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Al-Qaeda in Yemen Claims Responsibility for the Suicide Car Bombings Targeting Western Oil Facilities in al-Dhabba and Safer in September 2006



The first statement, three pages in length, from a group calling itself al-Qaeda in Yemen was issued today, Tuesday, November 7, 2006, which announces a claim of responsibility for suicide car bombings targeting American and Canadian-owned oil facilities in al-Dhabba and Safer on September 15, 2006. The SITE Institute cannot verify the authenticity of this message; however, it should be noted that website administrators of some jihadist networks placed it atop the forums as a banner, which lends a degree of authenticity. According to the group, two operations in memory of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and Abu Ali al-Harithi were executed by four suicide bombers, heeding the words of Usama bin Laden, Emir of al-Qaeda, to target sites of Western economic power. The Canadian Nexen Petroleum Company's oil refinery in al-Dhabba, in Hadramout, and American Hunt Oil Company's refinery in Safer were the targets.

Al-Qaeda in Yemen declares that jihad has not been extinguished in Yemen and there remain Mujahideen who continue to fight for the Sake of Allah and the mission of al-Qaeda. As such, four of these Mujahideen, Shafik Ahmed Zaid, Hashim Khalid al-Iraqi, Omar Sayd Gar Allah, and Ahmed Muhammad al-Abiyad volunteered for the suicide bombings at the selected and planned locations. Shafik Ahmed Zaid and Omar Sayd Gar Allah, are pointed out in the statement to be among the Yemen wanted list of twenty-three, meaning that they are among the al-Qaeda members who escaped from Political Security Central Prison in Sana'a in February 2006.

Despite media allegations otherwise, al-Qaeda in Yemen claims the successful completion of the bombings. Security goals at the Dhabba and Safer locations allegedly killed the car bombers and exploded their vehicles before they reached their targets, though one security guard was killed and shrapnel ignited a fire in an oil storage tank. In response, the group states: "this is not the first time that media was silent about the results of operation, and attempting to alter the facts and distort the image of the Mujahideen". They also remind that the blood of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the former Emir of al-Qaeda in Iraq, and Abu Ali al-Harithi, believed to be the mastermind of the U.S.S. Cole bombing in October 2000 and was killed by a Predator drone missile in 2002, shall not go "unpunished".

The group also calls upon the "Yemen devil" to repent, return to Islam and to reject America's "religion" of democracy. Further, al-Qaeda in Yemen addresses America and its allies, warning that these operations are only the "first spark," and what will come next is worse.

Following is a translation of the statement:

Al-Qaeda Organization for Jihad in Yemen

In the Name of Allah, the most Gracious and Merciful

Statement Number: (1)
Date: 1427/Ramadan/20

Badr Battle in Yemen O Allah, make us aim well and steady

<Muslim greetings>

The al-Qaeda Organization for Jihad in Yemen brings to the Islamic Ummah [Nation] good news of the dawn of Jihad and martyrdom in the land of Yemen. After the Jihad had stopped due to the calamities that happened to the Mujahideen, in which some were killed – we ask Allah to accept them as martyrs – and many of them were captured in the devil's detainment centers, and the remaining Mujahideen were displaced, persecuted, pursued and tried in absentia, and some fell in the mud of ameliorating conditions, and some of them also collaborated with the devil regime... Allah kept some of them steady.

And after all that the flame of Jihad was ignited in Yemen. If it is put out in some places and times, it is not extinguished completely because Allah provided for the religion those who lift it, fight, and raise its flag. And Allah provides for Jihad for His Sake who loves Allah and is loved by Allah. Allah Almighty says: *"O you who believe! Whoever from among you turns back from his religion (Islam), Allah will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; humble towards the believers, stern towards the disbelievers, fighting in the Way of Allah, and never afraid of the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allah which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allah is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower."* [Al-Ma'idah 5: 54]

Allah granted your brothers al-Qaeda Organization for Jihad in Yemen the privilege of executing four suicide operations on the oil centers of the Crusader American enemy and those who follow them from the apostates. The operations were executed at 5:15 at dawn on the blessed Friday, 22 Sha'aban 1427, which corresponds to 15 September 2006.

Details of the operations:

The Operation of the Emir of the Martyrs, Sheikh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Allah bless his soul, in the Crusaders' port of al-Dhabba, in the area of Hadramout:

After monitoring the Crusaders' port of al-Dhabba, which belongs to the Canadian Nexen Petroleum Company, located on the coast of Hadramout, between the towns of al-Shahr and al-Mukalla, and gathering information necessary to targeted it, two car bombs were deployed to attack the port. Two of the Islamic heroes were assigned this mission.

First: (Abu Abdullah al-Yemeni) Shafik Ahmed Zaid – Allah bless his soul – the Emir of the operation. He was one of those wanted on the list of twenty-three.

Second: (Abu Riyadh al-Yemeni) Hashim Khalid al-Iraqi – Allah bless his soul.

