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"Al-Qaida's Media Wing presents the biography and will of the martyr Abu Anas al-Tuhami."

"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:"

"Fond of the virgins of paradise, a companion of Abu Nour [al-Najdi]: Abu Anas al-Tuhami was the second martyr on the Day of the 13 Martyrs [Iraqi election day]. All praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and all his followers... Abu Anas was born an orphan and was raised by his grandfather, who taught him the values of goodness and righteousness. He was taught to love paradise and to be courageous and persistent. He was schooled in the verses of the Jihad, O' what a wonderful education! When he saw the high mountains of the [Arabian] Peninsula, he became determined to stand straight, never to be inferior, and to confront any humiliation brought upon his Muslim brothers. Later, when he heard the call to jihad, he said, 'I will do it, O' Allah, my soul, spirit, and body are yours so please accept them, O' generous Allah.' Indeed, he fulfilled the call to jihad even though he had never gone on the Hajj because jihad supersedes the Hajj as is already known. Although time is passing, sins are accumulating, and the Hajj absolves your sins, martyrdom is still the most precious act done for the sake of Allah."

"Abu Anas—may Allah have mercy upon him—renounced worldly pleasure and chose death... and Abu Yousef al-Ansari—may Allah protect him—has described to us his actions proving his abandonment of worldly affairs. Abu Anas—may Allah have mercy on him—came to [Abu Yousef] and slept on the floor. He said, 'O' brother, I love to sleep on the floor and I need no mattress.' Abu Yousef told us that Abu Anas did not used to eat a lot and was a very tall man. He lived by the Sunnah and was supposed to get married the next month (Muharram). Instead, he chose to be with the virgins of paradise. He used to talk frequently about the virgins of paradise and their beauty, and he wished to drink a sip from the sustenance of paradise while a virgin beauty wiped his mouth clean. Very impressive, Abu Anas, a true believer and a sincere person... with very good morals, generous with his brothers from al-Ansar [the foreign mujahideen] and among the most generous men in history. How could he not be when he decided to sacrifice himself, an act considered to be at the highest levels of generosity? His father was also kind because when his son asked his permission to join the jihad against the infidels, he granted him permission and prayed for him. Later when he talked to [his parents] over the telephone, he told them that they would hear some good news soon, if Allah willed it. 'Don't question the courage of this fine soldier and brave knight,' Abu Yousef told us moments before our farewell. I wanted to test his bravery and tenacity, so I asked him whether he would return here if he failed to execute the operation. He never answered my question. Abu Yousef was amazed by his spiritual strength and his respect and pride for his religion. He wished to blow himself up against the Americans and said, 'It is a blessing from Allah if it is the Americans, the pagan guard, or the apostate police.' He hated the crusaders and their agents deeply, but how could he not after being a student of loyalty, a student of the holy Quran and the purified Sunnah? He used to live by the Sunnah and on the day of



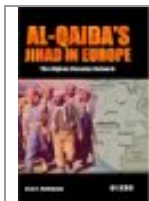
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his 'wedding' [martyrdom], he fasted. Abu Yousef told us that Abu Anas asked him for a Quran the moment he arrived and prayed frequently. He used to preach to the brothers of al-Ansar [the foreign mujahideen] the same way Abu Nour [al-Najdi] used to... Abu Yousef—may Allah protect him—said that the smell of musk was emanating from Abu Anas al-Tuhami. When he first came to Iraq and joined the martyrs brigade of Al-Qaida's Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia, everyone who saw him said that they had seen him before in a vision. When our brother Abu Yousef al-Ansari met him, he told him that he had seen him before. Abu Anas used to complement his al-Ansar brothers, and when the moment of farewell finally arrived, he kissed Abu Yousef goodbye, he wrote his will, and donated the rest of his money to the cause of Allah. May Allah have mercy upon you and accept you among his martyrs and grant you the finest reward [paradise]."

"The will of Abu Anas al-Tuhami, one of those who executed martyrdom operations on the Day of the 13 Martyrs:"

"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. All praise be to Allah, and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and all his followers. Anyone who examines the situation of our Islamic nation will witness it torn apart by bleeding wounds—the wounds in Palestine that are almost 50 years old and also the wounds of Chechnya, Afghanistan, Kashmir, Indonesia, Philippines and Iraq—while we are consumed with our own pleasures and desires. Our holy places have been violated, our mosques were destroyed, and the Quran was disgraced. What kind of state are we living in? Are these wounds causing us any distress or do we just not care? O' young men of the Islamic nation, if you support Allah, then he will grant you victory and make you stronger. What will your death be? Don't we only have one opportunity to die? Then why should we not do it for the cause of Allah and as a sign of the victory of his religion in order to raise the flag of Islam and as revenge against the enemies of our religion, because they are weak and Allah is our guide? No matter how strong they become, they will not be able to stand against the Muslims. O' young men of this Islamic nation, be strong and enlist in the cause of Allah so that the Islamic nation will be relieved of its current crisis. If we will not stand for this Islamic nation, then it will remain in its current sinful crisis. We are the ones who are needed to win victory for this religion because our sins are endless and Allah, Lord of the Worlds, promised us through his messenger that if we are killed in his cause, then all our sins will be forgiven at the moment the first drop of blood leaves our bodies. Moreover, the kindness of Allah goes far beyond forgiving sins, because it extends to saving us from the ultimate judgment, marriage to 72 virgins, and interceding on behalf of 70 members of the martyr's family... I am among those who... will go to the fields of pride and honor... I have divorced myself from this life, and Allah is my witness. Prayers to his messenger. Your brother, Abu Anas al-Tuhami of the martyrs brigade."

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