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“This is what happened regarding the dispute over the two French hostages.”

“As some members of Hizbul Islam announced to the media, a dispute occurred over the two French men, and it was that the two men in the beginning entered on the hands of the brothers as the kidnapping group contacted Hizbul Islam and al-Shabab when they entered the [regional] boundaries of the mujahideen, and the brothers were [actually] who first got to the hostages, then a few hours later the groups of Hizbul Islam arrived afterwards. The brothers were surprised [to hear] that they [Hizbul Islam] had prior knowledge of this matter for more than three months, despite [the fact] that the two men were not in the capital for more than four days at the time. Then, matters developed; yes, it almost reached the point of fighting as Hassan Dahir Aweys used all his [playing] cards for the purpose of finding these two men so his name could get scratched off the terrorism list. And, we heard that the French [government] contacted him many times and induced him with many rewards, and what is startling is that they emptied some of their defense sites to guard those foreigners, and we ask Allah for wellness. But, Allah's kindness was on the side of the brothers as they realized the matter, and they had the two men separated.”

“Then the disaster occurred; a group kidnapped one of the men without the knowledge of the rest of the groups associated with Hizbul Islam as a competition between them, so those [rest of the] groups contacted al-Shabab and told them that the man has slipped from their hands, so the brothers closed the roads and sent out units in the streets searching for the man until he was found in one of the houses, and when the brothers circulated the house, Hassan Dahir Aweys contacted the brothers and informed them that he had sent the [kidnapping] group and this group follows his commands. The group who had taken the man was from the tribe of Hassan Dahir Aweys, which forced the other groups to demand their share of the man, and resulted in disunity in Hizbul Islam that reached the point of battle. Then, the man skipped the hands of Hassan Dahir's tribe, which forced him to declare to al-Sharq al-Awsat that the second man was taken by al-Shabab, and that both men are in the hands of al-Shabab.”

“Generally, Hassan Dahir failed in his quest, while the role of this wicked man became clear, and also disputes occurred within Hizbul Islam, and I am oblivious to whether he'll get out of it.”

“We ask Allah to dismantle this Hizbul Islam, and remove from it the kind ones, and scandalize the hypocrites in it.”