



Statement from the "Islamic Army of Iraq" (IAI)

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"Islamic Army of Iraq (IAI) Statement on the Liberation of Ten Prisoners Held by Al-Qaida, Mostly Mujahideen" Dated December 18, 2007



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"...In the name of Allah, Most Gracious the Most Merciful... "But indeed, if any do help and defend themselves after a wrong [done] to them, against such there is no cause of blame. The blame is only upon those who oppress men, act unjustly, and insolently transgress beyond all limits across the land, defying law and order: for such, there will be a grievous penalty."

"After a call from our supporters and brothers in Samarra and its various neighborhoods, mujahideen from the Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI) launched a blessing attack in the Samarra region and were able to free ten prisoners (the majority of whom were mujahideen and the others being innocent poor people). They had been previously been taken captive by Al-Qaida after raids on their bases in the Shaykh Mohammed district south of Samarra. The operation was perfectly planned and prepared, thanks to the accuracy of information gathered by intelligence and field reconnaissance units, and Allah supported the mujahideen in achieving the desired objectives of this operation. Those who were responsible for this prison were arrested, while the others managed to escape. We will eventually post a complete video-recording. We ask Allah, the master of all creatures, not to make the mujahideen enemies of each other. Praise be to Allah, prayers and peace be upon his messenger."

