



The Al-Fatihin Army Declares Support for Mujahideen Army November 11, 2008

The Al-Fatihin Army: "In Support of Our Brothers From the Mujahideen Army Against the Blatant Allegations." Dated: November 11, 2008



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"In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful... Take note of the speech by Abu Hamza al-Muhajir that was published in several jihadi forums on October 25, 2008, and to the accusations contained therein against the Mujahideen Army and its commander. He claimed that the Mujahideen Army commander had joined with the Awakening movements, and that he had spent the night at the residence of Shathar Abdul Salem—and that some of the men from the [Mujahideen] Army had joined the Awakening movements and had begun fighting against the followers of the [Islamic] State [of Iraq] (ISI). He also said that all of the factions had been corrupted, sparing none of them. After we saw the response of the Mujahideen Army to Abu Hamza al-Muhajir's fabrications, we felt obligated to clarify the truth about the real actions of the brothers from the Mujahideen Army... Our effort is aimed at avoiding quarrels and obeying the sayings of [the Prophet Mohammed]—may Allah's peace and prayer be upon him..."

"Al-Muhajir repeated his accusations of apostasy against the Mujahideen Army, calling them hypocrites and heretics, and [repeated] his accusations against the jihadi factions [in Iraq] that they are mere 'insurgents', as was described by [Abu Omar] al-Baghdadi during his last speech. The threats that he has made to some of these factions represent one of the most critical factors in weakening the jihad, wasting the lives of mujahideen, and causing quarreling and infighting amongst them—leading to bloodshed and the wasting of financial resources. This serves nothing but the interests of the enemies of Islam—the Jews, the Christians, and Shiites—especially when the accusations are coming from one of the commanders of the jihad and its symbols."

"In order to support the oppressed and to speak the truth, we hereby state:"

"1.) According to our knowledge, so help us God, the commander of the Mujahideen Army (may Allah keep him safe) is one of the best jihadi commanders in Iraq. Let us consider him virtuous and may Allah reckon with him, for we do not exonerate anyone in the eyes of Allah."

"2.) Since we are close to the Mujahideen Army—may Allah guide them and lengthen our brotherhood with them on the jihadi frontline—our circuits are crossed with theirs, we share many joint operations with them, and thus [we can testify] what we have seen with our own eyes and [what we have] heard with our own ears. [The Mujahideen Army] has remained resolutely steadfast—despite the wounds they have suffered and the killing of some of their key leadership figures—in order to prevent internal conflict and to protect

the mujahideen. They have called for the rejection of infighting and they have devoted themselves to protecting the [jihadi] factions.”

“3.) The position of the brothers from the Mujahideen Army regarding the Awakening movements is known to anyone who was ever interested in jihad and its history in Iraq. They have published valuable books concerning this subject—such as, ‘Who Washes Away Disgrace From the Tribe?’ and ‘The Sufficient Answer’—which establish a clear religious position concerning those who have pledged to the crusaders and their collaborators.”

“4.) On the battlefield, it is shameful to make the allegation that most of them are members of the Awakening movements. According to our knowledge, their [actual] position on this issue stands in accordance with their religious roots, which has caused a war between them and the Awakening movements. Those shameful people have begun to kill some of the [Mujahideen Army] commanders, to inform on the others to the occupiers and their followers, and to hand over their stocks of weapons—all while they are still being targeted by the Awakening movements. We ask Allah to strengthen us, them, and the rest of our brothers on the battlefield.”

“5.) Regarding the labeling of all [insurgent] factions as being corrupt without exception or differentiation, this is a dishonor to the mujahideen, whom we hold in the highest regard, and Allah is the one who shall judge them.”

“6.) Concerning [Abu Hamza’s] claim that he had notified the [insurgent] factions about the declaration of the so-called Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) beforehand—we had no clue about this development, and learned of it only after it was published in the media.”

“7.) Most of the accusations of Abu Hamza against the brothers from the Mujahideen Army are very suspicious. Some of the things that are repeatedly said by individuals from their fighting groups—may Allah show them the right path—have no proof or evidence... We call on [Abu Hamza] al-Muhajir and others to stop accusing and targeting our brothers in the jihadi factions. Sometimes you have accused them of being apostate heretic infidels, and at other times [you have accused them] of going astray, without any proof or evidence...”

“We call upon everyone to stop disgracing their brothers and to avoid misinterpreting the acts of others. We should think well of our brothers’ intentions and try to appreciate the logic behind their actions... We ask almighty Allah—with his incredible name, the one who answers when people call to him, and gives when people make requests of him—to protect us from these evil struggles, to make us all loving people, and to gather us all together under his throne...”