



Statement from " Hamas in Iraq "

(former faction of the 1920 Revolution Brigades)
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" Hamas in Iraq: An Open Message from the Commander of the Media Wing to All of the Chat Forums Serving the Cause of Jihad." Dated September 21, 2007



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"...Anyone who has been following reports that have been published about jihad operations—either in the form of statements, communiqués, video productions, and otherwise—will have noticed the following: a distrust of others (rather than thinking well of them), the use of bad language when discussing matters in the chat rooms, and issuing accusations against others even when there is no evidence or proof. Some of those involved in the jihad have become corrupt and have volunteered for a treacherous role under the premise of resistance... Many of them are so desperate to prove their positions and criticize others that they have sunk to the lowest level by searching for private messages of certain individuals sent to the administrators of Internet chat forums that they desire to participate in. Furthermore, several of those chat forums have become fronts for a specific faction, but not the others—as if resistance was their exclusive domain... We are keen to avoid being dragged into such evil traps. We call upon those who love jihad in general, our supporters, and our loved ones to adhere to the teachings of the generous Quran... Does the Quran oblige us to mistrust others? ...Does the Quran oblige us to use bad language with others? ...Does the Quran oblige us to spread accusations without proof?"



"...To those lovers of jihad on the Internet chat forums: ...Be the keys to goodness and serve as a bulwark against evil—do not waste your time and energy in spreading doubt, misbehaving, and stabbing the mujahideen in the back, dividing them into opposing factions after fighting together for four years... Finally, the platform of the Internet chat forums is only virtual and is not an actual battlefield of jihad. That is why you will not find a large percentage of [Iraqi] mujahideen among [chat forum] participants... O' Allah... the mujahideen do not even have enough time to see their own children and families because they are so pre-occupied with the jihad... As a result, most of the participants [on the chat forums] are unaware of the facts that are known to the mujahideen. We call upon those who supervise the chat forums to return to the principle reasons that those chat forums were established in the first place..."