



AQIM Claims Trio of Suicide Bombings in Tizi Ouzou

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Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: "The Revenge Battle for the Group of Martyrs in Tizi Ouzou." Dated: August 21, 2008



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"...In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds... and peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Mohammed, his family, and his pure and righteous companions..."

"The Revenge Battle for the Group of Martyrs in Tizi Ouzou, killing more than 130 apostates, wounding more than 100 more, and destroying 3 barracks, along with several vehicles..."



"We bring happy news to our Muslim brothers, which will please them and infuriate the infidels and apostates. It comes at the time when the blood of the martyrs in the Islamic Maghreb has not even dried. The lions from Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb have carried out a series of successful military operations during the period of the seventh to the twentieth of Shabaan 1429. They occurred within the Revenge Battle which was first declared this year by the commander of our organization, Shaykh Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud, may Allah protect him, as a response to the cowardly operation carried out by the apostate criminal army in the province of Tizi Ouzou, where they killed 12 mujahideen from the cream of the Muslim youth. May Allah have mercy on them all, and raise them to the highest places of paradise..."

"These are the results of these operations arranged according to date:"

"- 08/09/2008:"

“We begin with this wonderful and heroic operation that was carried out by one of the lovers of the paradise maidens. It was the martyrdom seeker Mohammed, Abu Sajida al-Assimi, may Allah have mercy on him. He was targeting the coast guard barracks and the adjacent apostate police headquarters. Both of them are in the Zamouri marine-area (Boumerdas). When the time came, the lion set out during the evening, driving a truck carrying at least 500kg of explosives. He drove into the midst of the apostates, reaching his target, and he blew them up—contrary to the denials and lies of the apostates. According to our sources, this attack resulted in the deaths of about 30 apostates from the soldiers and police, and the wounding of many others. The front of the coast guard building was destroyed, and the apostate police headquarters was in ruins.”

“- 8/10/2008:”

“The mujahideen detonated two explosives on the apostate police in Tikzirt, which resulted in the wounding of at least 3 policemen.”

“- 8/13/2008:”

“The mujahideen established a checkpoint in the area of Al-Bouira in order to find the apostates, resulting in the capture of one enemy who was subsequently killed. Then, the brothers waited for the army to intervene, and once they arrived, the mujahideen detonated a bomb which caused casualties among them.”

“- 08/14/2008:”

“The mujahideen carried out a wonderful operation in the eastern zone, where the apostates received a powerful blow. The operation began when the mujahideen detonated a landmine targeting the army near one of the watchtowers in the region of Ash-Shaqfah (Jijil), which resulted in the amputation of one of the soldier’s legs, wounding him severely. Then, the army intervened and the mujahideen detonated another more powerful bomb, which resulted in the killing of four high ranking officers—the most senior being the commander of the military operations department, Yamani Abdelkader, one of the top military commanders in the Algerian army. He and his officer driver were killed, as well as two other officers with different ranks. An unknown number of soldiers were wounded with them, but our brothers could not specify how many.”

“- 08/17/2008:”

“In a new battle which the soldiers of Allah conducted in the eastern zone, they sought revenge for the cowardly killing of their squad of heroes in the Tizi Ouzou region, and these soldiers of truth (part of the Army of Al-Ghurabaa) ambushed three reconnaissance vehicles from the judicial police near the suburb of Ayn Oashrah in the Skikda region, and precisely in a place called ‘Wadd Zakkar’ on the level of the National Road #43. At 6 PM, the pure hands of the mujahideen attacked these reconnaissance vehicles, beginning with RPG rockets, along with firing machine-guns. With great bravery and fearlessness, the lions of al-Tawheed vigorously harmed the apostates and killed at least 10 police dogs and wounded numerous more. And Allah bestowed on our brothers a booty of 7 Kalashnikov rifles, 8 handguns (9 mm), and 7 bulletproof vests, along with other items. When the [army] units approached to intervene at the location of the ambush, the lovers of the paradise maidens were lying in wait for them, and they detonated explosives targeting their group, along with raining machine gun fire down upon them. Their armored BTR vehicle was fully destroyed, as well as a military truck, which led to the deaths of 15 soldiers who were inside—one of them being a high-ranking officer who was the representative of the military department—and many others were wounded. After the operation, the mujahideen returned to their bases safe and victorious, leaving

behind them torn bodies and destroyed and burnt vehicles. The total outcome of this operation was the killing of 25 apostates, along with the wounding of an unknown number of others, the destruction of two vehicles, and the capture of several weapons, praise be to Allah, lord of the worlds.”

