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



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**"A Statement from Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia Concerning the Death of Shaykh [Abu Musab] al-Zarqawi from Abu Abdelrahman al-Iraqi to the beloved Islamic Nation."**

**"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious Most Merciful... Peace be upon him, we bring you the good news of the martyrdom of our Shaykh, the mujahid, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Mesopotamia, the land conquered by Omar al-Faruq and blessed by the blood of the followers of the Prophet and the blood of both [foreign fighters] and [native fighters]. Over the last three years, this included Abu Anas al-Shami, Shaykh Abu Azzam al-Iraqi, and today our Shaykh Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi], may Allah bless him."**



[From L to R]: Abu Anas al-Shami (a.k.a. Omar Yousef Jumah), Abu Azzam al-Iraqi (a.k.a. Abdullah al-Jawhari), Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

**"We confirm to the Islamic nation that what has befallen us is a blessing to our nation and the final conquest will be soon... The Islamic nation never recovered from the loss caused by the death of Prophet Mohammed, but the good deeds, fighting, and conquests continued to make the word of Allah supreme. The Islamic nation continued to produce new men after new men up until today. The Islamic nation has produced in previous decades Shaykh Usama Bin Laden, Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi—and nation will continue to produce men after men to safeguard our religion... The death of our leaders provides life for us, and it will only encourage us to continue waging jihad until the word of Allah is supreme. We perform jihad to obey Allah and worship him. It is one of the greatest duties of this era."**

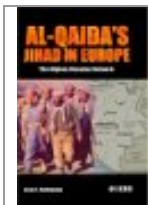
**"Allah has blessed us in previous months to meet together with our brothers and form the Mujahideen Shura Council under the leadership of our Shaykh Abdullah bin Rashid al-Baghdadi—may Allah protect him and our Shaykh. This had the beneficial effect of resulting in the formation of this council as the primary nucleus for the future state of Islam to be established in Mesopotamia. We swear to Allah that we will continue to uphold his laws in Mesopotamia or we will die in the process. We say to**



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***our Shaykh and our Commander Usama Bin Laden that your soldiers from Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia are continuing the same plan that you conceived for our Shaykh Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi]. We will continue following the path of our Shaykh and Commander Abu Musab, and the infidels will eventually reap the results of continued war between them and us... May Allah bless the Shaykh and Mujahid Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi] and those brothers who have preceded him on the battlefields of jihad."***

**Abu Abdelrahman al-Iraqi – Deputy Commander  
Al-Qaida's Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia  
June 8, 2006**



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