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



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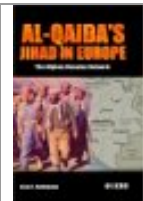
**"A statement on behalf of Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia claiming responsibility for the Aqaba and Eilat attack."**

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

**"All praise be to almighty Allah and prayers to his messenger Mohammed, his family, and his supporters... With the assistance of Allah, your brothers from the Military Wing of Al-Qaida's Committee in Mesopotamia were able to plan the Aqaba attack over a period of time, and after finishing their preparations and determining their targets, they launched their rockets on them. These targets were military units of the crusader American forces using Aqaba and Eilat harbor. By the will of Allah, all the brothers returned safe and sound to their bases. The attack was led and monitored by the commanders of Al-Qaida's Jihad Committee in Mesopotamia. We inform you that the reason for the delay in claiming responsibility was due to the need to give sufficient time for our brothers to escape. With the assistance of Allah, we will continue in our fight and attack the bases of the infidels and apostates whenever we can. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his messenger, and the mujahideen."**



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