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Biography of an Al-Qaida Operative “Martyred” in Iraq: Abu Usama al-Tunisi (Tunisia)



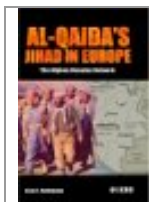
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“The martyrdom of Abu Usama al-Tunisi [from Tunisia], the commander of [Al-Qaida’s] Aisha Brigade [tasked with air defense missions]... I announce the news to the Islamic nation regarding the martyrdom of one of its heroes and true men. This man is perhaps unknown to some of us, but he was a part of the most magnificent legends and events that have taken place in Mesopotamia. He was a fierce lion and displayed no fear when confronting death. He caused much desperation and anxiety among the Americans and he spread frustration among their soldiers. The Americans knew Abu Usama al-Tunisi very well, because he was one of the commanders who led the Battle of Abu Anas al-Shami during which he served as the military commander responsible for one of the four frontlines of the mission. His participation in that attack was confirmed in the audio recording ‘The Lions of al-Tawheed’ released by the military commander of the organization [presumably referring to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi]. Abu Usama was the brains behind and the commander of the ‘Al-Fatah’ assault. He also participated in the ‘Sunni Revenge Battles’, the ‘Anti-Terrorism assault’, and many more.”

“Abu Usama first entered Iraq two years ago. He used to always smile when talking to his brothers and had a profound faith in Allah. Abu Usama was killed in the area of Al-Yusififiya during an air strike that also killed four other brothers. The number of Iraqi and foreign fighters killed in Al-Yusififiya since [January 2006] totals 70. Brothers, I ask you to keep praying for our brothers in Al-Yusififiya because they are in the midst of a fierce battle with their enemies.”



Members of Al-Qaida’s Aisha Brigade down a U.S. Apache helicopter in Al-Yusififiya in April 2006 and mutilate the remains of an American pilot



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