



AQIM Condemns Recent Military Coup in Mauritania August 11, 2008

Shaykh Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud, Commander of Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: "Statement Regarding the Military Coup in Mauritania" Dated: August 11, 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..."

"In recent times, our precious Islamic nation has been tested with pain and torment, so that it has not even recovered from one blow before being struck by another... It moans under the tyranny of apostate rulers who have sold out their religion for a measly price, and have surrendered the Islamic nation to its enemies among the Jews and Christians, leading the Roman dogs to begin tearing at its violated corpse. Neither did they defend their religion, nor did they defend its honor and riches."

"So, here once again, the Islamic nation in our beloved Mauritania is experiencing the pain of a coup d'état by the military... and this instance of Mauritania is nothing but a basic example of the contradiction between the various ruling apostate regimes in Muslim lands... These regimes, which are oppressing their own people, have long since raised the banner of democracy in their war against Islam at a time when many people see that they have gained power only through military coups—and some of them are still ruling by emergency laws under the eyes and ears of the Western countries that patronize their so-called democracies. And it is likely that those behind the recent military coup in Mauritania would not have dared to do what they did, had they not already received the approval of the infidel nations of America, France, and Israel. That is why it is a duty upon Muslims to beware the infidel democracy with all its slogans, for it is merely one of the tricks and deceptions used by the Crusader Jewish alliance against the people of Islam."

"And we call upon you, O' people of beloved Mauritania, O' sons of Yusuf bin Tashfin. Return to your Muslim faith, for in it is your glory and power, and abandon the ways of the Jews and Christians, for you will gain nothing from them except evil. You can be sure of two critical facts: first, there is no way for the Islamic nation to win back its violated rights and its lost glory except through jihad in the cause of Allah, by fighting the Jews and Christians and the apostate rulers. Secondly, the concepts of so-called democracy and man-made laws are all a lie... and have no significance to the ruling political system in Islamic lands. They are only tricks and political deceptions, and the vanity of desires of the Crusader Jewish alliance against the people of Islam."

"So, O' people of Islam, you have heard the call—arise from your sleep, and prepare for war, for

the crusade has come to you. So, raise the banner of Jihad, let our blood be spilled, and let our limbs be cut, so that we may return the Muslim Caliphate to the way of the Prophets. The free do not accept the leadership of every infidel and deviant. And without the spilling of blood, disgrace cannot be wiped from our foreheads. O' Allah... defeat them and grant us victory over them."