



## **AQIM: "Declaration of al-Andalus Establishment for Media Production"**

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### **Al Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "Good News: Declaration of al-Andalus Establishment for Media Production" Released on: October 4, 2009**



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"Thanks due to Allah who said: 'and prepare for them [disbelievers] what is possible of power and number,' and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah who said in Hadith told by Imam Ahmad in his [Hadith] reference book: 'Carry Jihad against the polytheists with our money, selves, and words,' and thereafter:"

"For the nineteenth year, the battle between good and evil continues in the Islamic Maghreb, between a sect that fights for the cause of Allah; dependent on Allah to glorify His religion and defend the weakened and liberate the homelands of Islam, and another sect, a disbeliever one from amongst the children of France, supported by and under the care of the Western Crusade, and it [West] pours over it [France] its weapons and techniques in dedication of the occupation, and in enforcement of traitor agents over the necks of grandchildren of Uqba [bin Nafi] and Tariq and Yusuf bin Tashfin; they practice on them the worst kinds of torture, rob their resources, imprison their advocates, fight every moral and spread immorality, and using the money of the weakened nation, they fight a grudging crusade war against Islam and Muslims."

"And everyone who follows this circulating war will note that the children of France, despite what they dedicated of big efforts and huge amounts of money in the military field, but they highly failed in achieving the military solution to stop the blessed Jihad, which forced them, with Allah's grace first and then with the attacks of the mujahideen, to change their tactics, and their dependence on a new strategy for their war against the mujahideen in the recent period depends on two parts:"

"The first part: the Marines' jurists, today's gurgling Imams of misguidance, from amongst those who eat bread with "no God but Allah," and [then] are content that their flesh grows from bribes supplied by the tyrants, in return for scandalizing the mujahideen and misguide the nation and deter it from practicing the absent obligation of Jihad."

"The second part: The Satanic media machine, which the enemy has gathered for it crowds of palace servants and pen mercenaries...."

"And, in an attempt that's similar to Pharaoh's illusionists, this huge [media] machine went ahead flipping the facts in the eyes of the people and keeping the enemy's losses unknown, and it disfigures the Mujahideen and plays with terminologies and markets lies and fakery and untruthfulness to the Muslims masses. Pharaoh, and the leaders who replaced the [Islamic] Sharia; supporters to the Christians, are decision-makers, and the honorable Mujahideen are separatist terrorists, and Pharaoh's soldiers from the army, troops and police are innocent civilians, and martyrdom operations are "suicidal," and supporting the Jews and the Christians is "a security

measure," and the Marines' jurists are the nation's Ulama, and the honest Ulama of the nation are colluders and symbols of extremism..."

"But the truth is said; the international war carried out today against the mujahideen is in general a vicious media war to a large extent, and above that it is a dirty media war where our enemies do not have morals, minds or honors."

"And, due to our belief that the battle of pen is not less important than the battle of the sword, and in continuation of developing the Jihadist media, despite the many tribulations and hardships of war conditions, we bring the good news to our beloved Muslim nation, and we announce to the public opinion the birth of a new media establishment, we named it 'al-Andalus Establishment for Media Production.'"

"And, this establishment will become, with the help of Allah, the only official party to publish all the media productions that are produced by your brothers in the media committee of al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb."

"We have chosen for this establishment a logo that we included in this statement, and it will be the liable logo for all of our publications in the future, Allah-willing."

"And accordingly, any publication published after the date of this statement that carries the old logo known as 'media committee,' or that carries a logo different than al-Andalus Establishment included in this statement, it doesn't represent us and has no relation to us."

"Why al-Andalus?"

"Because it is the lost paradise of Muslims, and the Muslims owned it for eight centuries when they established in it the religion and raised the banner of Jihad, so Allah solidified the land for them. It collapsed in 1492 after it became occupied by the Spanish when the Muslims became lazy away from Jihad and they depended on life and their Jewish and Christian governors and they split...exactly like our situation today with the damned boundaries of Sykes-Picot."

"And with the collapse of al-Andalus because of the Muslims' failure to carry Jihad and their failure to defend it, the sun of Islam began to set in the Spanish peninsula, and with it came the countdown to the reign of Muslims."

"Jihad, then, is a duty of the Muslim nation for almost 6 centuries since the first city in al-Andalus fell down, and the Muslim nation is sinful from East to West by leaving Jihad. Not only today, and not only since the Jewish occupation of Palestine or the Crusader invasion of Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia, or the occupation of the crusaders' agents to the Islamic Maghreb and the rest of the Islamic countries...but since the collapse of al-Andalus!"

"Sheikh martyr Abdullah Azzam, may Allah have mercy on him, said: 'Jihad is a duty since al-Andalus fell in the hands of the Christians, and this situation hasn't changed until this day, as Jihad is a duty when Grenada fell in the hands of the disbelievers—the hands of the Christians—and until this day, and Jihad will remain a duty until we receive back every spot that used to be Muslim, back to the land of Islam and the hands of Muslims.'"

"Al-Andalus Establishment came at this time precisely to remind Muslims in general, and the people of the Islamic Maghreb in specific, whose history connected highly to al-Andalus...it came to remind them with the duty of Jihad upon every Muslim, and about the necessity of fighting for the cause of Allah, to bring back every inch from the invaded land of Islam, and to apply the ruling of Allah's sharia that's been absent, and to uncover the humiliation and poorness in which chins are drowning."

"We ask from Allah, raised and glorified, to bless this establishment and makes it a new stone added to the Jihadist media monument, and we ask of Allah to bless its productions and publications so it can contribute to the rise of our nation, through reviving the absent obligation [of Jihad], and to bring back the caliphate. We conclude this statement with the emotional famous poem 'Martheyyat al-Andalus' (al-Andalus in Mourning), written by Abu al-Baqa' al-Randi al-Andalusi, may Allah have mercy on him, in which he calls for the support of Islam, after Muhammad bin Yusuf—the first of Grenada's sultans—gave up some castles and cities for the Spanish, to gain their grace and in hopes of keeping his rule over Grenada..."

"But, unfortunately, the Muslims sat back from supporting al-Andalus, and then it fell. And with continuing the historical disappointment, here the result is continuous disasters and consequential fates, and the Muslims are more lost than orphans sitting around the feast of immoral people. Today, it isn't only Andalus that's lost, but one Andalus, and a second and a third and a fourth, even all the countries of Islam are occupied from East to West, and Allah is our supporter and the best of agents."

[Poem]

"Prayer and peace upon the honest prophet, and upon all his family and companions."