



Statement from Asaeb al-Iraq al-Jihadiya ("The Iraqi Jihad Union") October 7, 2007

"A Statement from the Media Wing of Asaeb al-Iraq al-Jihadiya." Dated October 7, 2007



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"...When we study the history of Islam, we can see that, during the era of the Prophet Mohammed, many internal battles, warfare, and bloodshed took place. Allah has prepared his righteous followers... to put aside personal interests and work toward peace and reconciliation with those involved [in the infighting]..."

"O' brothers working in the cause of jihad and on the jihadi chat forums: we decided to clarify our position and let everyone know about what had taken place [with Al-Qaida's 'Islamic State of Iraq'], only after we tried over and over again to speak with the brothers from the ISI—but, they refused to respond to us. People with evil intentions have sought to attack us verbally [on the chat forums] but we have declined to reply to these allegations because there are plenty of corrupt people out there. Besides, those who are actually present on the battlefield are more mature and are aware of the truth."

"Brothers in faith and jihad: this was not the first clash that occurred between us and the ISI. Many previous incidents took place but we had decided then to remain silent and, unfortunately, events once again returned to this state of affairs. We ask our brothers from the ISI to put a stop to all the gossiping and hypocrisy [on the chat forums]. We ask them to do this not out of our own weakness but rather due to our larger concerns. The ISI should take ongoing events very seriously because much blood has been shed and many innocent lives have been lost. We would like to inform you that we were briefed about the clash [with fighters from the ISI] and we are fully responsible for our men... We swear to you that our brothers in the cause of jihad are united together as one. We also warn everyone to stop provoking these internal battles... We do not seek war—we only seek justice and jihad. May Allah unite us under the banner of the Prophet Mohammed..."

