



## Communiqué from the "Iraqi Martyrs Brigades"

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### **"A Clarification Regarding Some of the Responses to the Earlier Declaration of the Establishment of the Iraqi Martyrs Brigades (IMB)." Dated May 9, 2008**



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"Dear beloved brothers who have posted messages on the Al-Hesbah Internet forum, we ask Allah to bless you for your criticism against the IMB. We ask Allah to bless us all in our attempts to please him and to best execute the cause of jihad. We have read your comments and have decided to clarify matters which you are ignorant of regarding the IMB. We hope that by doing so, you can assist us in spreading the word via the different media outlets and based on the energy of each and every one of you..."

"Regarding the issue of contemporary laws, we would simply say that it is obvious that we are all part of a shared human civilization which has many universal values. So, we have cited these laws in order to cater to various levels of understanding and intelligence present among various different people. After we established our principles based upon the laws of Allah, the infidels communicated with us regarding their knowledge and principles. These same principles championed by them also are opposed to the concept of occupation. Moreover, it is common sense for all human beings—regardless of their personal beliefs—to stand opposed to oppression..."

"We do not possess unlimited resources, and our efforts are based upon the limited resources that Allah has given to us. As time passed, the situation [in Iraq] changed and the jihad lost its true essence. Therefore, in order to protect our children and ourselves, and in order to prevent others from sullyng our name, we decided to unite under a specific title. That decision was made over a year ago; however, our ignorance of how the media operates prevented us from announcing our decision then. Regarding the brothers from the Al-Hesbah forum, Allah desired us not to be in contact with them until recently and [since then] they have indeed helped us tremendously. I wish to thank the brothers who are working together with us on this matter... May peace be upon all of us."

