



AQIM: “The Battle of the Martyr Abdelkader Abu al-Baraa”

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Al-Qaida’s Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: “The Battle of the Martyr Abdelkader Abu al-Baraa.” Released on: January 29, 2008



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“...Praise be to Allah, who strengthens the Islam with his victory, and... who lures the infidels to destruction with his wisdom... The lions of Islam and lovers of martyrdom continue to rain painful blows on the slaves of America and are racing to sacrifice their blood in revenge for the desecration and crimes perpetrated against our Islamic nation. And so here is another lion from among the lions of Al-Qaida’s Committee in the Islamic Maghreb, the brave martyr Hamza Abu Abdelrahman from the town of Lakatah... He embarked on his mission on Tuesday January 29, 2008 at 6:30 in the morning, driving his truck—packed with no less than 650 kilograms of explosives—with the intention of attacking one of the apostate fortresses: the headquarters of the judicial police in the city of Al-Thaniya.”

“These barracks contained more than 80 members of the judicial police, according to our official statistics. They have harassed Muslim youths—and continue to do so—and they have participated in the global campaign against jihad. Contrary to the false claims of the apostates, our martyr was able, with the help of Allah, to reach his target and break through the barricades. He was able to totally destroy the building on top of their heads, causing dozens of casualties and injuries among the police forces. This successful operation... was intended to assure our Islamic nation about the following facts:”

“1.) The claims of our enemies that the mujahideen are targeting innocent Muslims are fraudulent lies, for those who died today are all from the apostate police. The choice of these unambiguous targets by the mujahideen and their efforts to execute the attack at a precise time represent clear evidence to everyone of the lies of the apostates and hypocrites, and of the sincerity of the mujahideen in safeguarding their Muslim brothers.”

“2.) This attack has proved the rapid failure of the military and political efforts that were spent in vain by the apostates and their crusader masters to stop these blessed operations. These mujahideen, praise be to Allah, continue to possess the initiative, and they will strike at the appropriate time and place, however they so choose.”

“3.) The corrupt fatwah that treats martyrdom operations as criminal actions, which has been recently trumpeted by the apostates and U.S. Marine scholars, and the ludicrous claims that the mujahideen have been damaged by this foolish campaign, are only more reasons for us to employ this blessed method, which... makes us victorious against the [crusader] agents, enough to make them scream, wail, and falter. We reassure them and say to the apostates and their

masters: rejoice now, because we shall continue to hear your screams and wails... and we shall increase the dosage, until you fully understand this lesson and you fail to heed the temptations of the devil, Allah willing. The Muslim youths, with their hearts burning for their religion and faith, will not follow the lead of U.S. Marine scholars, but rather will look longingly to our beloved Mohammed and his followers as their role models and examples.”

“As we bless this conquest and announce it joyfully to our Islamic nation, we appeal to the Muslim youth to follow this fortunate path, the path of power and honor, bravery and manhood, jihad and martyrdom... until every inch of Muslim land is liberated, and until Islamic Shariah is raised above all infidel laws. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar...”