



## Statement from Asaeb al-Iraq al-Jihadiya ("The Iraqi Jihad Union") September 14, 2007

### "A Statement from Asaeb al-Iraq al-Jihadiya Addressing the ISI." Dated October 5, 2007



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"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful... Despite the current harsh realities of the jihad in Iraq—where the hypocrites and traitors to our path have joined in the crusader offensive... there are nonetheless still people out there who continue operating in the battlefield while, knowingly or unknowingly, ignoring this crisis. These people are taking up arms and are using [their weapons] against their brothers because of false, groundless allegations. We direct our frustration to Allah because all peaceful means of trying to discuss this with them have failed."

"Several individuals from the ISI [Al-Qaida's "Islamic State of Iraq"] are responsible for killing commanders and fighters from our brigades (Asaeb al-Iraq al-Jihadiya) in the Diyala province—specifically in Baqubah, Al-Qatoun, and Mahbubiyah. They have killed them and mutilated their bodies. To make things worse, they dug up their bodies from the graves, further mutilated them, beheaded them, and showed them off from their vehicles while driving through the towns. [The ISI] even killed our men's wives and children. They committed all of these acts despite the fact that these brothers were faithful to their religion and showed no signs of being apostates..."

"Therefore, we hereby announce the following to you:"

"1.) To the leaders of the ISI and to Abu Omar al-Baghdadi: we ask you to clarify these actions. What is happening out in the field is indeed a disaster and we hope that you have merely been misinformed about [these events]. However, it will be an even greater disaster if you are, in fact, well-informed about these matters. We ask you to clarify what happened and to prosecute those responsible as soon as possible."

"2.) To the members of our brigades: we ask you to show restraint until we hear back from the commanders of the ISI."

"We have only decided to share this matter publicly because all other means were exhausted. We confirm our path and inform all Muslims that we shall continue our jihad, we shall not fight any individual working in the field [of jihad], and we shall resist any internal conflicts. Our true jihad is concerned with fighting the enemy..."

