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



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***"The Media Wing of Al-Qaida's Committee [in Mesopotamia]: Hold Fast to Your Banners and Come Forth to Meet Your God Because Victory is Near."***

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

***"All praise be to almighty Allah who grants victory to Islam and humiliates the infidels. Prayers to his messenger Mohammed. Hold fast to your banners and come forth to meet your God because victory is near, if Allah wills it. Since the battle of the commander Hassan bin Ibrahim al-Zaidi al-Ansari—may Allah have mercy on his soul and accept him among his martyrs—that took place two days ago, Allah has been blessing your brothers with victory, persistence, and the ability to launch repeated attacks on the enemies of Allah. The operations yesterday and the day before—and even today—have proven the inability of the crusaders to defend against the mujahideen—may Allah accomplish their aims and support them in establishing justice."***

***"The evidence and proof of their incompetence are all their attempts to conceal and alter the facts using the crusader media. Our intelligence has informed us about several scheming crusader plots aimed at extinguishing the torch of jihad. Among those plots are:"***

***"1.) Contacting secular Sunnis, socialists, and collaborating factions and convincing them that in order to get their freedom that the Sunnis should participate in elections and writing the constitution."***

***"2.) An attempt to separate Al-Qaida's Committee from the national [resistance] by distorting the reputation of the mujahideen in the eyes of the Muslims in an effort to portray them as criminals among the people of the Sunnah and Jamaah."***

***"3.) The obvious media blackout over the operations from the last few days and the endless attempts to distort daily events and to spread misinformation about the endless alleged arrests of commanders and assistants."***

***"We inform you, O' brothers of al-Tawheed, that we are safe and sound and we are enjoying the happy moments of victory if Allah wills it while we are attacking the nation of deception. We also inform you that our Shaykh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and his second-in-command Abu Abdelrahman [al-Iraqi] and Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia are leading the battles and planning the strikes, so may Allah bless them, protect them, and grant them victory. Also, our Shaykh Abu Musab [al-Zarqawi]—may Allah***