“- 8/18/2008:”

“The mujahideen detonated a bomb targeting an apostate army reconnaissance vehicle in a suburb of Al-Bouira, which resulted in an unknown number of casualties.”

“- 08/19/2008:”

“On this day, another lion from Al-Qaida’s Committee [in the Islamic Maghreb] pounced upon a vital target of the apostates, which was a school for apostate police force recruits in Khamis Yusr, one of the largest such barracks in Algeria. This is where the martyrdom operative Haroun targeted them in a surprise attack by driving a truck packed with 550kg of explosives into a crowd of more than 100 people gathered around the gate at 7:30 AM. Allah granted him success in killing more than 50 of these apostates, wounding almost the same number, and destroying the building... And we would like to mention that all of those killed were from the police and ministry workers, or were new recruits on this tyrannical path—and, thus, are considered enemies under Islamic Shariah. So what is this clownish Interior Minister babbling about when he claims that [the victims] were civilians, which is mere nonsense and a total fabrication that has no basis of truth to it.”

“- 08/20/2008:”

“The mujahideen carried out an ambush on a police patrol in Constantine (Jabal Wahsh area), where they detonated a bomb targeting them, and the car was directly harmed, as well as those inside the vehicle.”

“- 8/20/2008:”

“In the morning on this day, two lions from Al-Qaida’s Committee set out with two vehicles packed with explosives in order to execute two martyrdom operations as part of the Revenge Battle that had been declared by the commander of our organization.”

“The first operation: it was carried out by the martyrdom seeker Abu Bakr al-Assimi, may Allah have mercy on him. With his car, he blew up a military barracks that was dedicated to planning and operations in the Al-Bouira region. Our sources in that area indicated that the building was 80% destroyed and at least 10 soldiers were killed, with many more wounded.”

“The second operation: it was carried out by the martyrdom seeker Abdelrahman Abu Zaynab al-Mauritani, and he targeted a bus with his car, which was carrying about 20 Canadians working for a Canadian company in that area, as it was being guarded by the security forces en route to a hotel in Al-Bouira. Thus far, the casualties of the Canadians remain unknown and unreported, while the apostates keep their silence about the real results of this operation and lie to the people—falsely accusing the mujahideen of targeting civilians. On our behalf, we assure our Islamic nation that the mujahideen planned this operation for more than 3 months, and we were certain that the passengers of this guarded bus were Canadians—and, accordingly, we specifically attacked this bus. [This is] in contrast to the claims of the apostates, that we target our working Muslim brethren.”

“...And we want to assure you on this occasion that we will continue to respond fiercely and mercilessly to any criminal operation conceived by the apostates, whether against the mujahideen who are the members of our organization, or against the defenseless people of our Islamic nation. Each aggression will be answered with a fierce response. The enemies of Islam and our Islamic nation will see how we will raise this challenge to its highest level, and we warn you that the coming days will hold great surprises.”

“And we say to our beloved Islamic nation, who the lying media deceived with trickery and false claims from the apostates, and who covered their eyes from the truth: we will never grow complacent or tired of repeating our assurance to you that we pick our targets with precision, and are so careful [of spilling] your blood. We do not target innocents, as has alleged the clownish Interior Minister who attempts to deceive you. Everyone knows who the real killers of the innocents are in Sarkaji and Brouika, during the massacres of Ash-Sharabah and Al-Akhdariya, and there are many more on the list of crimes that high-ranking Algerian army officers have witnessed or have knowledge of. It is the mujahideen who are the ones who really care for the blood of Muslims—so does it make any sense that a martyrdom seeker would go and kill his own brothers and family? Is it possible that the coast guard barracks, the police academy, and the army and police headquarters had innocent civilians inside of them? And can the ones who belong to them and work for them be considered civilians? So, O’ our beloved Islamic nation, never listen to the slaves of America because they are your real oppressors. They are the real killers of innocents. They are the vampires that suck your blood, who desecrate your sanctity, and sell you out to your enemies...”