

Omar Hammami: 'Relations Worsening' Between Foreign Fighters and Somali Members of Shabaab al-Mujahideen (October 19, 2012)

Abu Mansoor al-Amriki
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On October 19, 2012, American citizen Omar Hammami ("Abu Mansoor Al-Amriki") released an Arabic-language YouTube video that warned of "worsening relations " between the foreign fighters and Somali members of Shabab al-Mujahideen. Hammami's message called upon "the leaders of jihad and the gracious scholars" to intervene and solve the "bitter situation." In the message, Hammami worried that the division is benefiting the infidels ("kufars") and threatens to imperil al-Shabab's jihad.

"In the name of Allah and praise be to Allah, and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah, and upon his family, companions and followers of his guidance, and thereafter."

"To the leaders of jihad and the gracious scholars: [from] Abu Mansour AL-Amriki, peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings:"

"I pray to Allah that you are in the best of condition, and best of health and faith, and I ask Allah to bless your jihad and efforts, and to bring you victory, and to award you the goodness of life and the afterlife."

"As for the subject of this message, I wish forgiveness from you because it's very brief and under prepared. But the intensity of condition, flip-flopping of the situations, and narrowness of time play a big role and very much rule us. We seek Allah's help and we depend upon him."

"Through this brief message, I wanted to hint at the bitter situation surrounding the muhajireen of Somalia at the current time. We hope from informing you with what is going on in hopes to find a root solution through your interference... "

"Generally, the history of Somalia testifies to the existence of a kind of interaction between al-Ansar and the Muhajireen. In other words between the men of the international jihad and the people of local jihad. And I witnessed important clips of this history through my interaction with the men of Al-Qalda like Abu Talha Al-Sudani, Ibn Abdullah AL-Sudani, Abu Mansour al-Bayhani, Saleh al-Nabhan and Abu Fadel al-Qebali."

"And the struggle that took place in Somalia between those men and al-Ansar continues, after the arrest of and the martyrdom of most, the relations between al-Muhajireen and al-Ansar are worsening, on the individual level and the group level. We fear that this struggle will soon end for the benefit of those who do not want to send the brigades of international jihad from the land of Two Hijras to the land of the kuffar and destroy their interests around the world. And

worse than that; we fear that the end of this is not good; injustice, imprisonment, and internal fighting."

"You are obligated by Allah regarding your mujahideen brothers before Fitna destroys the green and the crusty, knowing that we were searching for a way to correspond with you for a long time, especially after the martyrdom of al-Nabhan. But many obstacles stood between us and you, and today the picture is more clear. Do not leave us and keep in correspondence with your muhajireen brothers as they depend on you much, and even some of al-Ansar do. And the details will be in the hand written letter. We wish for life and justice as we are a responsibility in your hands."

"Peace upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings, and Allah's prayer and peace upon Muhammad and upon all his family and companions, and our last prayer is praise Allah Lord of the Worlds."

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