



Al-Qaida's ISI Denies Role in Mosul Blast

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"The Islamic State of Iraq (ISI): Disavowing Responsibility for the Explosion in al-Zanjili." Dated January 27, 2008



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"...To our family and friends, honorable people of Nineveh:"

"Our crusader enemy and his agents have anointed themselves as lord and master over this blessed city [Mosul] many times, most recently with their desperate crimes in the al-Zanjili area. On this occasion, the enemy tried to strike two birds with one stone... and so our criminal enemy tried to strike at our brothers in the heart of the city of Mosul... and then, simultaneously, he assigned his apostate agents the mission of blaming that repugnant crime on the mujahideen. But, 'they will plot and Allah will plot, and Allah is the best of plotters'... Their treachery has been exposed by orders of Allah, and their lies have been clearly revealed to everyone. Praise be to Allah... [he] has struck fear in their hearts, so they have resorted to lying to one another. O' brothers, on the morning of the explosion you have seen their most important spokesman Alaa Said appear on the channel of lies and deceit, the Al-Mosuliya Channel, as he was weeping for the people of Mosul. You have also seen how he claimed that the mujahideen had told the people in the neighborhood to clear out, and then exploded the building. Meanwhile, following this, someone else appeared on the same screen and described how pagan guard forces had encircled the area an hour before the explosion. Moreover, earlier [in the day], many people from the area were seen bringing barrels of explosives into the building, after which it exploded."



"And now, O' brothers, people of Mosul, venerable and honored kinsfolk, students of the universities, Muslims everywhere—who believe that there is no god but Allah and Mohammed his messenger—we say to you: the battle is now in its final stages, and it will be a energizing victory for the Muslims, Allah willing. The enemy has begun to stagger, and now has reached its final page, so do not let the opportunity to participate in that historic battle pass you by. In the name of Allah, this battle will be of critical importance... and it will collapse the American strategy in Iraq and elsewhere across the fields of jihad in the Muslim world. With the might and power of Allah, this will not be difficult for you to accomplish."

“So you have seen how the venerable kinsfolk of this brave city were able to thwart the American strategy—by their own acknowledgement—only with solidarity and refusing to join the so-called [Awakening] movement. We say to you, O’ brothers, fight them with all your power, fight them by rallying around your sons and your brothers, the mujahideen, and the victory shall come, Allah willing. You have seen how your brothers managed to destroy the enemy’s tanks on the battlefield of jihad. Our enemies have equipped this tank with the latest in technological advances, which have cost them millions of dollars and have never been deployed before. We say that your mujahideen brothers have spent less than 100,000 Iraqi Dinars on the weapons that they used to destroy that tank, which went up in smoke.”

“We say to you ... our people in the al-Zanjili neighborhood—we will avenge every drop of your blood, every house that has been destroyed, and every crime that the enemies of Allah have committed, and you will hear the good news of the victory soon, with the help of blessed Allah.”