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



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“A statement disavowing Hassan Hattab and his disgraceful acts.”

“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:”

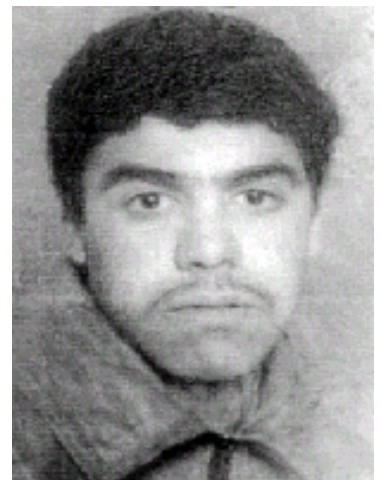
“All praise be to Allah, and prayers to his messenger, family, and followers. A statement from the GSPC: Allah desired for the path of Jihad to be filled with hardship—where those who speak the truth are separated from the liars. All along the way, the supporters of justice will suffer terribly and will be killed, tortured, and imprisoned. However, this will not deter them from the cause of Allah. Along the lengthy road of jihad, some people will fail—those who have been defeated by the challenges of life and who have surrendered themselves. Now, the Algerian tyrants are up to their old tricks with the so-called comprehensive national reconciliation exemption. The new development in this game is that one of those who have fallen for the trap is none other than Abu Hamza (Hassan Hattab), the former leader of the GSPC! Justice is more important than individual men... and in order to clarify the facts for the Islamic nation and future generations, we decided to publicize the following:”

“1.) The signs of surrender appeared for Hassan Hattab following the events of September 11. At the 2003 leadership gathering evaluating the situation of the GSPC, Abu Hamza resigned his position and the brothers decided that Abu Ibrahim Mustafa would be his successor as commander of the GSPC. Since then, Abu Hamza has kept himself secluded from the mujahideen. Recently, we learned about some of his suspicious behavior after he contacted one of our brothers in an attempt to convince him to agree to the apostate reconciliation project. He also published a statement which appeared to be signed by the GSPC. In that statement, he abandoned his principles and religion. Therefore, the leadership and the fighters of the GSPC disavow Abu Hamza and consider his recent actions to be a betrayal of Allah, his messenger, the path of jihad, and the blood of the martyrs.”

“2.) As a result of Abu Hamza’s behavior, he has become a foreign entity in this holy jihad corps, and thus he represents noone but himself.”

“3.) Any statement or letter published by his name should be treated as having been dictated by orders from the tyrants and intelligence agents. The GSPC has no connection whatsoever to any statement not signed by its leader Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud.”

“4.) We remind some of the Muslim political parties who have become involved in this conspiracy solely for political gain that their actions are unjust, cowardly, and unfaithful. We vow that we are not connected to any effort aimed at stopping the current jihad.”



Abu Hamza
(a.k.a. Hassan Hattab)



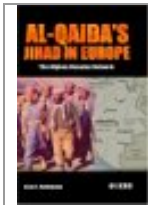
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“5.) The GSPC will stand by their firm principles and we will continue our jihad. It will be either victory or martyrdom.”

“6.) We remind our Muslim brothers that the alleged apostate comprehensive reconciliation exemption is a false and deceitful cover—a mask over ugly faces and another way to fight the jihad under the leader of the tyrant America. No matter what you decide, it will not change the following facts:

- **The apostate leaders who are calling for this reconciliation are key traitors, symbols of the agents, and the original sources of our misery. Their filthy hands are still covered with the blood of the Muslims.**
- **The hands of Bouteflika are the same hands that shook the hand of [Ehud] Barak, who killed our brothers in Palestine. They are also the same hands that shook the hand of [George] Bush, who is killing Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine. These hands should be severed and disposed of.”**

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