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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 regarding the arrest of Brother Abu Abdel Aziz—may Allah release him."

"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful:"

"All praise be to almighty Allah and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and supporters... This morning, Wednesday 6 Jumada al-Akhir 1426 (July 13, 2005), one of the commanders of the crusader army announced the arrest of one of the most important lieutenants of [Abu Musab] al-Zarqawi: the fighting brother Abu Abdel Aziz—may Allah release him from prison. As usual, they (the Americans) have claimed the capture of one of our 'most important' leaders and today is the 64th or 65th time we have witnessed the Americans capturing our 'most important' leaders. May Allah be our witness, our brother Abu Abdel Aziz—may Allah release him—is only the commander of one of our brigades in Baghdad. He was captured during a raid by American forces along with the pagan guard on a house in Baghdad. Our brother fought them fiercely using his personal weapon but he ended up being badly injured, evidenced by all the bloodstains left where he was found. We also received the news that our brother died as a result of his injuries and that he was transferred immediately away from the scene."



Abdullah Ibrahim Mohammed Hassan al-Shadad (a.k.a. Abu Abdel Aziz)

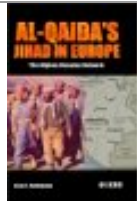
"The daily announcements by the cross soldiers concerning the capture of Zarqawi's lieutenants are evidence of their defeat because they are trying to cling desperately to anything they can—the same way a drowning person would cling desperately to a branch. They are trying to prove to the world that they are defeating the mujahideen in Mesopotamia



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by bestowing each person they capture with a different title, such as ‘the commander of Baghdad’, ‘Zarqawi’s assistant’, and ‘Zarqawi’s Number 3 in command.’ We ask Allah to protect the hundreds of people who work as Zarqawi’s commanders and to release the rest of our brothers who are being held in the prisons of the crusaders and the apostates. All praise be to almighty Allah. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and the mujahideen.”

Al-Qaida’s Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia 6 Jumada al-Akhir 1426 – July 13, 2005



Al-Qaida’s Jihad in Europe: the Afghan-Bosnian Network

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