



Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri: “In Lamentation of a Group of Heroes” August 24, 2008

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“In the name of Allah. All praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, companions and those who continue to follow him him.”

“My Muslim brothers everywhere: peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessing. I want to inform you about the martyrdom of the trustworthy brother, the Murabit and Muhajir [emigrant], the Mujahid: the honored Shaykh Abu Khabaab al-Masri, may Allah have mercy upon him and his righteous friends.”



“This good and blessed group, of men who went to their Lord and departed from this world, with all its faults, weaknesses, and pain. Abu Khabaab has left us—this proud mountain and generous man for the sake of Allah—after a life with abundant and continuous contributions, and after he taught generations the tactics of jihad for the sake of Allah, which they would apply against the enemies of Allah, with his help and power. He went to where he wanted to go. He asked his brothers to prepare for him a martyrdom operation.”

“And his righteous friends departed with him: the noble brother - the educator and teacher - Ibrahim bin al-Shaykh Abi al-Faraj al-Masri, may Allah free his father. And I know Ibrahim from childhood, and I remember him as a youth, who was raised with obedience to Allah, in a house of obedience, jihad, hijrah [emigration], and ribat [frontier guarding]. And the Shaykh Abdul Wahab, their companion on the path and in the life and the patient, the one who seeks the reward of Allah, and whom the events, trials and injuries on the path of Allah didn't increase him, except in contentment and ambition for the reward of Allah and in steadfastness. And the Shaykh Abu Islam, the relative of Shaykh Abu Khabaab, whom the frontlines of Bosnia and Afghanistan came to know as a fighter for his religion and the honor of his nation. This blessed caravan departed to their Lord, to complain to him about the injustice of the Americans and the treachery of the Pakistani government.”

“Oh brother, if we die, we meet with our beloved ones, because the gardens of my Lord are prepared for us, and its birds flap with their wings around us. So [await] us in the eternal residence. Verily, Allah has chosen us for his call. And we will walk along his Sunnah [path]. Some of us have fulfilled their obligations, and among us are those who are preserving their truthfulness. Brother go ahead and don't look back, your path has been covered in blood. And don't look here and there, and don't look at anything except to the sky...”