



## **AQIM Demands Release of Abu Qatada in Exchange for British Hostage April 26, 2009**

### **Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "A Statement Regarding the Kidnapped Six Hostages by the Organization" Dated: April 26, 2009**



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"Thanks due to Allah, and prayer and peace upon Allah's messenger and his family, companions, and supporters, thereafter:"

"We announce in this statement for the general public that, with Allah's grace only, four imprisoned mujahideen were released in exchange for releasing four hostages by the organization, and they are: Canadians *Robert Fowler* and *Louis Guay*, German *Marianne Petzold*, and the Swiss *Gabriella Burco Greiner*."

"And, on another side we announce that the organization still has hold of the Briton *Edwen Dyer* and the Swiss tourist *Werner Greiner* until our rightful demands are met."

"And accordingly, we demand the British Government...release the maltreated sheikh Abu Outada al-Filasteeni, protected by Allah, in exchange for releasing their British citizen, and we give them twenty-day period starting from the release date of this statement, and at the end of period the mujahideen will execute the British hostage if they don't see a response to their demand, and he who warned is excused (and you have been warned)."

*"Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar"*

"Dearness *is* to Allah, His messenger, and the mujahideen"

Al-Qa'eda Organization in Islamic Maghreb