

Jihadist Website: Al-Baghdadi Eulogizes Slain Commander Abu-Qaswarah al-Maghribi

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Terrorism: Al-Baghdadi Eulogizes Slain AQI leader in Mosul Abu-Qaswarah al-Maghribi
On 22 October, a jihadist website posted several links, with different download qualities, to an approximately 8-minute videotape from the Al-Furqan Media Production Establishment, the Islamic State of Iraq's media arm. The statement was sourced to the Al-Fajr Media Center. The videotape includes an audio statement by Shaykh Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, eulogizing senior commander Abu-Qaswarah al-Maghribi, a Moroccan-born Swedish national who was reportedly killed in Iraq on 6 October 2008.

The videotape opens with the following Koranic verse: "In the name of God, the merciful, the most compassionate. And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah. They are dead. Nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not. Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, who say, when afflicted with calamity: "To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return" (Al-Baqara, 2:154-156)

An unidentified speaker then says: "Al-Furqan Establishment presents an audio message by Amir of the Faithful Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, may God preserve him, entitled "Eulogizing a Martyr."

This is followed by a song praising martyrs, which is carried against the backdrop of footage of Abu-Qaswarah al-Maghribi and a caption that reads: "Eulogizing Martyr Abu-Qaswarah al-Maghribi, may God have mercy on him. A message by Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, may God preserve him."

The song says: "O Martyr, whose blood is pure, rejoice at the glad tidings that your soul will be in heaven;

O Martyr, whose blood is pure, rejoice at the glad tidings that your soul will be in heaven,
O Martyr, the best of people, sleep well (repeated) for your pure blood will fill the sands with a pleasant odor.

O Martyr, whose blood is pure, rejoice at the glad tidings that your soul will be in heaven;
The virgins and angels of the paradise are waiting for you (repeated). Be happy and rejoice in the best of homes (repeated)
O Martyr, rejoice at the glad tidings."

This is followed by an audio statement by Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi.

The following is the full translation of Al-Baghdadi's audio statement:

Indeed all praises are due to God; we praise Him and we seek His assistance and forgiveness, and we seek refuge in God from the evil of ourselves and our misdeeds. Whomever God guides there is none that can misguide him, and whoever is led astray there is none that can guide him. I bear witness there is no god but God, he has no partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is his servant and messenger.

Almighty God has said: Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord. They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah. And with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them (in their bliss), the (Martyrs) glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they (cause to) grieve. (Koranic verse; The Family of Imran, 3:169-170)

We condole and congratulate the men of the state of Islam, especially the knights of the north, over the martyrdom of one of the leaders of the state and one of its skillful, conscientious builders. The incredible, beloved, and close knight, Abu Qaswarah, has dismounted the horse of glory only to mount the horse of dignity. While the departure of Abu Qaswarah, the amir of the north, was painful and hard, I was happy for him because he achieved what he had hoped for and what he had sought and crawled toward. He had hoped to die on this path, the path of jihad and religion of monotheism. He never chose any other alternative or path, and never relinquished his duties. I was happy that God has honored him by choosing him as a martyr. He fought among his soldiers, telling them truthfully and on the ground: Here I am your amir, fighting and then blowing up my explosive belt in defense of my religion, adhering to my path, and working upon the recommendation of my amir: Let whoever loves us adhere to his religion, carry the banner, and lead the ranks, saying: Let the cowards go sleepless!

O secret benefactor, who turned into a sinless aide,
By God, we have never seen anyone like you among all people.

Abu-Qaswarah died as what we hope to be considered a martyr by God after a long trip on the path of jihad that started from the camps of Afghanistan. Everybody has known Talhah al-Maghribi as someone who loved those sticking to their religion even if they were stingy and cowards, and hated those with corrupt religion even if they were generous and courageous. Abu-Qaswarah threw his Swedish citizenship in the trashcan, while many and many people eagerly seek the benefits of this citizenship. He did not cling to a European wife and five children as beautiful as the full moon. Rather, he left them, while he was deeply in love with them. They have not heard from him and he has not seen his children for three years. He had moved them to a place where he believed they would be closer to God than if they are in the land of infidelity. He was always confident that God would preserve them, reiterating God's words: "As for the wall, it belonged to two youths, orphans, in the Town; there was, beneath it, a buried treasure, to which they were entitled: their father had been a righteous man." (Koranic verse; The Cave, 18:82)

So, it is the creed which he upheld, for whose sake he fought, and in whose cause and under whose banner, the banner of God is Great, and Muhammad is the Messenger of God, he died. So, o knights of the north and men of the Islamic State, hold on to what our beloved Abu-Qaswarah died for. For it is a shame for a knight to be tempted by a beautiful wife or by a child weeping at his feet. Almighty God says: O ye who believe! Truly, among your wives and your children are (some that are) enemies to yourselves: so beware of them! (Part of Koranic verse; At-Taghabun, 64:14)

Abu-Qaswarah died leaving behind brothers, men who know how to avenge his death, for he loved them and was loved by them; he honored them and was honored by them. Far be it from them to stand idly by without avenging his death.

O Ubayd, sleep well, you have never lied to your brothers
You counseled them out of concern for their religion,

and showed compassion for them

So feel glee over a victory whose heavens came your way (Lines of poetry)

Whoever loved the martyr and walked his path, and was pained by his killing must demonstrate truthfulness by killing an infidel, be he an apostate or an infidel occupier, to gain the satisfaction of God and avenge the death of his brother and his comrades. However, I know that your friend loved to see the blood of agents and traitors headed by the satanic party (REFERENCE to the Iraqi Islamic Party) shed.

O ye who believe! fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear Him. (Koranic verse; At-Tauba, 9:123) And Allah hath full power and control over His affairs; but most among mankind know it not. (Part of Koranic verse; Yusuf, 12:21)

(Signed) Your brother Abu-Umar al-Qurashi al-Baghdadi