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“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful... Just days ago, the country of Afghanistan—specifically the province of Khost, said farewell to one of the young men of Islam, and one of their loyal heroes. At first, he had sought to live as a disgraced man connected to a temporary world. Then, he heard the cries of his wounded Muslim brothers. He became horrified, hoping that Allah would allow him to support his brothers and would eventually be satisfied and accept him through martyrdom. He hoped to conquer the enemies of Allah and force them to suffer some of the torture which the Muslims have endured under. [He] struggled to help expel the crusader forces from the land of Afghanistan weak and broken. He has won what he desired, with the help of Allah. The one who respected his parents, the martyr (as we see him), the lion cub Sari Bin Hamed al-Sari—Ikrama al-Najdi—may Allah have mercy on him and accept him among the martyrs... If you search for those who respect their parents, you will find it in that youngster, who hadn't even reached the age of 22 by the autumn and was one of his parents' most respectful and loving children. May Allah bless you, Abu Hamad...”

“His son [Sari], may Allah have mercy on him, [was born] in the year 1407 [roughly 1987]. He grew up in the Hijaz [western Saudi Arabia] in the city of Al-Taif. Allah had blessed him with a decent father with a sharp brain and a broad heart, and he was raised in a society which had adopted most of the righteous values. However, he had not realized his full religious direction, and—may Allah have mercy on him—he used to say to me, ‘I'll ask Allah to grant me martyrdom and to make my blood a light to guide my family after my death.’ His beginning, may Allah have mercy on him, was much like many other youngsters who have been overcome by a lack of commitment. However, the death of the mujahid brother Abdellatif al-Shareh—Ibad al-Najdi (may Allah have mercy on him)—in the region of Chechnya had had a great influence on him, as there was a strong blood kinship between them. The influence on him was clear. Before making his commitment, he nicknamed himself Abu Ibad and downloaded to his mobile phone images of the jihadi commanders and the activities of the courageous mujahideen.”

“Eventually, Allah decreed that he would meet one of the passionate youths who would be a major influence on the development of our brother Sari. Our hero had wanted to enlist people to join the conflict and had begun to search for a way—but discovered that the doorways had been slammed in his face. He was aided by Allah and invested efforts in the search, until finally Allah granted him success and he found someone to show him [the way] to join his brothers. He

arrived in Afghanistan during Dhul Hijjah 1428 [roughly December 2007]. His group was composed of himself; Abu Ghareeb al-Makki, the leader of the 'Raid of the Muezzin'¹; and, [Abu Ghareeb's] cousin Abu Jihad al-Hadhli, may Allah have mercy on them both. I had known him from the land of Al-Haramain [Saudi Arabia], and when I learned of his arrival, I became elated at the news and rushed to meet with him. Our meeting together was among the best experiences I have had while in the land of jihad. I talked with him that night, we chatted and entertained each other, until Allah had ordered us to split up. After that, I met him again several other times."



**Suicide Bomber Abu Ghareeb al-Makki
(a.k.a. Kamaal al-Hadhli)**

"His brothers loved him for his good heart and the innocence that shined from him, even in his manner of walking. His face shone from staying awake into the night and reading from the Quran, and laboring over it... When the summer and the calamity drew nearer, he... joined the unit of the martyred commander Badr Bin Nahr al-Sahli–Abu Salmah al-Najdi–may Allah have mercy on him, in order to help organize a military operation: the attack on Khost airport. Our hero Ikrama was one of the assailants involved. Near to zero hour—the tortuous time for which our courageous mujahid had waited for so long—the battle began and he... placed himself in danger, until he fell bleeding, the bullets of the apostates slicing apart his pure body, and his soul flew back to his creator in order to reward him with his ultimate desire. We ask Allah to reward him with martyrdom in his cause."

"May you have pleasure, Abu Hamad... Your soul has departed from us in order to support his religion and to raise his word at a time when many others have lost their way, drowning in this temporary world. You have passed away and the days have stayed forever and won't be forgotten... We ask Allah to accept you amongst the martyrs, to make your pure blood a guiding light for those you had wanted to enlighten... and for us to rejoin you sooner or later. O' Allah, amen!"

"Sanafi al-Naser (Afghanistan)."

¹ A reference to the June 2008 Al-Qaida suicide bombing attack on the Danish embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan. The real identity of Abu Ghareeb al-Makki was Saudi national Kamaal Saleem Atiyyah al-Fudli al-Hadhli, who was subsequently credited by Al-Qaida with carrying out the Danish embassy attack.