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## Communiqué from the Algerian Salafist Group for Prayer and Combat (GSPC)



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*“A statement regarding the martyrdom of Shaykh Ahmad Abul Baraa, Chief of Shariah for the GSPC.”*

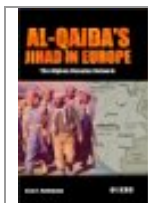
*“...the GSPC announces the martyrdom of Shaykh Ahmad Abul Baraa (real name: Ahmad Zarabib, born in 1963 in the city of Budadu in the state of Boumerdas). He was killed on Tuesday evening 17 Dhul-Hijjah 1426 in the mountains overlooking the city of Toudja in the province of Bejaïa during a fierce battle between the mujahideen and the Algerian army. The shaykh was a well known character from the Islamic call and jihad in Algeria, and he was known for his affection for knowledge... His journey in jihad began as an Imam in the mosques of Budadu. Shortly afterwards, he engaged himself in the work of jihad and was imprisoned for years. After his release, he immediately joined the mujahideen.”*

*“The shaykh was the Chief of the Shariah Council and the Judiciary Council for many years and he is considered to be one of the co-founders of the GSPC. During his journey in jihad, he remained as a teacher, a guide, and a mufti for his brothers until he achieved martyrdom... On this painful occasion we console the Islamic nation on the loss of this mujahid and scholar...”*



**Ahmad Zarabib**  
(a.k.a. Shaykh Ahmad Abul Baraa)

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