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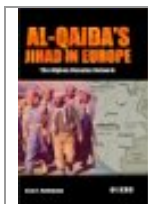
Communiqué from the “Al-Fatihin Army” in Iraq July 29, 2006

[NOTE: In January 2006, a leading faction of the Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) broke off and began working as an independent insurgent group known as the “Al-Fatihin Army.” Though the Al-Fatihin Army did not specify the underlying reason for its break from the IAI, it continues to claim credit for some of IAI’s most memorable operations over the past three years, including the capture of several Western hostages in 2004.]

“The war in Lebanon weakens the jihad in Iraq... Anyone witnessing the major current events in the region may begin to wonder why it is all happening. We firmly stand side-by-side with all the children, women, and elderly people in Lebanon and Palestine who are victims of the Zionist crusader bombing. However, anyone who thinks that what is taking place in that area is remotely related to what is happening in Iraq is certainly wrong. After the crusaders suffered massive human and material losses, they decided to look for a new issue that would divert the attention of the Muslims away from what is happening in Iraq, concerning the war of extermination against the Sunni people. The Islamic and Arab nations began to support the mujahideen in every possible way in order to save the people of Iraq. America has realized the danger behind that kind of a support and the fact that it stands in the way of its plan to create a new Middle East. Despite the dozens of victims, exiled refugees from Gaza and Lebanon, and the destruction of infrastructure, this war was created to conceal the victory of the mujahideen in Iraq. America is using this war to divert the support for the mujahideen from Iraq to Lebanon. Nowadays, there are massive donation campaigns throughout the media, neither for the Iraqi nor Afghani people, but for Lebanon. These actions are depriving the mujahideen in Iraq their fair share of support. We believe that America which killed 300 Americans onboard one of its own ships to justify its war against Cuba is definitely capable of doing whatever it takes to protect itself in Iraq...”



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

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