



## **AQIM Claims Attack on Malian Troops July 13, 2009**

### **“The Invasion of Al-Wasra: 28 Malian Troops Killed and Another 3 Kidnapped” Released: July 13, 2009**



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“Praised be Allah, prayer and peace upon Allah’s apostle and upon his dynasty, his companions and those who followed.”

“And to proceed, we are happy to announce the results of the blessed invasion of Al-Wasra, which was carried out by the hero Mujahidin against the hostile Malian army, on the dawn of Saturday, 11 Rajab 1430, in Al-Wasra (Al-Zubar), located in northern Mali.”

“The Mujahidin launched a pre-emptive attack on a Malian military convoy, which was driven by a senior officer, Hamah Walad Muhammad Yahya, in order to carry out a raid on the Mujahidin. The Mujahidin had foreseen the enemy’s moves and advanced, on foot, in the direction of their buildings. There, the Mujahidin prayed the Morning Prayer and went to their square the morning of Fassae Almndhirin.”

“A fierce battle was waged. Almighty Allah helped his Mujahidin servants crush the military convoy and kill 28 troops. It is very likely that among them was their commander, the senior officer Hama Walad Muhammad Yahya. In addition to that, three soldiers were captured; four cars and several weapons, among them a Dushka, were taken as loot.”

“In this battle, one of the Mauritanian Mujahidin was brought to the black-eyed virgins. We ask Allah to accept him in martyrdom and give him the glorious heaven.”

“This blessed invasion comes in the context of the war waged by the Malian army on the behalf of the crusaders against the Al-Qaeda Organization, especially after the British infidel was killed. This slap is a message we direct to Amadou Toumani Touré, his army and his officers. We say: You know very well we do not have to fight you, and you do not have to fight a proxy war against us. It will cause your wives to become widows and your children to become orphans, for nothing, only to defend the non-Arab crusaders from our Muslim brothers in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan.”

“You know very well that the crusaders, and the Algerian apostate agent system on their side, strive with every means to involve you in the fight against the Mujahidin - you do not have the energy to fight them, and no interest to stand against us.”

“We call on you to move away from fighting us, and (to stop) defending the crusaders. We have not faced you in the past; we stood against you only after you captured our brothers and became hostile toward us.”

“We call on you to avert from (creating) more problems and scourges to your country. If you resist: know that we are the black knights of wars and battlefronts. Our swords are thirsty to pluck the heads of those who allow themselves to join the ranks of the crusaders to fight Islam and its people. Be sure that Allah will fail your attempts; you will dig and cover only the graves of your soldiers and your officers...We had warned you.”

“Whereas (if) you belong to Muslims of the tribes of the disasters and the Muslim Malians: Your Mujahidin sons are participating in a crucial battle in the history of the Islamic nation, against the international force of apostasy, led by America and its allies - the crusaders and the apostate Jews. It will not be long before you will stand in the tent of faith, and the ones who tormented and oppressed the Muslims will not defeat you. Protect your religion and prove your submission (to Allah). Stand as one with your sons, the Mujahidin, in this epic and critical (battle) and Allah will assist his religion. You will know his words even after a while.”

“God is great ... The Glory of God and His Prophet and the Mujahidin...”