



“The Truth About the Assault on Fatah al-Islam in Syria”

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“In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. Praise be to Allah, who strengthens the believers and weakens the infidels... History repeats itself in different ways. In the days of Allah’s messenger—peace be upon him—the infidel and polytheist factions and the apostates were gathered together against Islam, and the Arab parties came together with the Jewish parties to destroy the new religion... Today the parties come together to fight the mujahideen in Lebanon... the Christian Syria, with the Christian-Maronite Lebanon, came together with the satanic Shiite sect, the secular Fatah, and other sister parties... They came together to be the local agents of secular crusader Zionism in fighting the people who maintain Salafism...”

“The story of the people in Nahr al-Bared became the legend of the century in fighting the parties. Allah will write in their book of fate that they participated in one of the eternal battles of Islam. After that came a sequence of treachery through the groups and parties to fight the rest of the people of this method [Salafism]. You can see these people hunted in the camps, subject to a fierce siege war with Fatah that has reached the families of the people in Fatah al-Islam and handed over to the infidel Lebanese army. Moreover, the situation in the Syrian intelligence has reached such an extent that confessions are made up and imputed to Fatah al-Islam. They maintain their corrupted ways until they even dared to kidnap the daughter of Shaykh Shakir [al-Absi] out of persecution and aggression, in order to make her confess so they can cover up their powerlessness in responding to the Jewish aggression in the south or to the Christian aggression in the west. What kind of faith is it that brings together the Syrian intelligence with the Lebanese one and with al-Fatah and [Hizballah] under one belief?”

“...In this regard, we would like to state what must be stated:”

“1.) There is no meaningful or underlying enmity between Fatah al-Islam and other parties or groups, but a disagreement regarding the correct methodology. Had they not favored their faith more than themselves, they would have not raised weapons and would have not killed a single soul. Had the infidel belief been united then the parties would not have convened to kill them[?].”

“2.) Fatah al-Islam has no interest in fighting Muslims, aside from those who have been revealed as infidels, and who support our enemies as much as they can... However, the clever infidels know perfectly well the truth of Islam, which is not to wrangle with the followers of Salafism.”

“3.) Regarding scheming by moderate Islamic groups or the deliberate oversight by Salafi groups of what their brothers are suffering through—where is the faith that joins us together? Where is the monotheism that unifies us? Isn’t the enemy that is fighting you enough to convince you to stand side-by-side with us and show solidarity in front of the oncoming enemy who is destroying the world and our faith? The apostate factions have been able to fight Islam by justifying its fight against Fatah al-Islam and marketing it as part of the war against terror.”

“4.) Syria’s entrance into the public arena against Fatah al-Islam exposed the true face of the Syrian role in controlling the Shiites in Lebanon. With their control over [Hizballah] in Lebanon, the main obstacle is Fatah al-Islam. If this organization is wiped out, then no other force will remain in Lebanon besides the force of [Hizballah]. This stands in accord with the Iranian policy aimed at controlling the region, and does not conflict with the current plans set into place in Palestine by the Hamas government and the Islamic Jihad movement.”

“5.) The fact these various factions are allying themselves together against Fatah al-Islam indicates the legitimacy of our methodology. The war of extermination that has targeted every activist in Fatah al-Islam—at a time when followers of political Islam are roaming and rollicking about, organizing conferences, and arming themselves with the most modern of weapons, which are financed directly by infidel countries—proves the legitimacy of our methodology and the righteousness of this path.”

“6.) The nation of Islam is united as one and its interests are shared. Assistance and consolidation are to be [given] as much as possible. Assistance is required in a spiritual sense, financial sense, and in speaking out [against injustice]... Come then, people of jihad, and gather around it! Fight in the name of Allah... and overcome obstacles by joining your forces together...”