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Communiqué from "Al-Qaida's Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia" (Abu Musab al-Zarqawi)

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"A statement on behalf of Al-Qaida's Committee claiming responsibility for the battles of honor and victory in the city of Al-Qaim."

"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:"

"All praise be to almighty Allah and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and supporters. Here, we have the city of Al-Qaim—which remained steadfast in the cause of Allah—the city that attacked the fortresses of the infidels and succeeded in spreading fear and horror amongst the Jews and Christians, praise be to Allah for his blessing. O' mujahideen who succeeded in killing Americans and destroying their broken and defeated army, know that Allah is with you. We ask of you, O' soldiers of justice and army of al-Tawheed, to strike with your sharp swords and your deadly spears. O' soldiers of Allah, hold firm to your swords because there is no time left and the jihad is our lifeline. Muslims today must fight in the cause of Allah. Our mujahideen have no greater concern than meeting their creator and they are driven by the force of courage. Whenever they decide to fight, the skies become clear and the clouds disappear. O' enemies of Allah, you shall taste the torture of this life before you will be tortured in the hellfire. Be prepared for more attacks that will leave you broken. O' cross worshippers, It appears that you are never satisfied with your defeats, the same way we will never be satisfied in killing you. O' city of Al-Qa'im, can you smell the scent of paradise? ...We ask you to cry 'Allahu Akhbar' and to fight in the cause of Allah because you have become our gateway to paradise, praise be to Allah for his blessing. O' Allah, you are our guide and we fight in your cause. O' almighty Allah, we ask you to defeat the infidels and grant us victory. Your brothers from Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia will continue tormenting the infidels, walking in the footsteps of our prophet Mohammed."

"Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and the mujahideen."

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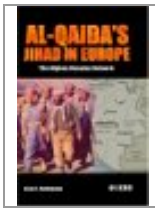

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