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Biography of Al-Qaida Commander Khallad al-Najdi (a.k.a. Khaled al-Mani) from Saudi Arabia



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“The biography of the martyr Khallad al-Najdi, as written by Saif al-Haqq al-Shami... I have never been among those who like to read and write, and I have never been among those who enjoy talking frequently either. However, due to the circumstances that I currently face, and because the brothers constantly urge me to write about my personal experience with our brother Khallad (Khaled al-Mani). I was honored to be asked to give him a nickname, and I eventually chose ‘Khallad al-Najdi.’ This all took place during his very first day in Iraq. At first, I hesitated and was uncertain whether I should write his biography, but after consulting the Quran, I decided that I would be happy to do this. I ask almighty Allah to reward me with his grace for my effort, and I ask that my effort goes to serve the mujahideen brothers wherever they may be, as they are the lions and heroes of this nation. They are the cream of the crop and are our Muslim nation’s pioneers on the path of courage, nobility, and the impending victory, with Allah’s help. I consider my brother Khallad to be among the best of these lions and heroes, and may Allah have mercy on his soul.”



- **“Searching for Martyrdom”**

“Allah rewarded our mujahideen in Fallujah with a glorious victory over the crusader infidels, cursed Zionists, and their hypocrite accomplices from Jordanian intelligence, the police, and the [Shiites]. Many of our leaders—the most prominent of which is our Shaykh Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi], may Allah protect him—believe that the cowardly crusaders had no choice but to withdraw quickly with those we had killed and the equipment that we had destroyed. [We accomplished this] with the help of Allah and by mastering the laws of engagement, especially the principles of guerilla warfare. It is worthy to note



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praying to Allah. We agreed upon a plan laying out the tactics that we would use, and [our plan] involved two subgroups. I then urged my brothers to swear that they would be ready to commit martyrdom... and so we all swore that we were indeed ready. One of the brothers chanted, 'Allahu Akhbar, we will not be satisfied with anything less than shooting down a plane!' The rest of the brothers chanted 'Allahu Akhbar' in response. We were going to die anyway so why not deal the pigs some vengeance and at least take down a plane? It was roughly 1:30am and Khallad (may Allah have mercy on his soul) and his brother Abu Musa [al-Jazairi] were still praying and bowing down to Allah."

"What I had been expecting later occurred. Three massive Chinook helicopters, each carrying 57 marines, flew towards us. It was no surprise that these cowards came with such a massive force to battle a group of no more than twenty men, who were armed with only the lightest of weapons. We had a Kalashnikov, an RPG, a PK, 2 handguns, and 6 grenades. These were our only weapons, while the enemy on the other hand was armed to the teeth. Nonetheless, they did not have Allah on their side... At 3:15am, and while the enemy was still hovering overhead, we all took our positions inside the room. Later on, Khallad came to sit right next me. It was raining so heavily that we felt as if the rain was about to burst through the roof. On top of that, it was also extremely windy outside. I kept my eye on Khallad as he was by my side... Later on, it stopped raining and the winds died down a bit. The cowardly pigs did not dare to launch their ground offensive before they were done combing the area and carelessly bombing the entire area in order to ensure that it was deserted. What they did not know is that we would outsmart them because we were well aware of their foolish tactics... The atmosphere then shifted from anxiousness to tranquility, and the brothers forgot about the situation that they were in. They began to sing and have a good time together while chanting, 'Almighty Allah, may you open the gates to paradise. Almighty Allah, may you open the gates to paradise.' One of the brothers who I previously told to stand guard outside the room then came to speak with us. He whispered in my ear and inquired what all the noise was about. I informed him that the brothers had sworn that they were ready for martyrdom and so he smiled and left the room again. Afterwards, the brothers stopped chanting and each one of them took his weapon and went to sleep. I looked over to see Khallad and he was fast asleep and snoring loudly..."

"All of us, with the exception of the guards, fell asleep. It was exactly 4am, and the helicopters were still hovering overhead. They wanted to land, but before they did so they made sure to carelessly bomb the area. The soldiers [dropped from helicopters] and launched an offensive some 400 meters from where we were located. They attacked a peaceful town, and during their offensive they stormed homes that belonged to the weak and the elderly, and handcuffed the men. Nonetheless, praise be Allah for any situation. We were fine, but we were sad to hear about what happened to our brothers. We heard that several farmers had been arrested and that the enemy had them away..."

- **"A Walking Martyr"**

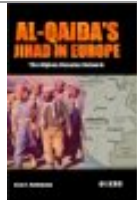
"... I would like to mention some of the traits that the brothers found characteristic of this mountain of a man... Khallad was modest despite the fact that he was an outstanding commander. We do not see many mujahideen or commanders who measure up to him. Khallad would always sacrifice himself for the sake of his fellow trainees when it came to having to deal with a punishment. One day, when their commander was mad at the brother trainees, he told them, 'All of you together must quickly board the armored personnel carrier and I do not want to see anyone left outside. Anyone I find outside the armored personnel once your time is up will be punished.' The brothers knew that their trainer, may Allah allow him to join the ranks of the martyrs, was very strict when it came to punishments. This particular trainer was later killed in the city of Mosul. The problem they faced was that they were



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our students have already taught you should give you a sense of what else in store for you. You have committed crimes and now you shall receive the punishment that you deserve. We swear to Allah that we will avenge the loss of our brother Khallad, may Allah have mercy on his soul. We will seek revenge in the name of the entire Islamic nation, and we will teach you cowboys a lesson, with the help of Allah. In the name of Allah, we will not stop! We would like to tell you that victory is on its way, with the help of Allah, because Islam is the religion that Allah selected for mankind... Written by a poor man who seeks Allah's forgiveness,"

***Saif al-Haqq al-Shami ["The Sword of Truth from Greater Syria"]
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