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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 the commander of the Al-Rijjal Brigade pledging allegiance to Al-Qaida's Committee."

"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. In response to Allah's commands to stay united and after our Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi swore an oath of allegiance to our Shaykh Abu Abdullah Usama Bin Laden—may Allah protect them, bless their jihad, and aid them in their search for justice—those of us in the Al-Rijjal Brigade (including the units of Al-Khattab, Zalzala, Abu Basir, Al-Qaqa, Al-Hamidoon, and Al-Farooq) have pledged our allegiance to Al-Qaida's Committee [in Mesopotamia]. We ask Allah to bless us and support us in our jihad and al-Tawheed and to grant us victory."

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

Abu Abdullah Al-Qurashi
Commander of the Al-Rijjal Brigade in Iraq
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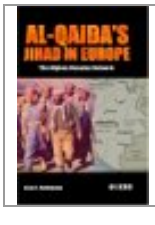

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