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"Thanks to Allah Lord of the Worlds, and prayer and peace upon our prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and thereafter: With Allah's grace and assurance, the disciples of the Islamic State have launched a new blessed battle in the heart of stricken Baghdad, to attack the infidel dens and deviant fortresses of the apostate government, which long had its...masters boast about their stronghold and defense."

"And from amongst what were targeted in the blessed martyrdom operations and what Allah has facilitated to his allies of weapons: Foreign Ministry headquarters, Ministry of Treasury headquarters, Defense Ministry, and the building of Baghdad Governorate, and some devil dens in their green zone. The ground shook beneath their feet and their hearts were torn apart with terror and fear. Their weakness and the fragility of the nation—and how it is divided—has been revealed."

"And we claim responsibility for this blessed battle, and we show as we frequently clarified that we target the pillars of this manipulated wicked country and those who help it and support it. But, if we have accidentally killed or harmed those of Sunni Muslim blood who were located in these places, then we send our wishes to those wounded persons for a speedy recovery, and for those who were killed, [we wish them] to be raised as martyrs. We beseech them [Sunni Muslims] to Allah to avoid passing by or being in these places as much as possible. We will not stop our jihad against the mushrikeen and defending against the infidels for the sake of those fallen martyrs."

"And may the heads of Kufr in the apostate government know and their supporters know that the soldiers of the Islamic State care less about the noise of threats and cries of denunciation and condemnation, or the disfigurement campaign they will hold, and that the swords of truth that were held to support the religion of Allah will not be sheathed until Allah decides His matter as He wills, and because the youth of the Islamic State would rather leave their homeland than be ruled by a wicked Shiite or to see Baghdad full of Safawi banners one day. So thanks to Allah for his grace, and we ask Allah for our martyred brothers and others of those who partook in the battle to accept their deeds and to reward them what He had promised His servants in this blessed month; He is the Most Capable on that, and Allah is the Greatest."