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Communiqué from “Egyptian Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement”



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[NOTE: In the wake of the 7/7 bombings in London, many purported extremist groups have issued apparent communiqués or claims of responsibility. Typically, it is difficult—if not impossible—to determine the authenticity of such documents. By contrast, this message on behalf of the “Egyptian Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement” was authenticated and distributed by the same online authority responsible for Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Al-Qaida’s Jihad Committee in Iraq. Thus, the presumed credibility of this statement is comparatively high. Prior to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi swearing bayat (an oath of allegiance) to Usama Bin Laden in November 2005, his terrorist affiliate organization in Iraq was likewise known as the “Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement.” Only hours after the July 23 bombings in Egypt, al-Zarqawi’s media wing released a video showing Al-Qaida interrogators questioning former Egyptian Ambassador to Baghdad Ihab el-Sherif concerning the location of Jews in the Sinai Peninsula—to which an obviously distressed Sherif responded, “From Taba to Sharm al-Sheikh.”]

“The first statement on behalf of the Egyptian Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement.”

“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:”

“All praise be to Allah who protects the believers and humiliates the infidels. Prayers to his Prophet Mohammed. The Egyptian Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement is continuing the war against the Jews and the Christians in order to expel them from the land of the Muslims. This war began by combating the sources of evil and Zionist prostitution in the Sinai at Taba, Ras al-Shaitan, and Nuwaiba—may Allah accept our martyrs from that holy attack. The martyrs were:

- ***Iyad al-Falastini***
- ***Sulaiman Fulayfel Sawarqa***
- ***Hammad al-Tirbani***
- ***Mohammed Badawi***
- ***Salamah al-Tihi”***



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“We did not post our statement previously due to security reasons. We are now in a better situation in which Allah has enabled us to take responsibility for our second attack—in a series of attacks—at Sharm al-Sheikh, which we have chosen as a challenge to the oppressor’s security apparatus that was proven ineffective, especially after the holy explosions in Taba when thousands of innocent men, women, and children were seized [by the security forces] as hostages.”

“Why did we choose [to target] the crusaders in Sharm al-Sheikh?”

“1.) In response to the orders of Allah and his Prophet to fight the infidels everywhere.”

“2.) To demonstrate our loyalty to the commanders of the mujahideen, Usama Bin Laden and Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri.”

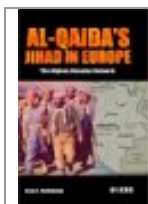
“3.) To demonstrate our support for our brothers in Iraq and Afghanistan—and as a response to the ‘war on terror.’”

“4.) The crusaders are killing us everywhere, they come and spread their infidelity and immorality, teaching our children all of the forbidden matters and giving the tyrannical rulers money which they use to murder Muslims and to build the prisons for the people of al-Tawheed.”

“A warning to the infidels around the world: if you want to come to our countries and feel safe then you should ask the true leaders of our Islamic nation for that safety. Beg for safety and security from Usama Bin Laden and Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri. If they should grant you your safety, then we will protect you.”

“A suggestion and a request to Muslims around the world: do not follow the misleading prayers, the scholars of the oppressors, and the rulers who will pay money to have you killed and will go on to seize your possessions. Jihad is from Islam and Islam without jihad is worthless. We warn all Muslims that we will target these Jews and Christians at any time and with any means available. Therefore, do not intermingle with them. Allah supports our goals and he is our guide to the righteous path.”

The Egyptian Tawheed wal-Jihad Movement July 26, 2005



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