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Biographies of Al-Qaida's "Distinguished Martyrs" in Mesopotamia" (Abu Musab al-Zarqawi)



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• **"Abu Baseer al-Emirati" (a.k.a. Mansour al-Falashi) – United Arab Emirates**

"In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious Most Merciful... We are still discussing the story of the heroes from the 'Martyrs' Garage.' This time, the noble hero [that I am discussing] was a modest, cheerful, and devout man... The martyr was also a friendly man, whose heart was as innocent as that of a child. He did not know the meaning of evil, and simply did not know how to cheat or deceive. Therefore, he would be very surprised whenever he would hear about dishonesty and deceitfulness, or [when he would] fall victim to such behavior. On his way to Iraq, Abu Baseer rented an apartment along with a friend of his. He later found out that the rent that he had paid was ten times higher than what he should have paid based on the apartment's market value in that particular town. He said, 'Oh Lord! I have heard about deceitfulness before, but I never thought that it could be this bad.'"



"...A young man from the Arabian Peninsula named Nayif once came here to the land of jihad. Nayif simply did not realize just how infidel-infested Saudi Arabia has become. Whenever [Abu Baseer] would pass by Nayif, he would curse [King] Fahd, [Crown Prince] Abdullah, and the rest of the Saudi royal family. This made Nayif upset, and so he said, 'Goodness gracious, do not curse them.' The martyr (or so we like to think of him) replied, 'Nayif, in Allah's name, you must reject the tyrants. It is not enough to believe in Allah alone. Until you do that, you are better off returning to where you came from.' Indeed, Nayif left the land of courage after several days, and with the help of Allah, he will not be rewarded."

"Abu Baseer's friends and brothers were delighted to be alongside him. As one of his friends Abu Hamza explained, the martyr would sing for them. He would treat his brothers with his pleasant voice."

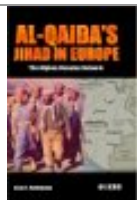


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The words that came out of his mouth were soft and pure like the gentle flow of a stream upon pearls. The martyr, may Allah have mercy upon his soul, was among the administrators of the Salman al-Farisi Mosque, that is located near Al-Samaka Square in the city of Dubai. Abu Baseer is pleased to have been released from the shackles of wealth, and proud that he replaced this with the paradise of living in caves. After all, the sound of gunfire is more pleasant and enjoyable than the sound of music, and sleeping beside walls and fences in order to get some shade and relief from the sun is more enjoyable than having air-conditioning and feeling the cool breeze of fans. Moreover, the cramped caves are surely roomier than the most spacious of castles.”

“Jihad, frugality, and passion for obtaining what Allah has to offer all soon consumed our friend. He left his house and had no choice but to lie about where he was going. Nearby his house was a center for memorizing the Quran by heart. Students would spend two months in this center and would not leave before they completed at least one chapter. Abu Baseer’s family knew about this center. He lied and said that he was going to stay there. Instead, he joined a group of fortunate mujahideen and they all headed to Iraq, the land of jihad. One day he called his mother, but was very sad after talking to her. He said, ‘I will not call her again.’ His brother asked him why he was so upset and he replied, ‘My mother tried to tempt me back by telling me that she had purchased a luxurious car that I had always wanted to buy.’ When Abu Baseer showed no interest in the car, his mother burst in tears and begged him to return home. Allah forbid that he would have obeyed his mother because disobeying Allah in regards to jihad is forbidden and permission from one’s parents is irrelevant.”

“Last but not least—and without anyone knowing about it—Abu Baseer signed up on the list of nobility. In other words, he signed his name as a volunteer under the column of ‘Martyrdom Operations,’ hoping to deal a powerful blow to the enemies of Allah. Among the most remarkable things about his death is that earlier during the day of his martyrdom, he sat down to talk with a Kurdish brother (who was in the same unit) and told him, ‘We have lived long enough. O’ Lord! Reward us with martyrdom.’ As if in direct response to his plea, as soon as the call for evening prayer was announced and the night set in, the tale of the ‘Martyr’s Garage’ unfolded as the final page in the life of Abu Baseer... The last thing that I would like you to know is that our martyr spent approximately a month in the land of the jihad before his martyrdom. We ask Allah to reunite us with Abu Baseer in paradise.”



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