



## Statement from "Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb"

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### Statement from "the Al-Qaida Network in the Islamic Maghreb" on "The Battle of the Martyr Sufyan Abu Haydara" Released on December 11, 2007



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"The Al-Qaida Network in the Islamic Maghreb declares 'The Battle of the Martyr Sufyan Abu Haydara... Praise be to Allah who strengthens Islam, who subjugates the apostates, who manages everything by his word, who seduces the apostates with his wit..."

"Allah said, 'Allah has bought from the believers their lives and their money in exchange for Paradise. Thus, they fight in the cause of Allah, willing to kill and be killed... You shall rejoice in making such an exchange. This is the greatest triumph... Here we have another successful raid... [carried out] by the lions of faith with their blood, and those who long for the virgins of paradise will use the remnants of their bodies in order to defend the wounded Islamic nation and in order to hurt the crusaders, their agents who are servants of America, and the people of France."



Top: "Abdelrahman Abu Abdel Nasser al-Asimi"

Bottom: "Ibrahim Abu Uthman"

"With the approach of blessed Eid ul-Adha [on December 20], we bring news to the Islamic nation of twin suicide bombings executed by a group of its sons in the name of Allah, and the details are as follows. [The first attack was carried out by] the heroic martyr Shaykh Ibrahim Abu Uthman, who launched his mission this morning driving a truck loaded with no less than 800 kg of explosives in order to destroy the nest of international apostasy, the United Nations headquarters in Algiers, which is located in... the Haydara neighborhood. He smashed through the massive fortifications and totally surprised them, blowing up his truck. According to our inside sources, the attack yielded an initial harvest of no less than 60 fatalities and dozens of people wounded from the ranks of the crusaders and apostates. The building was completely destroyed, praise be to Allah."

"[The second attack was carried out by] the hero martyr Abdelrahman Abu Abdel Nasser al-Asimi, who simultaneously drove his own truck loaded with no less than 800 kg. of explosives into the

headquarters of the constitutional council, adjacent to the elite police officer academy in the Ben Aknoun district of Algiers. According to our inside sources, the explosion caused the deaths of no less than 50 people, and dozens of others were wounded from the ranks of the apostates. A large part of the building was destroyed, praise be to Allah.”

“This successful assault comes on the heels of a number of other mujahideen operations, the most important of which were:

“1.) The attack carried by mujahideen from the southern zone under the orders of the commander Yahya Abu Umar. On the evening of Thursday, November 8, 2007, they targeted the military airport in Jannat and succeeded—with the help of Allah—in damaging three military airplanes. They were then able to safely return to their bases.”

“2.) The successful attack carried out by the mujahideen on the east side of the Ain el-Dafla district on Saturday, December 8, 2007 in the western zone under the orders of Shaykh Abu Asim Abu Hayyan. They detonated two explosive devices targeting a convoy of Russian foreigners working for the [Stroi] Trans Gaz company. The attack caused damage to the convoy and there were an undetermined number of casualties amongst the Russians and the gendarmerie forces who were guarding them.”

“O’, infidels and apostates, the ‘Battle of the Martyr Sufyan Abu Haydara’ was meant to clarify certain issues and wipe out the myths that you have been spreading, which are entirely fictional. This attack was meant to destroy the myth of ‘the elimination of the hardcore [AQIM] fighters’ that you have fabricated. [With this operation], commander Hudayfa Abu Yunis al-Asimi—commander of the central zone and the replacement of the martyr Abu Haydara—is paying you back in kind... and is proving to you by action, as opposed to mere words, that all of the mujahideen belong to the so-called ‘hardcore’ elite... and for each one who is felled, another just like him will take up the same banner. And you will be taught this lesson over and over again until you fully comprehend it, with the help of Allah.”

“Another aim of the battle was to remind the crusaders who occupy our lands and steal our natural treasures to pay careful attention to the demands and speeches of our Shaykh and commander, Abu Abdullah Usama Bin Laden, may Allah protect him... We swear that the swords of the mujahideen in the Islamic Maghreb are drawn... All of the martyrs will continue to sacrifice themselves until every tiny part of the Islamic world is freed, until you remove your swords from the Muslims, and stop providing aid to the apostate traitors of our nation. Another goal of this raid was to avenge the blood of our brothers, the martyrs Abu Yahya, Sufyan Abu Haydara, Ali Abu al-Dahdah, and others. With the help of Allah, you will pay dearly for each one of us who is martyred, and our subsequent blows will make you forget all about your so-called successes.”

“O’ Islamic nation, those who believe in Allah, this is why the mujahideen sacrificed themselves: to avenge you and to protect your religion and honor. [Go forth and] humiliate every crusader, apostate, and collaborator. Urge your sons to travel to the jihad frontlines in order to execute martyrdom operations in the name of Allah. Oh Allah, punish the Jews, the Christians, and their agents, the apostates. O’ Allah, grant victory to the mujahideen everywhere and help them in their cause. Allahu akhbar, Allahu akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and the mujahideen.”