



## **Ezzedeem Al-Qassam Brigades: Statement on Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's Murder March 22, 2004**

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"In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful"

"Among the Believers are men who carried out what they pledged to God. Some of them have paid their vow by dying, while some of them are still waiting for that, but they have not changed in the least.[Quran, 33:23]"

"Zionist murderers, you granted our Sheikh martyrdom and we will grant you sudden death in every city and street!"

"Our Arab Nation and Islamic World Community! Sons and daughters of our Palestinian people:"

"• The Zionist terrorist Nazis today targeted our Sheikh, the founder, leader, honorable Mujahid Sheikh Ahmad Yassin after he had performed the dawn prayer in the Mosque of the Islamic Community. What the Zionists have done today signifies the greatest collapse and failure, as they guided their black and hateful rockets at the wheelchair of the disabled Sheikh Ahmad Yassin. They thought that they killed him, but the Zionists did not realize that millions of Muslims will come out against them to inflict the greatest devastating destruction."

"• Today, a Yassin will come out against them from every city and in every street and lane to grant them sudden death after they granted him the martyrdom which his total paralysis did not stop him from seeking. Today, the criminal Sharon has issued an order to kill hundreds of Zionists in every street and every inch of territory occupied by the Zionists, as a pledge to our Sheikh, Abu Muhammad, that we will complete his march; that we will pursue the Zionists in every place in which they hide."

"• Abu Muhammad, your martyrdom warrior sons are near. They will convey our response to you. Congratulations to you, our leader, teacher, Sheikh, professor, symbol, the apple of our eye, the core of our hearts. Sheikh, Palestine and the world Muslim Community will not miss you, for in every house, on every street have been planted godly, intrepid men who carry forward your ideas and march on your path."

"• The Martyr Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, as they bear away before the whole world the founder of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, and the leader of the Muslim Brotherhood

Organization in Palestine, the honorable leader, Sheikh Ahmad Ismail Yassin (Abu Muhammad), and his companions, affirm the following:”

“1. The one who issued the order to assassinate Sheikh Ahmad Yassin was only issuing an order to kill hundreds of Zionists.”

“2. The Zionists did not dare to do this act without getting the agreement of the terrorist American administration. It must therefore bear responsibility for this crime.”

“3. Our response will be what the Zionists soon see, not what they hear, by the grace of God.”

“4. The response to the assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin will not be carried out by all the detachments of the Mujahid Palestinian people alone. Rather, the Muslims of the entire Islamic world will have the honor of participating in the response to this crime.”

“They ask you when will it be, Tell them, may perhaps be soon. [Quran: 17:51]”

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