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“Martyrdom” of Four Asbat al-Ansar Commanders Reported in Iraq



Saleh Shayeb



Ahmad Yassin



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On November 17, in an interview with the Beirut Daily Star, “Abu Sharif”--a spokesperson of the designated foreign terrorist organization Asbat al-Ansar in southern Lebanon--reported that “a group of very well-trained mujahideen from Asbat al-Ansar managed to enter Iraq and carried out several attacks against the Crusaders’ forces and did very well.” The “martyrs” included Ahmad Yassin (a.k.a. Abu Haroun al-Maqdisi); Saleh Shayeb (a.k.a. Abu Muaz al-Shami); Nidal Mustafa (the brother of an Ansar al-Asbat official); and, Mohammed al-Kurdi. According to Abu Sharif, “a group of mujahideen from the Asbat al-Ansar group went to wage jihad in Iraq after they were unable to do so in Palestine... they arrived in Iraq, carried out the attacks and some were killed... they were killed in Iraq.” When asked whether Asbat al-Ansar feared any U.S. military operations in Lebanon, Abu Sharif replied, “We don’t fear them.”

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“May peace, blessings, and Allah’s mercy be upon you... In the name of merciful Allah: ‘These are the faithful who have carried out what they swore to Allah. Some of them are already martyrs, and others are waiting to join them’... This is a photo of the martyred commander Saleh al-Shayeb (a.k.a. Abu Muaz al-Shami), hero of Asbat al-Ansar who died in the cause of Allah in the Iraqi city of Al-Qaim [on October 1, 2005]. This place was the site of bloody clashes between the courageous mujahideen versus the crusaders and national guard. Two Marines were taken as prisoners, and a large number of soldiers were killed. May Allah have mercy on you, Abu Muaz. We remember you as a great hero who courageously battled the enemies of Allah. You were a hero in al-



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Shams [‘Greater Syria’] and a hero in Iraq. We ask our almighty lord to make your new home in the most wonderful part of paradise. We are told that the martyr is lost to us forever when he dies. But Saleh is not dead and will soon be content. Our deaths bring life to our people, and thus our blood is cheap. Let the world recognize the meaning of such noble deeds. Farewell. hero... your loss causes our eyes to shed tears. Even the earth mourns... and complains about your absence.”

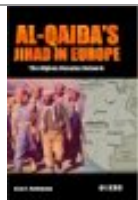
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“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious Most Merciful... Ahmad Mohammed Yassin (a.k.a. Abu Haroun) was born in 1977 in the Ain al-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon and was raised in a religious family that loved Islam and its Shariah. Ahmad was enrolled at various schools where they taught Shariah and continued to attend groups where they memorized the Quran until he matured. At this time, the Islamic movement of Asbat al-Ansar was forming in al-Shams [‘Greater Syria’] and he immediately decided to join them... Afterwards, he began his journey of preparation and jihad in the cause of Allah... He was known for fiercely fighting against the enemies of Islam and succeeding in attacking them over and over again in various battles against the apostates—the agents of the crusaders and Jews. Following the crusader invasion of Mesopotamia and the beginning of their massacre against the [Sunni] Muslims and



Ahmad Yassin (a.k.a. Abu Haroun al-Maqdisi)

after the mujahideen [in Iraq] asked for the help of their brethren outside of Iraq, he was chosen to go there due to his leadership and brave characteristics. Ahmad left the country without a second thought, abandoning his homeland and his wife that he married only one year earlier. From the first moment he entered the land of jihad, he began fighting and became the military commander of the Al-Karabilah region after its previous commander, Saleh al-Shayeb (a.k.a. Abu Muaz al-Shami) was killed. At this time, the crusaders began their assault on Al-Qaim and nearby areas and our martyr [Yassin] played an important role in confronting the cross worshippers and the apostates until he was finally killed in a fierce battle with a group of crusader vehicles after he had ensured the safe withdrawal of the other members of his unit. We congratulate you for your martyrdom, [achieving] paradise... if Allah wills it, we shall meet again in paradise.”



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