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Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) Selected Communiqués:

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"A press statement on the events of al-Latifayah and Samarra areas."

(November 1, 2007)

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

"Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers."



"Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. Al-Latifayah had witnessed painful events that defamed the jihad project in Iraq. Its main cause was elements of Al Qaida and its victim was hero Mujahideen of the Islamic Army fighters and ordinary defenseless citizen Muslims. Our sources stresses that the events occurred in (al-Shakhat a part of al-Latifayah) had begun when a group of the occupation soldiers with the dirty forces raided the area and arrested a number of people with a devastating overran backed with aircrafts. Instead of healing the wounds of the people of the area and mitigating the effects of the occupation soldiers raid, Al-Qaida fighters (who claim to be Mujahideen) on the next day waged an attack on the same area, resulted in the death of four unarmed citizens and an element of the Islamic Army with an insidious act and destroyed fourteen houses including furniture and properties belonging to the people of the area."

"Therefore the Islamic Army in Iraq Mujahedeen defended themselves and the citizens and their homes. The confrontations are still ongoing and supported by the people of the area. It is such a horrific scene that makes occupiers pleased and is painful to Muslims. The Al-Qaida organization has already committed a similar crime before a week in the city of Samarra north of Baghdad, as the armed group belonging to Al-Qaida attacked Mujahedeen of the Islamic Army in al-Mu'tasim and al-Assaioih areas south of the city, forcing the Mujahedeen of the Islamic Army to stop the attackers, and

violent confrontations occurred between the two sides resulted in the killing of 18 elements of Al Qaeda, including Persian element.”

“What hurts us that we weren’t expecting that after the speech of Sheikh Osama bin Laden who announced Al-Qaida incorrect acts and the need to overcome these acts and invited them to make this year the ‘gathering year’, as that the organization in Iraq responded particularly to the letter from al-Sheikh, and we will remain in the position of defense. Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger.”

Dr. Ali al-Naimi
Media spokesman of the Islamic Army in Iraq
Thursday 20Shawal 1428 A.H

**“Burning seven crusader fuel tankers in an attack on a patrol south of Baghdad.”
(November 1, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“...On Wednesday 24/10/2007 at 11pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the combats detachments for the street fighting wing in the Islamic army in Iraq attacked by light and middle armed fire a big patrol for American occupation crusader forces that consists of fuel tankers and a violent clash occurred and lasted for a quarter hour, led by Allah grace burning seven fuel tankers and killing its drivers and fire raised over it, and its wreckage seen in the morning, in al-Latifya area highway south of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger...”

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**“Cooperating with brothers in Mujahideen Army destroying crusader Hummer.”
(November 1, 2007)**

““In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Saturday 27/10/2007 at 11 am and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the engineering supporting detachments in the Islamic army and cooperating with brothers in Mujahideen army exploded IED on a Hummer for the American occupation crusader army, led by Allah grace Destroying it completely, scattering the bodies of all Cross

soldiers on board, in al-Hawly road in Tikrit city north of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Destroying and burning a crusader armored tank on al-Madain highway.”
(November 1, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Thursday 18/10/2007 at 12 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the engineering supporting detachments in the Islamic army in Iraq exploded IED on an armored tank for the American occupation crusader army, led by Allah grace Destroying it completely, killing and injuring who was on it from Cross soldiers (unknown number) and fire seen raising over the armored tank, in the highway in al-Madain area east Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Destroying a crusader Hummer and causing casualties to its crew in al-Yusifyah area”
(November 1, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Wednesday 17/10/2007 at 11 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the engineering supporting detachments in the Islamic army in Iraq exploded IED on a Hummer for the American occupation crusader army, led by Allah grace Destroying it, and injuring who was on it with serious injures, in al-Yusifyah area south of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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“Attacking a crusader patrol and destroying a minesweeper, killing three engineers.”

(November 1, 2007)

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Thursday 18/10/2007 at 11 am and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the combats detachments for the street fighting in the Islamic army in Iraq attacked by light and middle arm fires and RBG7 rocket launchers on a patrol for the American occupation crusader army consists of minesweepers and Hummers and a violent clash occurred lasted for five minutes, and by Allah grace the outcome of the battle was destroying a minesweeper completely with a perfect shot by RBG rocket and killing three engineers who were on board, in al-Pepse road in al-Methak neighborhood in the left side of Mosul city north of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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“Exploding an IED on a patrol for Cross, Destroying a Hummer and killing 6 of them.”

(November 1, 2007)

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Friday 12/10/2007 at 7 am and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the engineering supporting detachments in the Islamic army in Iraq exploded IED on a patrol for the occupation American Crusader soldiers, and by Allah grace the explosion was very strong and led destroying Hummer completely, killing all its soldiers (four crusaders) where their bodies scattered, and also by Allah grace the flinders of the first Hummer caused death to other two soldiers who were on another Hummer, and the dead soldier were seen killed by people, and fire continued on the first Hummer to the mid noon, in al-Amal al Sha’by in Kirkuk city north of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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“Destroying a Hummer, killing and injuring a number of crusaders.”

(October 27, 2007)

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Saturday 6/10/2007 at 1 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support, the ambushing detachments in the Islamic army in Iraq set up an ambush for a patrol for the crusader American occupation army while it was filling up holes which were caused by IEDs, where the Army detachments launched two 82 mm mortar shells and by Allah grace the hit was precise, and after that an IED was set up on their way to their headquarter which was exploded on them while they were retreating, where one of their vehicles were hit and seen burning, in al-Hawija area north of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Killing one of the militia elements who are controlling the occupied al-Rahman mosque”
(October 27, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Thursday 11/10/2007 at 7 am and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the tracing detachments for the Special Forces wing in the Islamic army in Iraq assassinated one of the apostate militias elements which are occupying al-Rahman Mosque in al-Mansoor area where he was pursued, and by Allah grace he was killed immediately, in al-Mansoor area in Baghdad, Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Assassinating the detachment commander in the al-Dajjal apostate militia”
(October 27, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Sunday 7/10/2007 at 3 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the tracing detachments for the Special Forces wing in the Islamic army in Iraq assassinated a detachment commander in the apostate Mahdi Army militia, who is one of the killers and criminals, executed by himself ugliest crimes against Sunnis, and he resident in al-Shua’la area, and by Allah grace he was killed immediately, in al-Rabe’a street in Baghdad, Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Sniping two of the apostate security companies elements and killing them”
(October 27, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Thursday 11/10/2007 at 12 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the Sniping detachments in the Islamic army in Iraq sniped two elements of the apostate security companies who were within checkpoint for them, and by Allah grace they were killing immediately, in al-Mansoor in Baghdad, Praise be to Allah. Praise be to Allah, Allah Akbar and Glory to Allah.”

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**“Bombarding the apostate Peshmerga headquarters with mortar shells in al-Reahth district.”
(October 27, 2007)**

“In the name of Allah the Most Gracious the Most Merciful:”

“Fight them! Allah will chastise them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers.”

“Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger. On Wednesday 11/10/2007 at 5:30 pm and after putting trust on Allah and with his support the fire supporting detachments for the mortars in the Islamic army in Iraq launched three 82 mm mortar shells on a base for apostate Peshmerga forces, and by Allah grace the hit was precise, in al-Reahth district area north of Baghdad (outside), Praise be to Allah...”

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