

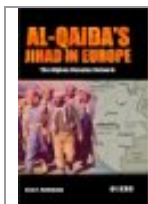


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did not talk much, she was definitely well-educated. This was reflected in the education of her daughters. So now everyone should know who the women of the martyrs are, and precisely how al-Hajji Thamer provided for his family by doing a great deed in their honor.”

“Al-Hajji Thamer was never ashamed of his true belief in Allah, and had absolutely no hypocrisy in his faith. You would always see him wholeheartedly offering advice to passersby. It would be impossible for him to step out of a taxi without calling upon the taxi driver to be loyal to blessed Allah. If the driver was listening to songs and music, he would still offer him advice—and if the driver refused to listen, he would simply pay him all that he owed and would step out of the vehicle... He would always convey his righteous message without being overly strict or shouting. He always offered his advice while wearing clean clothing and used his charm to touch people’s hearts and make logical sense.”

“As for the way he committed martyrdom: following the first uprising in Fallujah that began after the killing of the four Americans whose bodies were later burned, al-Hajji Thamer assumed leadership of a group comprised of both [foreign fighters] and [Iraqi] partisans. Members of the group would spend most of their time in the desert and around the peripheral routes where they sought shelter and also attacked the enemy. As soon as it appeared to them that Fallujah was under attack, they immediately took action to defend [the city]. At the time the siege on the city was first imposed, al-Hajji was located in the industrial area of Fallujah along with his brothers. Due to the small numbers of mujahideen—coupled by the fact that the attack targeted a larger area than previously—the Americans managed to enter the neighborhood. Around midnight, a fierce battle broke out between the mujahideen brothers and the Marines. One bullet managed to pierce the heart of one of the brothers. Al-Hajji came to the rescue of his brother, but a sniper managed to shoot him in the head making him into a martyr, may Allah have mercy on his soul. During the same night, brothers Abu Khattab and Abu Fares became martyrs as well. May Allah have mercy on all of them. A few days later, poor Bassem was killed too, and so I just sat and cried at home.”



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