



Statement from “Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb”

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Statement from “the Al-Qaida Network in the Islamic Maghreb” on “The Recent Mujahideen Victories in Algeria and Mauritania” Released on December 29, 2007



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“While the crusaders and apostates are still assessing their losses after the holy attacks of last Tuesday [the suicide bombing attack on the United Nations in Algiers], we are happy to inform our Islamic nation about the recent victories of our mujahideen after they carried out many well-coordinated attacks in Algeria and in Mauritania. We shall start our list with the successful attack executed by a group of mujahideen on the evening of Wednesday, December 26, 2007, in Mauritania. The attack targeted the Mauritanian army in El-Ghallawiya. As a result, four soldiers were killed and their weapons and vehicles were seized, praise be to Allah for his blessing. This operation has come at a time when the Israeli flag was seen raised in the beloved, but tarnished city of Nouakchott. [This operation has come] at a time when the Mauritanian regime has consumed itself with supporting the crusaders, arresting young Muslim men, spreading hunger among its people—and all while guarding its lords... and fighting against the jihad and the mujahideen.”

“The following is a list of all consecutive attacks in Algeria executed by the mujahideen in the Al-Wasat district under the leadership of Abu Yunis:”

“1.) December 26, 2007: the mujahideen detonated a bomb targeting a patrol of apostate gendarmes on the road between Al-Had market and Al-Theniet (Boumerdes), killing at least two people and injuring others.”

“2.) December 26, 2007: during the night, the mujahideen attacked the judiciary police headquarters in Al-Akhdariya (Bouira) using RPG grenades and machine guns, causing an undetermined number of dead and wounded among the apostates.”

“3.) December 26, 2007: the mujahideen attacked a group of apostates gathered in a local municipality building in Omal using RPGs and AK-47s, causing an undetermined number of dead and injured.”

“4.) December 26, 2007: at the same time as the previous operation, the mujahideen attacked the police headquarters in the center of the town of Azazga using various machine guns. They were able to cause much damage to the enemy and returned safely.”

“5.) December 26, 2007: on that same day, the mujahideen attacked a surveillance base for the apostate army in Talaat Maimun (Mezrana) causing an undetermined number of casualties.”

“6.) December 26, 2007: at the same time, the mujahideen attacked two units of the municipal guard in Tadmaït and a center for the atheist army in Bounab (Boumerdes) using various machine guns and resulting in an unknown number of casualties.”

“7.) December 26, 2007: the mujahideen attacked a municipal guard unit in Qararib (the town of Omar), a base for the municipal guard near Umm Bassam (Bouira), and an army base near Lalaat

Umm al-Saad (Al-Akhdariya) using various machine guns and causing an unknown number of casualties.”

“8.) December 26, 2007: in Tizi Ouzou, the mujahideen attacked a base for the municipal guard in the Ayat Yahyah district, causing an undetermined number of dead and injured.”

“9.) December 26, 2007: the mujahideen attacked several surveillance bases used by the apostates in Bourbache (Al-Akhdariya), Maala (Tizi Ouzou), Draa el-Mizan (Tizi Ouzou), Omar station (Bouira), Assif El-Hammam (Tizi Ouzou) and Khamis Yusour (Boumerdes) using various machine guns and resulting in an unknown number of casualties.”

“10.) December 26, 2007: bombs were detonated onboard a supply train near Ahnied (Bouira) resulting in its malfunction. Also, high-voltage electricity lines in Kaab Djanat station (Lakatah/Boumerdes) and in Al-Akhdariya were destroyed.”

“We inform the slaves of America and France to be prepared for more horrific events coming their way. The mujahideen are launching consecutive strikes targeting you after carefully choosing the precise time and location for them. Behold as your Interior Minister attempts to hide the facts from you. Despite the fact that he knew the intentions of the mujahideen to attack the United Nations headquarters and the Constitutional Council once he had seized the surveillance video found on the cell phone of commander Sufyan Abu Haydara, the mujahideen were still able to penetrate their fortresses, causing them much damage.”

“We inform our beloved Muslims that the mujahideen take special care not to harm you in any way during their attacks. We ask and insist that you avoid bases for the crusaders, apostates, and the military. We ask you to support your mujahideen brothers with sacrifices of money, prayers, and yourself. O’ Allah, attack the Jews, Christians and their apostate supporters. O’ Allah, bring victory to the mujahideen everywhere. Allahu Akhbar, Allahu Akhbar, and the honor goes to Allah, his prophet, and the mujahideen.”