they did not even admit ten percent of—which were further aided by a security clampdown that was put in force in the region, and no reporter was given information about the apparent losses. Once again, the Interior Ministry lied about the harvest of the operation at Beni Amrane, and denied the news report by the French media agency which was mostly accurate. The mujahideen were amazed at their denials after they had witnessed with their own eyes the bodies of the two French nationals and the 8 soldiers who were scattered across the scene of the attack.”

“The Ministry of Communication called and suspended the press certification of the correspondent from the French news agency in order to enforce the national lie created by the regime and in order to control other external media sources. As for the remaining internal media sources [inside Algeria], they have been long since tamed [by the regime], and they spread lies each day about the killing of an imaginary number of mujahideen in security sweeps by the apostates that never catch anything but wind and emptiness. Once again, as usual, we must expose this series of endless lies and falsehood, and show how these apostates are nothing but bats, which fear the light of truth whenever the sun rises over the world of man.”

“So, congratulations to you, O’ mujahideen, for your battle and your combat operations, and congratulations be unto you for exposing and revealing what the apostates have attempted to conceal. May Allah accept our martyrs Abu Baseer and Ibrahim, for they were model examples in all ways, from their manners, selflessness, and patience, to their desire for the hereafter. We pray to Allah to grant them a place in the highest levels of paradise alongside our beloved Prophet Mohammed and his companions. As for the crusaders and their servants from among the apostates, we say to you: take heed of this good news about how you will suffer, for the Brigades of our faith have sworn to target you and to stop your fraudulent conspiracy against the Islamic nation—and we are coming, by the will of Allah, so start digging your own graves.”

“O’ Allah, grant victory to the mujahideen everywhere and support them with your aid. O’ Allah, punish the Jews, the Christians, and their servants from among the apostates. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar; and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and to the mujahideen.”