



Statement from Fatah al-Islam in Palestine

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“...In the name of Allah the Compassionate and Merciful... Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and greetings to our Prophet Mohammed, his family, and all of his supporters...”

“The Shura Council of the Fatah al-Islam Movement in the Land of Ribat [Palestine] has convened and agreed to appoint Shaykh Abu Abdelrahman al-Ghazzawi as the emir [commander] of the organization in the Land of Ribat [Palestine]. Shaykh Abu Abdelrahman al-Ghazzawi is a very kind brother, with much previous experience in jihad and deep-seeded roots in theology, and we ask that Allah guides his decisions and his mission. With the help of his hands, the Shaykh will be able to complete what he has begun by establishing the Fatah al-Islam Movement in the Land of Ribat [Palestine].”

“And we must heed the words of the all-knowing Lord, ‘They desire to extinguish Allah’s Light with their mouths. But Allah refuses to do other than perfect His Light, even though the infidels detest it. It is He Who sent His Messenger with guidance and the True Religion to exalt it over every other religion, even though the idolaters detest it.’ [Surat al-Tawbah 32-33]”

“Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to the Messenger and the Believers... Do not forget us in your prayers.”