



AQIM Claims Suicide Bombing at French Embassy in Mauritania

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Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM): "Claim of Responsibility for the French Embassy Operation in Nouakchott" Dated: August 15, 2009



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"Praise be to Allah... and prayers and peace upon the most honorable of the prophets and messengers, and upon all his family and companions."

"On Saturday, 17 Shaaban 1430 [August 8, 2009], a knight from the Islamic Maghreb—the martyred hero Abu Obaidah Musa al-Basri, may Allah have mercy on him—set off strapped with an explosive belt to attack one of the crusader dens, the French Embassy in Nouakchott. By the grace of Allah, he was able to reach the target, however, there were barriers that prevented him from entering the building. Thus, he detonated himself near the embassy's gate, targeting the French military guards, and causing a number of casualties amongst them, all praise be to Allah."



"About the martyred hero: he is our brother, the gallant hero and the brave knight Abu Obaidah Musa al-Basri, from amongst the best young men of Shanqit in the suburb of Basra of the capital Nouakchott. He joined the mujahideen of Al-Qaida's Organization in the Islamic Maghreb in the month of Dhul-Hijja 1429 [December 2008], and was the best of companions, friends, and assistants on this path. We have witnessed his honesty since the first days [he joined us]—he was an avid reader of the Quran and wholeheartedly devout. Even when travelling, he kept up with night and morning prayers, and he was known for serving his brothers and being very quiet and honest. He had good manners, he was serious and determined, and somewhat playful. He propagated virtue and rejected the forbidden, and he would call upon people benevolently. Courage, bravery, and a desire to meet Allah were among his most enduring traits and anyone who was with him on the jihadi battlefields is aware of this."

"O' how good he was; generous and proud and refusing to live in humiliation. He did not say behind, but migrated, carried out jihad, prepared himself, camped out, and fought. And yet he

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still was longing to meet Allah and insisted on requesting for a martyrdom operation, until one was given to him... in order to glorify the religion of Allah and to kill the enemies of Allah. He made his body into a building block for a monument of glory and for a bridge to our promised victory.”

*“I will carry my soul on my hand and sacrifice it on the shafts of death;
Either a life that celebrates the companions or a death that harms the enemy.”*

“The goals of the operation: this blessed operation came as a response to the aggression of the crusaders—most of all, France—and their apostate collaborators against Islam and its people. And, it is a message to the puppet tyrant Ibn Abdulaziz backed by his crusader masters: the recent hostilities, arrests, and torture carried out by the forces of injustice and oppression, and their crusader masters, against the pure Muslim young men in our beloved Mauritania will not pass without punishment... The spark of jihad that has emerged from the Islamic Maghreb will not stop, and this Muslim people will offer sacrifices to support it by wealth and by self until the last Jew, Crusader, and apostate collaborator are expelled, and until our countries are ruled by Islamic Shariah law.”