After determining the date and coordinating the action between the groups, they began to implement the operation. The brother Abu Riyadh – Allah bless his soul – arrived at the goal and exploded the gates, opening a gap. The brother Shafik – Allah bless his soul – hurried to the depth of the target, a distance of not less than 2 km. He then went to the facility's reservoirs of oil in the port, exploding it and causing massive destruction; fire was ignited and the sky over the port was filled with black smoke emitted from the reservoirs. Allah made the Crusaders and apostates taste rounds of agony and terror.

As Allah said: *"Fight against them so that Allah will punish them by your hands and disgrace them and give you victory over them and heal the breasts of a believing people"*. [At-Taubah 9:14]

The Operation of Sheikh Abu Ali al-Harithi, Allah bless his soul, on oil refineries in Safer, in the area of Ma'arib

Allah granted the Mujahideen the privilege to monitor the refineries in Safer, which are owned by the American Hunt Company. They photographed the site and collected the necessary information. The target was the oil refining center in Safer. After monitoring and scrutiny, the rear gate was chosen as a springboard for entry to the site. After carefully drawing the plan, two car bombs were deployed, where two lions of Islam jumped [to participate] for the operation.

First: (Abdullah al-Gharib) Omar bin Sayd Gar Allah – Allah bless his soul – the Emir of the operation. He was one of those wanted on the list of twenty-three.

Second: (Abu Hammam al-Yemeni) Ahmed Muhammad Al-Abiyad – Allah bless his soul.

The brother Abu Hammam – Allah bless his soul – went towards the rear gate and exploded an opening in it, destroying parts of the oil refinery. He also destroyed the control tower and military barracks for the guards at rear gate – where the distance between the oil refinery and gate did not exceed one-hundred meters. In addition, the distance between the rear gate and the military barracks did not exceed fifty meters. It was intended that the military barracks and the oil refining center were in the range of the impact of the blast wave. This was followed by brother Abdullah al-Gharib – Allah bless his soul – destroying the target completely. Thanks unto Allah before and after.

And these operations were according to the directives of our Emir Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah protect him – which he ordered the Muslims to attack the Western economy and exhaust it, and to stop the theft and looting of the wealth of Muslims, which reinforces the enemies of the Islamic religion in their War on Muslims and Islam.

After:

Let the Americans and their allies from the Cross-worshippers and the apostate helpers know that we are people who have wisdom and experience. We were not deceived by the safety which covers disaster. We threatened and our hands executed. We spoke well and supported this speech with actions. We are waiting for you, and these operations are only the first spark. The next will be worse, Allah willing.

Let them know that the blood of our brothers is not cheap. Killing Sheikh Abu Musab – Allah bless his soul – in the land of Iraq will not go unpunished. They should know that body of the Ummah is one, and if one member complains of a breakdown, the rest of the body is there for it. And let the Yemen devil know that the killing of Sheikh Abu Ali al-Harithi – Allah bless his soul on the Yemeni land - by American missiles will not go unpunished.

And as we consider our killed to be with Allah, we must have revenge for them, as did Prophet Muhammad, peace and prayers be upon him, when he equipped Usama's army to retaliate against the Romans when they killed Zaid bin Haritha and his companions in the invasion of Motah. We call upon the Yemen devil to repent to Allah and return to his religion, govern by Shari'a, reject democracy that is America's religion, and abandon helping the infidels, and making enemies of the believing people.

He should not think that he destroyed the people of Tawhid and Jihad, because Allah provides those who will support his religion. Let him know that his power is not forever, and that Allah supports his soldiers and followers even after some time.

We in al-Qaeda Organization in Yemen give to the Islamic Ummah the good news of the success of the operations, which were according to the drawn up plans – the praise and gratitude is to Allah – not as

alleged by the devil's media that they had foiled the operations. They claim that the cars were detonated before reaching the goal. This is evidence of their lies, as they rush to announce the foiling of the operations. They admitted some fires inside of the compound in fuel tanks at the port of al-Dhabba, and away from the main gate of the site, estimated at a distance of about 2 km. This means that the second vehicle entered the depth of the port and executed in the proper place according to the plan.

Also, [in regards to] the strong silence of the media about the results from operations that targeted the refineries in Safer, this is not the first time that media was silent about the results of operation, and attempting to alter the facts and distort the image of the Mujahideen.

After these blessed operation, which we ask Allah to be a victory for Islam and Muslims, and to offend the enemies of the religion, we renew our pledge and blind obedience to our Emir Sheikh Usama bin Muhammad bin Laden – may Allah protect him - we tell him: go with Allah's blessings upon you. We are obedient soldiers to you. Just go; either it will be victory or martyrdom

In conclusion:

We promise Allah that we will never quit until the religion is high and the Caliphate prevails on the land, or we will die without it.

O Allah, let us do good work and let it be for Your Sake. ...

Allah is Great; Glory to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers, but the hypocrites do not know.

Peace and prayers upon Muhammad, and on his family and companions.

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