



Statement from Al-Qaida's Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) May 29, 2008

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“...In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. All praise and thanks are due to Allah, and may peace and the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Mohammed, his family, and all his supporters. The signs of victory have appeared in Nineveh province, despite the claims from the stooges of al-Maliki that they have taken control of the city and have wiped out the mujahideen. Today, we bring to the Islamic nation the good news that this land is still under the control of the mujahideen—not the apostates.”

“On Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 8:30am, a heroic soldier from the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) (may Allah preserve it) attacked the Al-Sadeer Hotel, the headquarters of the Badr Corps and the Interior Ministry commandos—wherein resides the Deputy Interior Minister and many officers. There, they assembled each day to wage their attacks against the people of this beloved city. Our brother broke into and interrupted their gathering, tearing them all to shreds and leaving behind rotten corpses. Afterwards, the pickup trucks of the apostates were observed carrying away their bodies, praise and thanks be to Allah. We ask Allah to accept our brother among his martyrs and grant him a place in the highest ranks of paradise.”

“We say to al-Maliki and his followers: ‘Prepare for more bad news, for the signs of victory have appeared in Mosul. The earth belongs to Allah, and he grants it as a heritage to those from among his loyal servants...’ These operations were executed as part of the Obedience Campaign declared by ISI Minister of War Shaykh Abu Hamza al-Muhajir (may Allah grant him victory) and are included within the Dignity Plan, which was announced by ISI Amir al-Mumineen Shaykh Abu Omar al-Baghdadi (may Allah keep him safe), the commander of the Islamic State of Iraq.”

“O’ Revealer of the Book, Mover of the Heavens, Destroyer of Our [Enemies]! Destroy the Crusaders, the hateful Shiites, and their allies. O’ Allah, make them and their equipment a booty for the Muslims. O’ Allah, shake them and destroy them. Allahu Akhbar.”