



Islamic Jihad Union: "A Chat With Commander Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih" May 31, 2007

Interview with Islamic Jihad Union (IJU) Leader Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih (a.k.a. Najmiddin Kamolitdinovich Jalolov) Interview Released: May 31, 2007



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[Question 1] "When and why Islamic Jihad Union was established?"

[Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih]

"After the fall of the Afghanistan Islamic Administration, we who shared the same opinions came together and decided to organize groups which will conduct jihad operations against the infidel constitution of cruel Karimov in Uzbekistan. The sole aim off all the emigrant-mujahideen brothers was to find war-like solutions against the infidel constitution of cruel Karimov. For this aim our union was established in 2002."

"During the foundation of our union, first god, then many brothers helped us deeply. Together with them we gathered to discuss what to do. They gave us all the financial, moral, scientific and operational help we needed. May god accept their help and be with them."

[Question 2] "Could you give us information about the creed and the way of this community?"

[Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih]

"Our union's aim is, under the flag of justice and Islam Dominancy, to save our Muslim brothers who have been suffering from the cruelty of pre-soviet period and Uzbekistan, and to take them out of the swamp of cruelty an infidelity, as well as to help other Muslim brothers all around the world as god and his prophet's orders. And this Islamic

Jihad Union is composed of Sunni Muslims who act under the creed of honest predecessors who fight with the principles of the Sunnis in the way of god and who spread god's invitation to Islam."

"One of the targets of this union is to invite the world to god's religion, to save Muslims in the above mentioned countries from the cruelty of the godless and to bring freedom to them as well as to fight in the way of the sole god under the name of Jihad until all religions be god's."

"And all the above mentioned duties are obligatory for all Muslims. Being a Muslim community, we came together to fulfill our duties with god's blessing."

"We will try to handle internal problems we encounter in the future, with the strong guidance of Koran and Sunna under the Sunni vision and this line, we will consult with the wise and experienced scholars in the world of Islam especially Jihad. What we understand from Ehli Sunne Vel-Cemea (Sunni) is the owners of four sects and honest predecessors. We respect them all."

"All together hold on to God's rope and don't fall apart' ordered god in Koran."

"And Our Prophet told us in his farewell pilgrim, 'I give you two things-god's book and my Sunna. If you hold tightly on them, then you will never convert.' [A]nd we prayed god to enable us to follow his will and we united at the creed of honest predecessors."

"As our prophet ordered: 'No Islam without community, no community without order, no order without obedience!'"

[Question 3] "Who actually are the members of this community? Can we say that these members belong to a particular path of god or nation or a region?"

[Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih]

"Our member brothers are the mujahedeen who suffered in the name of the religion, who left their homelands, parents, homes, families, who were oppressed in prisons with the aim of protecting their beliefs; And they are the people who fight for the freedom of the desperate men, women and children that pray night and day for the blessing of god and say: 'God!

Send us a saint, send us a guardian and take us out of this country which is ruled by cruel leaders' and also, mujahedeen are the people who walk in the path of god with the desire to become martyrs and 'Some of them lost their lives for this holy cause and the others are still waiting for this holy moment to keep their word."

"As we are also saying that members of our union are not members of a specific tribe or a nation. As there is no nationalism and tribalism in Islam, our union is formed of the believers from all over the world and multi-national emigrants travelling to praise the religion."

[Question 4] "If it is not a secret, can you please inform us of your recent and future activities?"

[Ebu Yahya Muhammed Fatih]

"To day we proceed according to our targeted goals with all our means."

Muslim youth in the republics of former Soviet Union who found the path of Allah and are ready to fight for their religion have been trained in various fields in the training facilities of the Union, and we praise god for this. One of the armed forces of the Union is active in Afghanistan. Besides, we have been in contact and also been working on our common targets together with Caucasian mujahideen. We have also been working together on plans and aims against the infidel regime of Uzbekistan, which is one of our major targets. We wish god to bless us and help us achieve our targeted goals."

"Prosperity only comes from God; Because, God is great and almighty. May God have his blessings and mercy upon you."