



AQIM: “Statement On Attack on the Israeli Embassy in Nouakchott” February 2, 2008

Al-Qaida’s Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: “At Your Service, O’ Gaza! Statement on the Attack on the Israeli Embassy in Nouakchott.” Dated: February 2, 2008



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“...Rejoice, O’ nation of Muslims, for the descendants of Yusuf bin Tashfin are have once again returned and, now, the lions from Al-Qaida’s Committee in the Islamic Maghreb have prepared themselves and sharpened their swords in order to purify the land of Islam from the Jews, the Christians, and their agents. The beginning of this growing torrent is the blessed attack executed by heroes from the Islamic Maghreb targeting the Israeli embassy in Nouakchott [Mauritania] on the morning of Friday [February 1, 2008]. The mujahideen took the embassy by surprise by firing their weapons and setting off explosives, and they managed—thanks to Allah—to cause an undetermined number of casualties among the Jews and their guards. The Mauritanian government has kept silent about that number, and has only acknowledged that three French nationals were wounded.”

“This attack has come at a time during which the wretched Jews are treating our brothers in Palestine unjustly, with an oppressive siege, tyranny, torture, murder, expulsion, and images that cause our hearts to break. This has been met with a disgraceful silence on the part of western nations and with the shameful connivance of... the so-called rulers of the Muslim world. And so we say to our brothers in Palestine to rejoice. By Allah, your mujahideen brothers in the Islamic Maghreb share your pain and suffering, and they delight in what delights you. Their chests are behind yours and their throats are behind yours. By Allah, [we will trade] blood for blood and destruction for destruction. We will never abandon you, so long as we have sweat that flows and eyes that blink. Allah only knows that if it was not for the treacherous laws that constrict our chests and protect Israel and her interests, we would have come to your aid—and had they attempted to harass you, we would have battled the despicable Jews and exiled them from your blessed land.”

“As for you, the Jew Boaz Bismuth [the Israeli ambassador in Mauritania]: rejoice in your troubles and do not be comforted by the fact that you managed to escape this time—for there are more arrows in the quiver, and [you should] realize that you [will not be able to] escape every time. As we announce this operation to the Islamic nation, we implore [Muslims] to come to the aid of their brothers in Palestine, in every way. We call upon the proud sons and men of Islam in the Islamic Maghreb... to compel their treacherous governments to break off diplomatic and commercial relations with Israel, and to target the interests of the Jews and the Christians and their nationals in the Islamic Maghreb. Those who are unable to do this should support their mujahideen brothers who fight the apostate Jews, the Christians, and their agents...”