



Al-Qaida Announces "Martyrdom" of Shaykh Abu Khabab al-Masri July 30, 2008

"Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid / Al-Qaidat ul-Jihad Organization: Communiqué Regarding the Martyrdom of Several Heroes, Including the Blessed Shaykh Abu Khabab al-Masri." Dated July 30, 2008



[This document is a transcript of an Arabic-language communiqué obtained by NEFA investigators and translated into English by cEIFIT LTD. This transcript is provided for educational and informational purposes only. In May 2007, Al-Qaida's official As-Sahab Media Wing identified Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid (a.k.a. "Shaykh Saeed") as "the overall head of al-Qaida Organization in Afghanistan." According to As-Sahab, al-Yazid "took part in founding al-Qaida in 1989, and is a member of the Shura council of Qaida al-Jihad."]

"In the name of Allah, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful... Praise be to Allah; blessings and peace upon his messenger, upon his family, and companions. On a well-known road, on a clear route, and on a trodden path, the convoys of martyrs never stop marching, one after the other, towards [paradise]. [They march] with patience, certainty, faith, and persistence, refusing to settle for any place but there, where the divine resides with Mohammed and his companions..."

"This convoy was joined today by the ranks of new heroes, whom we consider to be part of our ancestors who showed great courage in obeying Allah and fighting jihad in his cause—as they chanted: what can my enemies do to me? [We] are slain as martyrs, martyrdom is our highest and most noble desire, and it may happen that you will hate a thing even though it is good for you. Paradise is our goal..."

"These heroes are: the great brother Dr. Abu Khabab al-Masri; the Mujahid Shaykh and educator Abu Mohammed Ibrahim Bin Abu al-Faraj al-Masri; Dr. Abdelwahab al-Masri; Dr. Abu Islam al-Masri; and, along with them, several of their children. May Allah have mercy on them all, welcome them among his martyrs, and raise them towards holy paradise. Finally, we send our condolences to their families, brothers, and mothers. We also wish them prayers for martyrdom and victory, Allah willing. We say to the enemies of Allah, whom his wrath is upon, and who have gone astray: Allah is sustaining those who will harm you, O' enemies of Allah. The balance of power is not always the same and neither is it equal. Our dead are in paradise and your dead are in the furnace of hell. Allah is our lord and not yours."



"Although Abu Khabab has departed from us, he has left behind him—by the mercy and grace of Allah—a generation of honorable young men who will cause you torment and avenge him and his brothers, with the support of Allah. Although an expert has left us, he has left in his wake—thanks to Allah—new experts who have trained under him and learned from him over the years to volunteer, to sacrifice, and to be patient and tolerant on the path of righteousness. These efforts thrived and bore fruit, and he became happy and satisfied. Was it not Abu Khabab's desire to become a martyr and was it not his overriding wish to die in this way?! This is what he was

always devoted to and what he had always asked for. He repeatedly requested from his commanders permission to lead a martyrdom operation, longing for Allah and yearning for [paradise]. Allahu Akhbar.”