AQAP Offers Condolences for Slain AQIS Officials Ahmad Farooq, Qari ‘Imran
Al-Qaeda in Arabian Peninsula
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Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) offered its condolences for Ustadh Ahmad Farooq and Qari ‘Iman, two officials in al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) who were killed in U.S. airstrikes in January 2015.

In the message, which was posted on Twitter on April 20, 2015, AQAP reminded that despite the death of leaders, jihad continues and cannot be stopped by America or anyone else. The group declared: “[It] is impossible for the Crusaders to stop this march, and it is impossible for their rockets, tanks, and ships to stand in the face of an Ummah that loves martyrdom and jihad. It is impossible for the nation of the Cross to kill the spirit of jihad and martyrdom in an Ummah whose religion imposes upon the waging of jihad and fighting and living with the soul of dignity and highness even in the direst of circumstances and the harshest of tragedies”.

Following is a translation of the message:

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

Statement No. 95

Date: 3 Jumada al-Akher 1436H

Statement of Condolences for the Martyrdom of Ustadh Ahmad Farooq and Sheikh Qari ‘Imran
Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessings be upon the most honorable of the prophets and the best of the messengers, Muhammad bin Abdullah, and upon his family and his good Companions. And thereafter:

We offer condolences to our brothers the mujahideen in the Indian Subcontinent and to enter entire Islamic Ummah for the death of two knights from among the knights of Islam, and two heroes from among the heroes of the Ummah: Ustadh Ahmad Farooq and Sheikh Qari ‘Imran, who were killed in an evil American bombardment.

Thus, we offer our deepest condolences for their death, but at the same time we congratulate the Ummah for their rise as two martyrs, steadfast on righteousness, as if they were holding burning embers, and their souls went to the heavens, where there is vast grace from Allah and His great mercy. We ask Allah to raise their position in the highest level of Paradise with the prophets, the righteous, the martyrs, and the good people; indeed, those are the best company.
We take the opportunity in this event to remind our Muslim Ummah that the convoy of jihad is going until the rise of the hour [Day of Judgment], and that the convoy of the martyrs is continuing onwards, with the good and pure people joining it from among those who were selected and specified for grace from Allah. We also remind the Ummah that it is a giving Ummah that has cast away from itself the dust of humiliation and the detritus of submission, for it went on the path of jihad, led by a jihadi vanguard that bears the guiding Book and the supporting sword. Therefore, it is impossible for the Crusaders to stop this march, and it is impossible for their rockets, tanks, and ships to stand in the face of an Ummah that loves martyrdom and jihad. It is impossible for the nation of the Cross to kill the spirit of jihad and martyrdom in an Ummah whose religion imposes upon the waging of jihad and fighting and living with the soul of dignity and highness even in the direst of circumstances and the harshest of tragedies. Allah the Blessed and Almighty said: “So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory) if you are indeed (true) believers. * If a wound (and killing) has touched you, be sure a similar wound (and killing) has touched the others. And so are the days (good and not so good), We give to men by turns, that Allah may test those who believe, and that He may take martyrs from among you. And Allah likes not the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers).” [Al-Imran: 139-140]

So, no by Allah. Neither America nor anyone else can stop jihad or sabotage its way. The matter has already begun, and the arrow has already left the bow, and all that remains is the patience of an hour, and we will be more patient than they. The words of the Almighty follow us: “And don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy; if you are suffering (hardships) then surely, they (too) are suffering (hardships) as you are suffering, but you have a hope from Allah (for the reward, i.e. Paradise) that for which they hope not; and Allah is Ever All-Knowing, All-Wise.” [An-Nisa’: 104]

So receive glad tidings O Ummah of Islam, for the death of the leaders of jihad and the pioneers of the fighting vanguard is only the price of the near victory, and the dismounting of the knights is a standing tradition of war, and death is no more than the honor of the Muslim and his highness and immortality and the humiliation and death of the disbeliever.

In conclusion, we address the scholars, sheikhs, and students of knowledge in the Muslim Ummah all over the world, and we say to them: Here is a group of the mujahid students of knowledge and the pioneers of the journey who have gone ahead and went to Allah while raising the banner; their blood awakens you to join the journey, continue in mobilizing, come to the ranks, fill the gaps, and be a good successor to a good predecessor.

Our last supplication is that all praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

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