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## Communiqué from “Al-Qaida’s Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia” (Abu Musab al-Zarqawi)



March 3, 2005

[Note: This message did not originate from “Abu Maysarah al-Iraqi”, known as the “official” media representative of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi’s Al-Qaida faction in Iraq, and thus its veracity cannot be authenticated at this time.]

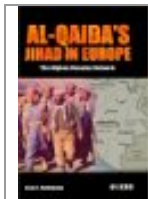
**“A statement from Al-Qaida’s Committee announcing the merger of the Al-Fatihin organization in Iraq under their banner.”**

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

**“All praise be to almighty Allah who grants victory to the monotheists, and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and his followers. In response to Allah’s commands to unify factions in order to face our enemies—and after our respected Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi pledged his allegiance to the Mujahideen Shaykh Abu Abdullah Usama bin Mohammed Bin Laden—the Al-Fatihin organization and its leader Shaykh Abu Salma al-Bakri al-Iraqi have pledged their allegiance to Al-Qaida’s Committee in Mesopotamia and its leader Shaykh Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi]—may Allah protect him—and have sworn to stand with them in jihad, supporting the Islamic religion and its faithful, and in fighting the enemies of almighty Allah.”**

**“Five brigades which previously were loyal to the Al-Fatihin organization in Baghdad, Diyala, and Mosul have joined Al-Qaida’s Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia, praise be to Allah for his blessing. These brigades have played an important role during heroic battles with the enemies of Allah that wounded the crusaders and their agents. O’ Allah, we ask you to unify our message, bring us together under the flag of justice, and strengthen us in our battle against the infidels. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and the mujahideen.”**

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