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told us to spread out in units of 4-5 brothers in various houses while awaiting the arrival of American forces. Our orders were to fight them and kill as many as we could while maintaining the lowest numbers of casualties possible among us. The brothers started preparing themselves for the battle—some of them placed wires on the doors to detect any intruders and some others built fence-like structures around the house. I was going from one house to another and I was very thirsty... I entered one of the houses... and to my surprise, I found a refrigerator with several cans of cold water inside it. I was amazed and praised Allah because most Iraqis in that area have no freezers... Among the other miracles that took place, I remember our brother Abu Bakr in Afghanistan when his dead body was found in good shape seven days after his death. The same thing happened with brother Abu Hammam al-Maqdisi [likely of Palestinian origin] who was killed and three days after his death, as he was about to be buried, his body was still fresh and a scent of musk was in the air. In another battle, the enemy had seven Humvees and 37 soldiers facing off against only 8 brothers. We were able to set four vehicles ablaze and kill fifteen soldiers. In all our operations, we were outnumbered by the enemy, but we were always able to cause large numbers of casualties among them. I remember during one of the operations in Al-Qaim aimed at securing the release of our brother Abu Usama. While 4-5 brothers were walking towards their target, they began smelling this amazing scent, not knowing where it came from but realizing that it was the scent of paradise. During that operation fifteen U.S. snipers and foot soldiers were killed. Brother Abu Usama was killed during that operation and the brothers found him lying next to sixteen M-16 cartridges, his personal weapon, some hand grenades, and his index finger pointing towards the sky. I ask Allah to accept him among his martyrs. Additional miracles happened with brother Khallad al-Najdi [from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia] who saw several men dressed in white fighting alongside him. Another story was with brother Yassin al-Najdi (Ayed al-Ruwaysbi al-Otaibi) [from Saudi Arabia] who was wounded in Baghdad and suffered massive injuries to his hands. When the brothers entered the room they smelled the scent of musk... When they came closer to brother Yassin, they discovered that the smell was coming from his injured hands prior to his death. Another miracle happened during the retreat from Al-Qaim that took us three hours during which we walked through the open desert. We were supposed to make it past U.S. surveillance by dawn because if morning were to come, then we would have been spotted and been certainly killed. With the help of Allah, heavy clouds covered the skies and we were able to make it to safety by 7:30 am. The moment we reached safety, the clouds disappeared from the skies and it felt like noon..."



Khallad al-Najdi (a.k.a. Khaled al-Mani) from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

[Abu Anas al-Maqdisi]: "Thank you. There were many stories about the scent of musk being smelled on [the bodies] of our martyrs. Can you offer your own comments on this particular issue and have you personally smelled those scents?"

[Abu Ali al-Sharqi]: "Praise be to Allah, these scents have become one of the distinctive features of our dead brothers and it is certainly a divine sign aiming to strengthen us... In this regard, we should mention our brother Falaqullah al-Makki from Saudi Arabia. He participated in numerous operations



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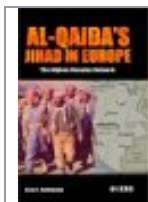
[Abu Abdullah al-Shamali]: *“The miracle took place with brother Abu Qasim in Haditha on the first of Ramadan last year when the area was put under siege and the brothers were forced to retreat using the river. They ended up hiding on one of the islands. Later on, brother Abu Qasim asked brother Abu Jandal whether he could see a light. But brother Abu Jandal could not see anything. Then brother Abu Qasim told him that he was able to clearly see the entire city of Haditha and he heard the sounds of running horses in the background, and this was a sign from Allah. The second miracle took place when I was driving with several brothers and the skies were filled with dense dust that made us lose our way. So we began to pray, and in five minutes, the skies became clear and we were able to reach our destination much more quickly.”*

[Abu Anas al-Maqdisi]: *“Can you tell us, dear brother, about the morale and the emotions of the brothers at this point now that the number of military operations and battles has increased significantly?”*

[Abu Ali al-Sharqi]: *“You have to realize that we are fighting them for the sake of Allah. We are not fighting them alone, because if we were, then defeat would be in our destiny. We get nervous when we use modern advanced weapons and we feel much more confident using old shotguns and RPG launchers. We were outnumbered in most of our operations, but we still caused massive losses and casualties among the Americans. Every time we were faced with hard times in one city, we were counting successes in other places. When we had hard times in Al-Qaim, then in Baghdad or Samarra things would be working to our benefit, praise be to Allah for his blessing. Your al-Tawheed brothers are spread out everywhere, and we should not forget to mention our Ansar brothers [native Iraqi recruits] who assisted us and have led some of the major operations. The brothers are eager to take the lead and go to the battles. They even used to fight amongst themselves over who would participate in the operations because all of them were eager to serve their cause. Those who failed to adopt this path are the biggest losers. Before I joined the path of jihad, I used to care about driving the nicest cars and wearing the most beautiful clothing—but now, you see your fighting brothers caring less about such things. They care about having their weapons ready, praying, serving each other (both locals and foreigners), and purchasing big trucks (common among the martyr brothers). Our most precious possession is our weapon. Our intention is to obey Allah and attack the enemies of Allah. Our wish is to die in the cause of Allah when the time comes without any hesitation.”*

[Abu Anas al-Maqdisi]: *“We thank both our brothers for this interview and we end it by praying to Allah to protect our mujahideen brothers in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and everywhere else. We ask Allah to protect our Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Shaykh Usama Bin Laden, and Shaykh [Ayman] al-Zawahiri and please do not forget to pray for us.”*

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