



Taliban Issue Statement on the Formation of “Awakening”-Style Units February 1, 2009

“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA): The Position of the Emirate Concerning the Formation of Militias under the Name of Popular Councils (the Awakening Movements).” Dated February 1, 2009



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

“1.) The slave Kabul administration can label these militias with any name it wants, but in fact they are just like those from the former communist-era, such as Gilam Jam ([Abdul Rashid] Dostum’s militia) and the Abduljabbar militia. The nation should not be deceived by these names.”

“2.) The formation of these new militias is testimony to the fact that U.S., NATO, and Afghan National Army and local police forces have suffered total defeat at the hands of the Taliban. They are like a drowning person trying to grab any object floating by. They are repeating the same experience of the communists.”

“3.) The brave nation of Afghanistan will not consider these irresponsible raiders as their defenders, and neither will they dispatch their sons to join these useless ranks. Those who stand alongside them shall face the same fate as of the hirelings of the puppet regime.”

“4.) All the officials from the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan—especially our leaders, with the help of religious scholars, notables, elders, and jihadi commanders—will completely thwart this conspiracy of the enemies of Islam and the Emirate aimed at prolonging the infighting amongst the Afghans. They will deal a bone-breaking defeat to the occupiers and their slaves, as they did to the previous invaders.”