



Statement from Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) Spokesman in Mosul May 26, 2008

Al-Qaida's Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) - Statement from the Media Spokesman for the Nineveh Province (Mosul): "Support from Allah and the Imminent Victory." Released on May 26, 2008



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"...The Al-Furqan Foundation is pleased to present a speech from the ISI Media Spokesman for Nineveh Province: 'Support from Allah and the Imminent Victory.'"

"In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful, all praise and thanks are due to Allah, who supports Islam and Muslims, and degrades the infidels and the apostates... And may peace and the blessings of Allah be on our Prophet, through whom Allah supported Islam by means of his sword... Verily, Allah has blessed us with jihad in his cause, a blessing which we still enjoy and take great pride in. Thus, it is to be expected that the infidels and apostates from all factions would band together in order to fight the patient, steadfast mujahideen—because this is exactly what Allah and his Messenger have promised us. The occupiers and their stooges will never be contented as long Muslims are ruled by the laws of Allah, because if these laws were to be implemented all over the world for only one day, none of the infidels would survive. That is why the infidels, the apostates, their troops, and their allies have gathered together to fight the soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), which has taken on the responsibility of fighting the enemies of Allah wherever they are."

"However, today, we are the bearers of good news for the Islamic nation, that the soldiers of the ISI were well-prepared to confront the crusaders and their apostate allies—and since the very first day of the so-called 'Operation Lion's Roar', we have taken to the battlefield and attacked the apostates from the police and army. On Saturday, March 10, 2008, our heroes targeted the Interior Minister, the Persian Jawad [al-Bulani] in the al-Ghabat neighborhood. As he was passing by, the heroes from the ISI attacked his convoy but he managed to escape. Separately, the mujahideen also attacked apostate patrols in the al-Shifaa, al-Yarmuk, and Mosul al-Jadeeda neighborhoods, and elsewhere. Moreover, a number of explosive devices were detonated targeting them in the al-Quds and al-Masarif neighborhoods, and in Karaj ash-Shamal. In the Tal al-Ruman neighborhood, an explosive device was detonated, killing five [apostates] and



wounding four others, according to their own admissions. Afterwards, Badr Corps members assaulted the homes of nearby residents and killed a number of civilians, including the Imam of a mosque. Furthermore, our soldiers also targeted the agent al-Maliki in a Katyusha rocket attack while he was conducting a meeting with the Provincial Council members. And the operations will continue ongoing, Allah willing, as long as we are still alive.”

“The enemy has refused to admit these facts. To the contrary, they have claimed that not a single shot was fired at them! And after the apostates failed with the initial phase of their plan, al-Maliki and his supporters plotted unsuccessfully to play games of trickery by renaming the campaign, calling for the reconstruction of Mosul, and offering a pardon to armed factions willing to hand over their weapons. But those of us from the Islamic State of Iraq have never suggested that we are opposed to the reconstruction of Mosul, and we will not be, so long as it is undertaken by sincere and honest building contractors. Yet, at the same time, we are not going to allow the agents of Massud [al-Barzani] and Jalal [al-Talabani] to waste the wealth of the Muslims. After all, what kind of reconstruction and re-building can you be talking about—you are the ones who violated the honor of our people, stole their wealth, and worked as thieves?! You have even violated the sanctity of our mosques!”

“Regarding the pardon offered to the armed factions, we reply to al-Maliki and his men that the soldiers of the ISI cannot be dealt with in the same way as the shameful Mahdi Army, whose soldiers surrendered their weapons to the crusaders for few measly dollars. The soldiers of the ISI, as well as their brothers from other sincere mujahideen organizations, share a strong and fixed belief compelling them to fight the infidels who have invaded the lands of the Muslims—and their allies as well. It also requires that the laws of Allah be enforced among the people... So this belief compels us to kill anyone who tries to fight against Islam and the Muslims, and whenever we have the opportunity to implement the laws of Allah on an infidel or apostate, we consider this to be an act of obedience to Allah. Likewise, the Sahaba [the companions of the Prophet] used to compete with each other to kill the leaders of the infidels and the apostates, and the annals of Islamic history are rich with such tales. Thus, we are not the sort of people who accept a pardon granted to us by apostates. On the contrary, we offer them the opportunity to repent and beg for forgiveness from Allah—and if you refuse this offer which we are once again making, then we will never lay down our weapons until we are either successful in annihilating you, or else we are killed. And we dare you to try and identify even a single mujahid who has handed over his weapon to you.”

“O’ al-Maliki, you should know that we are fighting in order to make the word of Allah supreme, to support his religion, and to drive out his enemies. Our fight is based upon our creed and faith. Sacrificing ourselves in the cause of Allah is substantially more attractive to us than responding to your calls. In our eyes, you are villainous and lowly, so go away, you cheaply-bought enemies of Allah—may Allah pour his wrath upon you. If you really are the commander-in-chief of the apostate army, then why didn’t you take a step on to one of the streets of Mosul during your visit here—rather than hiding in your fortified castle under the protection of your crusader masters and your mad dogs?”

“We send you a warning in return that the soldiers of the ISI have granted you a period of several days in order for you to peacefully leave this blessed city, which you have desecrated with your contaminated feet. If not, you will witness what they will do to you. Everyone knows about the crimes you have committed, which the pages of history will never forget—the best evidence of which are the recent transgressions of the Wolf Brigade in Mosul. Today you are lying and deceiving people with your promises of reconstruction and spreading security. Where is the security that you have brought to this city, where you have arrested many sons of Mosul since the beginning of your campaign, among them many officers from the former [Iraqi] army, as well as professors and university students—who have committed no sin other than despising you and opposing your arrival in their hometown. We will never forget the heartless crimes against humanity committed by your crusader masters, despite their claims of being its defenders.”

“At this point, we would like to offer our thanks to those from the pure tribes and their Shaykhs who have stood up for their kin and their sons [the mujahideen], and have beseeched Allah in their prayers to make the mujahideen steadfast and to keep them safe from the hatred of the treacherous Shiites. O’ dear honorable people, we are closely watching ongoing events and we know well the details of this conspiracy and oppressive campaign... we are the ones who are in control of the situation, and we will choose the suitable time to respond according to the conditions of the present battle.”

“And we bring the good news to you that we are at our full capabilities, and we have not lost a single soldier—neither killed nor arrested. This reality is totally different from what was published by the mass media of the tyrants, which claimed that more than 1,000 fighters were captured, including an officer and commanders. They also claimed that they had arrested the top commander of the ISI in Nineveh province. This is nothing but lies, fabrications, and the falsification of facts. Our commanders and our fighters are on the battlefield like lions emerging from their dens and waiting to swoop down on the crusader pigs, apostate dogs, and hypocrite foxes. In fact, we haven’t even lost a single weapon, contrary to their claims of seizing vast stores of weapons and explosives. As for you, O’ members of the satanic Islamic Party, we have prepared great harm for you, because you are the ones who brought the [Shiites] into our lands and have welcomed them here—and that crime will not pass without appropriate punishment, a response that you will see, not one that you will merely hear.”