



## Excerpt from “Al-Qaida in Yemen” Official Magazine “Sada al-Malahim” March 10, 2008

### “Al-Qaidat al-Jihad Organization in the Arabian Peninsula / Jund al-Yaman Brigades”: “Sada al-Malahim” Magazine #2: “Men on the Road: Abu Dawud al-Najdi.” Released: March 10, 2008



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“...Whenever I think about or mull over the sight of a car leaving a house, only to be met with a sudden hail of bullets from the pagan soldiers of [the Saudi government], I become choked up with tears and the world becomes narrow before my eyes. I feel that my words remain jumbled in describing these heroes who have been killed... chief among them, the martyr—as we think of him—Abu Dawud al-Najdi, Mohammed Rashid al-Julaidan. Let us look back at an episode from the biography of this hero.”

“May Allah have mercy upon him, he departed for Iraq at the beginning of the crusader campaign there, and upon arriving, he joined his mujahideen brothers. He traveled back-and-forth frequently to Syria in order to help serve his mujahideen brothers in Iraq. During one of his missions in Syria, he was captured and imprisoned for about two years—which were full of torture, mistreatment, and pain at the hands of Syrian intelligence... Among the most memorable events involving him at the prison in Syria was... when Syrian intelligence agents attempted to commit blasphemy against Allah and his messenger in public before the prisoners in order to frustrate them. One of the prisoners cried to his brothers, ‘Did we not go to Iraq in order to defend Allah and his messenger?’ They replied, ‘Of course.’ He continued, ‘Then let us help defend Allah and his messenger here in this prison and thwart anyone from acting unjustly towards our religion.’ These heroes, among them our brother Abu Dawud, agreed on this principle and swore oaths to each other to help defend Allah and his messenger—no matter what it would require.”

“When they heard one of the soldiers cursing exalted Allah, they hurled themselves upon him and struck at him and the soldiers who accompanied him. The soldiers were summoned to



combat the riot, and the heroes clashed with them using sticks and other objects in their possession—until our brothers managed to spark a major uprising in the prison. The senior intelligence officer was eventually compelled to concede to the demand of the brothers to dismiss the soldiers who insulted our religion. Following this event, the blasphemy against Allah and his messenger ceased—in addition to the torture, the prevention of prayers, and other things. Allahu Akhbar! How great is this victory, which the brothers were able to achieve while held in the gloom of the prison and unable to do anything—but for the faith which is deeply established in their hearts. Where are the Muslims today, when our messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him salvation, is insulted and cursed, and they do not budge—except for those few exceptions, may Allah have mercy on them, and so scarce they are.”

“After serving his prison term in Syria, he was delivered into the hands of the pagan [Saudi government], and they imprisoned him for a further six months in Alisha prison in Riyadh. While in this prison, I encountered him, and I laid my eyes on a man with few equals. Finally, he was freed and he immediately re-joined his mujahideen brothers inside Saudi Arabia. About two months later, he was once again captured by the Mabahith [Saudi internal security service] and was sent back to Alisha prison. He spent two more weeks in prison before he was able to escape in a way that resembled the miracles of the saints. The story of his escape was retold in a video recording called ‘Breaking the Bars.’ Directly following his escape, he worked and struggled intently. He met up with his brothers who had escaped from the prisons and the wanted brothers, and they had established new cells—of which he was the leader. They were making preparations to begin major operations in Saudi Arabia, but Allah chose them [to become martyrs], as we consider them, before they were able to complete their work.”

“May Allah have mercy on him, he was killed after being spotted by the dogs of the Mabahith with the ‘Palm Group’ in Riyadh, following a period of his life when he had moved back and forth between the battlefields of jihad, the pagan prisons, and being pursued for his loyalty to Allah, until his fate overtook him in the midst of it all. He was of kind nature, may Allah have mercy upon him, a man of a cheerful face, an honorable spirit, a gentle nature. He loved serving his brothers, he had memorized the book of exalted Allah [i.e. the Quran] and was eager to study and understand it. He used to read voraciously and search for knowledge. I remember one time in prison, I had asked him, ‘Why do you isolate yourself and read so much, and you only come to sit with the brothers for a short time?’ He responded, ‘I love to sit with my brothers and chat with them, but this is an opportunity to seek knowledge. Now, I am able to read and memorize, and I fear that there will come a time when I will not be able to do this.’”

“He had incited his brothers, may Allah have mercy upon him, to take action in Saudi Arabia ever since he was held in prison, and he was dedicated to his work. You would often find him working throughout the day, resting and sleeping only a little. I ask almighty Allah to accept him and his brothers amongst the martyrs and to raise them to the highest ranks of paradise, and that he may replace them with more people of their kind. And [we ask] that He [Allah] would re-join us all together [in paradise].”