



Shabaab al-Mujahideen Announces New Spokesman May 21, 2009

Shabaab al-Mujahideen: "Shaykh Ali Dheere is Appointed the Official Spokesman..." Released: May 21, 2009



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"On Thursday, May 21, 2009, the Supreme Council of Shabaab al Mujahidiin appointed Shaykh Ali Mahmud Ragi, known as Shaykh Ali Dheere, formerly the ruler of the Islamic State in the central regions of Somalia, as the official spokesman for Shabaab al Mujahidiin - the Asra Army of Somalia.

"Shaykh Ali Dheere succeeds Shaykh Mukhtar Ribow Ali Abu Mansur - may Allah protect him."

"Shaykh Abu Mansur - may Allah protect him - held the position for more than two years and worked very well. For this he enjoys the respect and love of Muslims around the world."

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