



AQIM: Statement on the Italian and French Hostages February 6, 2010

Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) Statement re: the Italian and French Hostages Released on: February 6, 2010



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"Praise Allah who said in his holy book: 'whoever attacks you then you attack back equally as you were attacked, and be devout to Allah and know that Allah is the pious ones,' [al-Baqara. Verse 194], and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and followers, and thereafter: In continuing to inform the public opinion with updates on the case of the Western hostages held by al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb, and in raising our reasons against those crusaders who care-less about the souls of their citizens, we announce the following:"

"First: after the end of the first period that was given by the mujahideen to France and Mali regarding the French hostage, the mujahideen have decided, for specific considerations, to extend the concluded period of time until the day of February 20th, 2010, and at the end of this additional valuable chance, we would have exhausted everything in our capability, and hereafter, France and Mali will have to hold complete responsibility for the life of the hostage in case the demands aren't answered."

"Second: the mujahideen have decided to demand the release of our prisoners whom the Italian negotiator was informed about their names, in exchange for the release of the Italian Sergio Cicala, and we give the Italian government a period of 25 days beginning on the publication date of this statement, and we call upon this government that is engaging in the war against Islam and Muslims to comprehend that protecting the lives of its citizens requires serious correspondence with our legitimate demands."

"Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar"

"Dearness is to Allah, His messenger and the believers"

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