



# “The Martyrdom of Sheikh Commander Abu Yousef al-Nabhan”

## Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement:

**“We celebrate to the nation of Islam the good news of the martyrdom of Sheikh Commander Abu Yousef al-Nabhan”**

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“We carry to the nation of Islam the good-news of sheikh commander Abu Yusif Saleh Ali Saleh al-Nabhani, and a group of his companions, may Allah accept them.[their deed]”

“Thanks due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayer and peace upon our prophet Muhammad and upon all his family and companions, and thereafter:”

“‘If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others. Such days (of varying fortunes) we give to men and men by turns: that Allah may know those that believe, and that He may take to Himself from your ranks Martyr-witnesses (to Truth). And Allah loveth not those that do wrong.’ [Quran, Aal-i-Imran Sura, Verse 140]”



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“We carry to the nation of Islam the good-news of martyrdom of the commander Abu Yousef Saleh Ali Saleh al-Nabhan, along with a group of his brothers on the morning of Monday, dated 24th of Ramadan 1430 Hij., September 14th, 2009, as the crusaders military air-force, with the help of their warships across the Muslim Somali shores, targeted the sheikh commander Saleh Ali Saleh al-Nabhan, known as Abu Yousef, along with his companions—may Allah have mercy on them—while travelling in the lower regions of the Islamic Shbeila province, and the crusader enemy carried a hovering operation and [then] attacked the car carrying the commander Abu Yusif and his brothers, may Allah accept them.”

“In the attack, six helicopters participated and began firing heavily and in a concentrated manner, and targeted the brothers' car. One of the jets carried a quick landing believing that they have killed the brothers, but the lions, despite their small number and basic weapons, were able, with Allah's grace, to respond against the enemy and resisted, and a fight took place that lasted almost an hour, until four more helicopters intervened to back the first, and Allah willed for sheikh commander Abu Yousef to fall a martyr with a group of his companions, and the enemy rushed to the location and took the corpses of the brothers, and we do not know the enemy's size of losses during the clash.”

“We assure our great Muslim nation and its mujahideen children and we give them the good-news that we are in the heart of a fateful battle with the Zionist-Crusader alliance, and war is numbers except that our dead [people] are in heaven and theirs are in hell. And we say that because our beloved brother sheikh commander Saleh Ali Saleh al-Nabhan is from those who Allah has written martyrdom for him in the incident, it is precisely what we congratulate his family and nation about, and it is what his soul longed for; migrated to Allah an escapee with his religion and doctrine almost two decades ago. [al-Nisa 100]”

“Allah has disappointed the goals of our foolish enemies with their delusion that the spark of Jihad in the Muslim Land and the Jihadist awakening—that which shook the reigns of infidels and apostates—might become extinguished by targeting the mujahideen leaders. No, it is the dear faith of Allah and his victorious soldiers and Muslims have prepared for you O enemies of Allah what will blow your mind, thus continue seeding and continue your aggression as the fruits of what you'll harvest certainly you will harvest, and you have brought that on yourselves and you will discover that soon enough as the blood of the commander and his companions—may Allah accept them—will not go wastefully, and the infidels will find out whom the hereafter is for.”