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Biography of an Al-Qaida Operative “Martyred” in Iraq: Abu Ibrahim al-Tunisi (Tunisia)



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“Abu Ibrahim al-Tunisi [from Tunisia] was a commander while in Iraq, and [a new] Salahudeen while in Afghanistan. Abu Ibrahim served as the head of [Al-Qaida’s] security branch in Al-Anbar province, as well as the military commander responsible for steadfast Al-Qaim. He spent most of his life fighting on the frontlines and practicing jihad in Afghanistan, Europe [presumably Bosnia-Herzegovina], and Iraq. He was responsible for Shaykh Usama Bin Laden’s guesthouses in Afghanistan. Allah honored and enabled Abu Ibrahim to rush and join the jihad when he was young. He fought under all types of conditions—in the mountains, on the plains, and in the cities. Abu Ibrahim knew how to use various types of weapons and he took part in many operations in many different countries that shook the entire world. We shall not mention exactly which ones out of security considerations. This information will be revealed when the time is right, with the help of Allah.”

“Blessed Allah honored the martyr by enabling him to travel to Afghanistan—the factory of manhood and the home of the Islamic Emirate run by the Taliban. He fought the apostates from the Northern Alliance and did his utmost during the battles there. Blessed Allah also honored him by allowing him to take part in the last battles in defense of the Islamic Emirate that were fought in Kandahar, Jalalabad, and Kabul. Dejectedly and sorrowfully, he later withdrew along with the rest of the brothers in compliance with the orders of Mullah Mohammed Umar, may Allah protect him. [Abu Ibrahim] arrived in Turkey accompanied by the widely famed commander Hajj Banan al-Turki, may Allah have mercy on his soul. [Abu Ibrahim] spent a period of time in Turkey and then rushed to the new jihad front in Iraq, where the brothers benefited tremendously from his prior experience.”

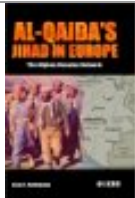
“Abu Ibrahim arrived in Rawa, the city of martyrs, where he spent some time and assumed the role of commander of [Al-Qaida’s] security branch. He was famous for his close observation of the collaborators and the spies, and also for his swift and relentless reprisals against them. He was also famous for the accuracy and punctuality of his work, and this was especially evident in his security reports that were written in laborious detail... Abu Ibrahim commanded over and oversaw several operations, among the most famous of which were: the Operation of the Martyr Shaykh Abu Mohammed al-Lubnani; the first and second operations to conquer Husaybah, when the battles grew increasingly pitched between the mujahideen and the apostate police, peshmerga, pagan guard forces, and allied local tribesmen; and third, operations targeting the convoys of the crusader enemy. Blessed Allah honored him by enabling him to set one of the Humvees ablaze in the city of Karabilah, and more specifically in the direction of Al-Sinjak. He was known for his composure during the battles, and his insistence on never retreating, no matter how intense the bombardment and battles were.”



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“The martyr, may Allah have mercy on his soul, was highly skilled in devising precise military plans. He would carefully study the targets, and was obsessive about having extensive intelligence on enemy positions. He would be particularly interested in the following: learning about possible entrances and the exits; determining how to get inside [a target] and how to escape from it (in an organized withdrawal); knowing the number of enemies in the complex and their various armaments; and, the jihad media campaign—he particularly stressed the need for this... Among the advice that he offered to his brothers was that they must prepare now—because one day, they would eventually assume responsibility over military operations, and on that day they would only be able to count on themselves. Abu Ibrahim established and personally presided over many combat units. Examples of these units include: the famous Al-Qaim sniper unit, the intelligence and security unit, an anti-aircraft unit (in collaboration with commander Abu Zubair al-Ansari), and a unit for planting mines and explosive devices. Abu Ibrahim would typically carry a Baretta handgun that he would use during surprise military operations and for the purpose of assassinations. He was also known to carry a small Glock machine gun, in addition to his Kalashnikov that he used regularly.”

“The martyr [Abu Ibrahim] was killed in the Karabilah area when his house was bombed during the battles in Al-Qaim. It was Allah’s desire that I survive this bombardment. In fact, a few minutes before he was killed, [Abu Ibrahim] asked that I take on a certain task. I wasn’t even 900 meters away from the place when I saw the thick smoke rising. When he was killed, Abu Ibrahim was in the midst of preparing a major operation against the crusaders... As his soul rose to its creator, it marked the beginning of a new era and a closing chapter for the many acts of bravery executed by this courageous commander. With his death, an enormous burden—that even the strongest of mountains would have difficulty carrying—rests upon the shoulders of those who are still here with us. Abu Ibrahim was buried in the Al-Shuhadaa cemetery in [Al-Qaim] alongside [Abu Hamza] al-Shami, the Shaykh and mujahid Abdallah al-Rashood, [Khallad] al-Najdi, [Abu Hamza] al-Sudani, al-Iraqi, al-Suweidi, and other brothers. May Allah have mercy on their souls, and may he allow them to join the ranks of the martyrs. We promise you, O’ Salahudeen [referring to Abu Ibrahim], that we shall continue on this path until we meet again soon in paradise.”



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