



The “Martyrdom” of Abu Sulaiman al-Otaibi May 11, 2008

“Al-Qaida’s Committee in Afghanistan: Statement from Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid on the Martyrdom of Shaykh Abu Sulaiman al-Otaibi.” Dated: May 11, 2008



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“...In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful... With hearts full of devotion to the will of the almighty Lord, and with the acceptance of the judgment of Allah, the Exalted, the Almighty, we carry news to the Islamic nation in general and especially to the mujahideen of the martyrdom of the mujahid Shaykh Abu Sulaiman al-Otaibi, may Allah have mercy on him. He was destined for an appointment with martyrdom in the land of Afghanistan after he came from Iraq and joined his brothers here approximately six months ago, following migration and jihad and knowledge and missionary work and scholarship. May Allah reward him with goodness on behalf of the Muslims and Islam.”

“He was martyred in the Paktika province of Afghanistan with his comrade and brother Abu Dujanah al-Qahtani (may Allah have mercy on him)—the brother of Abu Nasser al-Qahtani (may Allah free him soon)—during clashes with the enemies of Allah from among the crusaders and apostates. Allah bestowed upon them dedication and victory and they were an example of courageousness, sacrifice and valor.”



“May Allah have great mercy on them, accept them amongst his [martyrs], and grant them a high station. We offer our condolences to their families, to the mujahideen brothers, to all of our brothers in general, and especially to the brothers of Abu Sulaiman in Iraq and in the Arabian Peninsula. We ask Allah to bless the legacies of these martyrs...”