AQAP Endorses AQIS, Considers it “Vanguard” of Muslims in the East
Al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula
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Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) gave its endorsement to the newly-created al-Qaeda branch, al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), and considered it the “vanguard of those who defend our Muslim people in that bleeding battlefield in the east of the lands of Islam”. In a statement posted on Twitter on September 7, 2014, AQAP promoted the establishment of the new group as a grace from God upon the fighters, and congratulated both al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and AQIS chief ‘Asim Umar. Addressing Muslims, the group added: “Receive the glad tidings our Ummah of the coming dawn of victory, for your sons the mujahideen have risen to protect you, giving all in the cause of establishing the religion, restoring the rule with Shariah, and repulsing the aggression of the polytheists and apostates.”

Following is a translation of the message:

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Qaedat al-Jihad Organization in the Arabian Peninsula

Statement No. 84

Congratulations to the Ummah of Islam for the Unity of the Mujahideen of the Indian Subcontinent -May Allah Support Them – Into One Group

Praise be to Allah, who graced Muslims with the two blessings of jihad and martyrdom. Peace and blessings be upon His worshiper and messenger, Muhammad bin Abdullah, and upon his family and his Companions, the people of piety and execution. And thereafter:

The Ummah of Islam has suffered much and continues to suffer from the hostility towards it from the hate-filled disbelievers, and this is no more than their desire to push the Muslims away from their religion any way they can. In this, Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, said in His Holy Book: “And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion (Islamic Monotheism) if they can.” [From Al-Baqarah: 217] This is a truth that does not require much effort for the fair person to see and for the masses to realize, not to mention the elite among them. One glance upon the condition of the Muslims in China, Chechnya, India, Kashmir, Palestine, Central Africa and other lands of the Muslims are enough to show this painful truth, and there is no power or strength without Allah.

And for this, Allah the Almighty ordered the believers to unite and be one rank in fighting their enemies. Glory be to Him said: “And fight against the Mushrikun (polytheists, pagans, idolaters, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah) collectively as they fight against you collectively.” [From
At-Tauubah: 36] He made fighting in His cause in one rank to be one of the reasons for worshipers to love their Lord and receive His approval, for He said: “Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His Cause in rows (ranks) as if they were a solid structure.” [As-Saff: 4] Indeed, the Most Merciful went further with His worshipers in this and warned them of infighting, as it is direct reason for weakness and the scattering of power that leads to defeat, so He forbade all this by saying: “And do not dispute (with one another) lest you lose courage and your strength departs...” [From Al-Anfal: 46]

Ummah of Islam: Congratulations has been sent to you from the heart of your sons the mujahideen of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula on the occasion of what Allah bestowed of grace upon your sons the mujahideen of the Indian Subcontinent - may Allah grant them success - in coming together under one banner as one group called “Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent”.

On this occasion, we give special congratulations to our mujahideen brothers in the various trenches for what Allah bestowed of grace and generosity in terms of uniting our mujahideen brothers in the Indian Subcontinent, and we specify among them our Sheikh and good Emir, Dr. Abu Muhammad Ayman al-Zawhiari, may Allah preserve him, and the good Sheikh ‘Asim Umar, may Allah preserve him, the Emir of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent.

And on this occasion, we say to those who look at the condition of the Muslims in Burma, Bangladesh, Assam, Gujarat, Ahmedabad, and Kashmir from the countries of the Indian Subcontinent: the heart wrenches in pain for what has befallen them of cunning and damage, slaughter and burning, destitution, and destruction of homes, for nothing other than being Muslims who bear witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. Therefore, it is better for every honest Muslim who loves Allah and His Messenger to support them with words and sayings as much as they can. We consider our brothers in Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent to be the vanguard of those who defend our Muslim people in that bleeding battlefield in the east of the lands of Islam - we consider them thusly and we do not force them upon Allah. We ask from Allah to grant them patience, make their foothold firm, and support them against the disbelievers. O Allah, Amen.

In conclusion, we say to our Muslim Ummah: Receive the glad tidings our Ummah of the coming dawn of victory, for your sons the mujahideen have risen to protect you, giving all in the cause of establishing the religion, restoring the rule with Shariah, and repulsing the aggression of the polytheists and apostates. Allah permitting, they will have no power or peace until Islam spreads all over the world with the dignity of the dignified and the humiliation of the humiliated - a dignity with which Allah dignifies Islam and its people, and a humiliation with which Allah humiliates the people of polytheism. “And Allah has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not.” [From Yusuf: 21]

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