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whatsoever with those scrawled slogans. Later, they attacked the Al-Maluki mosque with heavy fire and used the mosque's loudspeakers to spread their false propaganda against our organization [the IAI] and against the Sunni people. They also spread lies about several Imams serving that area and against several others whose names they associated with the IAI. In that mosque [Al-Maluki], they shot to death brother Abu Teeba from the IAI—neither the sanctity of Muslim blood, nor the brotherhood of jihad, nor the sanctity of that place were enough to stop them from killing Abu Teeba.”

“Then [the Al-Qaida network] attacked places in Al-Ameriyah where IAI brothers gather and the IAI brothers fought back. Then, the Americans suddenly appeared but the brothers from Al-Qaida did not fight them. Instead, they remained in their vehicles with their massive guns attached on the back, driving in front of the Americans. Has targeting the IAI become more important than targeting the Americans? Furthermore, this attack was directed against the Sunnis and their mosques, during which they [Al-Qaida] killed two innocent unarmed men praying in the Al-Tikriti mosque. During that attack, Al-Qaida used their snipers, RPGs, and mid-range weapons to attack the mosque. Later on, when the Americans implemented their curfew in the Al-Ameriyah neighborhood, the Al-Qaida network decided to launch an attack on the IAI in the Hay al-Jamiyah neighborhood and their attacks are still continuing now even as we speak. Additionally, various religious militia factions have used the current situation to their advantage by attacking Sunnis in the Al-Amel neighborhood, but your brothers from the IAI and locals from that area fought them back and these battles are still ongoing as we speak. How can you justify your attacks on these people who are going through the most difficult time of their lives? We demand of you, why are you attacking the mosques??”

“Therefore, we present our principles to you. First, we are determined to continue our fight in the cause of Allah until the goals we set before are achieved, which include ending the American and Iranian occupation. Second, we are standing firm in retaliating against the various religious militias and in protecting the Sunnis. Third, any attack against an individual from the IAI is considered an attack against the entire IAI and the organization has the legal right to retaliate for any attack against it, no matter what the reasoning or justification being offered. Fourth, we consider Abu Hamza al-Masri [a.k.a. Abu Hamza al-Muhajir] and Abu Omar al-Baghdadi responsible for the crimes of their men against the Sunnis and the mujahideen. We ask them to be just and to follow the Quran in their decision-making process. We inform you that we follow the Hanafi school of Shariah only. O' Allah, bring us together... O' Allah, forgive our sins.”