



Al-Qaida Claims Attempted Assassination of Saudi Prince Nayef August 28, 2009

“Al-Qaidat al-Jihad Organization in the Arabian Peninsula: ‘A Statement Claiming Responsibility for the Attempted Assassination of the Tyrant Mohammed bin Nayef al-Saud.’” Dated: August 28, 2009



[This document is the translation of an Arabic-language statement obtained by NEFA investigators on behalf of the NEFA TerrorWatch subscription service. On August 27, 2009, a suicide bomber professing a desire to recant his support for Al-Qaida and swear allegiance to Saudi authorities attempted to assassinate the Deputy Interior Minister of Saudi Arabia, Prince Mohammed bin Nayef al-Saud. Al-Saud was slightly injured in the attack, which took place during Ramadan celebrations in the Saudi Kingdom.]

“In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate...”

“A statement claiming responsibility for the attempted assassination of the Tyrant Mohammed bin Nayef al-Saud... In a sophisticated operation and security breach which is the first of its time in the Arabian Peninsula, we have targeted the Deputy Interior Minister for security matters, the tyrant and criminal Mohammed bin Nayef al-Saud, who has waged war against Allah, his messenger, and his faithful servants, and he is among the evildoers. As you know, the courageous brother mujahid, the martyred fugitive from the 85 most wanted list, “Abu al-Khayr”, Abdullah Hassan Taleh Aseri by the grace and power of Allah was able to enter [Nayef’s] palace and circulate amongst his bodyguards, thereupon igniting his explosive device—we will not disclose how it was made or the method of detonation—after he passed through all the checkpoints in Najran and Jeddah airports, and was transferred aboard the plane that belongs to the aforementioned [Nayef].”



“And Allah has enabled us to uncover a network of spies and collaborators who are in league with that criminal [Nayef] and which the government of Yemen is oblivious to. There are exciting details that we will announce later, Allah-willing. O’ tyrants, rest assured that you will suffer, because your fortresses won’t be able to protect you from us. We will reach you soon from where you least expect—thus, you should take care if you can, but we do not believe you will.”

