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Biography of an Al-Qaida Operative “Martyred” in Iraq: Abu Asil al-Jazairi (Algeria)



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“Abu Asil al-Jazairi [from Algeria] was a courageous hero and a valiant commander. He was responsible for both administrative and military tasks within Al-Qaida’s Committee [in Mesopotamia]—may Allah make it victorious. Abu Asil was also a graduate student of the Arabic language and had studied in Syria for quite some time. Nevertheless, the martyr rushed to help his fellow Muslim brothers as soon as he heard that rockets and shells were raining down upon them in Iraq. He was firm in his belief that the road to paradise was under the shadow of swords. The martyr [Abu Asil] arrived in steadfast Al-Qaim and sought to travel on to Fallujah—may Allah return the city to the mujahideen. Nevertheless, the military commander refused to allow him to do so. This was because our friend Abu Asil had administrative and organizational experience from his days as a senior official in the Muslim Brotherhood movement. Allah eventually guided him toward the righteous path and enlightened his heart with al-Tawheed and the writings of its supporting clerics such as [Abu Mohammed] al-Maqdisi, [Abu Baseer] al-Tartousi, [Abu Qatada] al-Falastini, and others like them.”



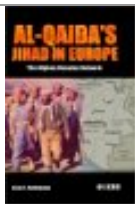
“Abu Asil was assigned the responsibility of overseeing the borders [of Iraq]. In other words, he was responsible for all the Arab brothers that came to fight in the jihad—or, in other words, arrived at paradise on earth. Among the tasks [of Abu Asil]: arranging their personal matters, assigning them military identification numbers, and then ordering them to various fronts and regions Abu Asil did a superb job in this position and his good reputation spread amongst the all the [foreign fighters] and the [Iraqi] brothers. He loved to quote from Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi’s statements... and did this so frequently that he practically knew all of his speeches verbatim by heart. Abu Asil was a lion in battle... and refused to retreat from the frontline regardless of the circumstances. I got the chance to meet him on several occasions. The glorious and famous battle in Husaybah that is often referred to as ‘the first battle over Husaybah’ was the most notable of these occasions. During this battle, the ongoing and bloody clashes with the crusader enemies and their apostate supporters intensified in an indescribable manner. After the battles raged continuously for almost an entire day, Abu Asil arose to galvanize the brothers and admonished them at the top of his lungs, ‘O’ Muslims, Hold Firm!’ This was



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the title of one of the statements released by our Shaykh and commander Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, may blessed Allah protect him. Allah spared [Abu Asil's] life several times when the enemy tracked him down, shelled his suspected location with mortars, and sent snipers after him."

"The martyr commanded over the famous Al-Rabt operation in Al-Qaim. The operation was an attempt to remove the siege imposed on our mujahid brother Abu Usama al-Ansari, may Allah have mercy upon his soul... Allah enabled Abu Asil to kill several crusaders during this battle. He sustained serious injuries in his arm and back during the battles in Al-Qaim—and these wounds, with Allah's help, guaranteed him martyrdom. He was hospitalized in the infirmary as a result of his injuries, but nonetheless continued to preside over the brothers as usual... He remained a mujahid lying in wait until he was killed when his house in the town of Husaybah was bombed near Al-Qaim. The martyr, may Allah have mercy on his soul, was struck by a rocket that shattered the silence of that dark night... The martyr, may Allah have mercy upon his soul, was buried in the Al-Shuhadaa cemetery in Al-Qaim. The brothers left him with broken hearts and eyes full of tears. We wish that Allah allow you to join the ranks of the martyrs, you good-hearted man... May Allah accept your patience, frontline service, wounds, and death in his name..."



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