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Terrorism: Al-Fajr Media Center Releases Eulogy by Abu Yahya Al-Libi and Shaykh Atiyatallah for Two Mauritanian Scholars On 9 July, a forum member posted to a jihadist website a statement entitled "A Eulogy Statement: Al-Fajr presents: Eulogy from the Two Shaykhs Regarding the Death of the Two Mauritanian Scholars" attributed to prominent Al-Qa'ida officials Abu-Yahya al-Libi and Shaykh Atiyatallah . In the written eulogy, they eulogize two Mauritanian religious scholars, Budah Ould Al-Busairi and Muhammad Salim Ould Adud, whom they described as their teachers and prominent scholars. The eulogy noted that the two deceased scholars had been strong supporters of "jihad" in Algeria in the 1990s and had been outspoken defenders of the mujahidin there at a time when the mujahidin were being sought out by the Algerian government. The statement is dated 6 July and is released by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the eulogy follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate,

"Al-Fajr Media Center presents:

"A eulogy from the two shaykhs: Atiyatallah and Abu Yahya Al-Libi, may God protect them, regarding the death of the two Mauritanian scholars Budah Ould Al-Busairi and Muhammad Salim Ould Adud, may God rest their souls.

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

"Thanks be to God alone and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God, his people, his companions and those who support then:

"Thereafter:

"With acceptance of God's will, and surrender to His command and patience for His promise, we send our condolences to the entire Islamic nation and the land of Shanqit (Mauritania) in particular, (on the occasion of) the death of two esteemed scholars from there. The pious scholarly shaykh Budah Ould Al-Busairi and the knowledgeable scholar shaykh Muhammad Salim Ould Adud, may God have mercy on them, be generous to them in their everlasting resting place and compensate the (Islamic) nation well for their loss. God Almighty said: '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.' They are those on whom (Descend) blessings from Allah, and Mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance.' (Koranic verses, Al-Baqqarah 2:155-157).

"We belong to God and to Him we return. We were honored to study under (these two shaykhs) and attend some of their lessons 15 years ago. They were truly an endless sea of knowledge,

understanding, memorization, manners, stature and humility. They followed the situation of of the Muslims and the mujahidin, asked about them, prayed for them and supported them.

"When jihad in Algeria was at its peak and at the height of its strength in 1994, and before it was afflicted with calamity, these two scholars, and other scholars from Shanqit, were fully in support of the mujahidin there. They truly loved them. Never in any gathering did we hear one word that that cast doubt on the mujahidin or the legitimacy of their actions, or downplayed their status. The knowledgeable Muhammad Salim, may God rest his soul, frequently inquired about their situation and conditions before he commencing his lessons and explanations. His face would light up upon hearing news of their victories. The support of the knowledgeable Budah, may God rest his soul, for them was very well known, those near and far knew about this, and those who were supportive and those who were in opposition.

"We say this at a time when criticisms of the mujahidin is intense and insulting them is rampant , and at a time when the voices of the stubborn and doubters is loud. Let all of them know that the convoy of jihad, which these esteemed scholars supported, has never strayed from its path. It has not replaced its religion. Today it is steadfast on the path, clearer in its objectives and more justified. The tyrants against whom the banner of jihad was raised, supported by these esteemed scholars, have not ceases their non-belief. They have not renounced their laws and regimes. They have not ceased their evils, tortures and misjudgments. Rather, over time they have become even more tyrannical, more stubborn and more non-believing. The rule states: a ruler is defined by his justifications, whether he exists or not. So how come what was allowed and permitted in the past has now become, for some, forbidden and disliked? Or are these opinions and inclinations? '...But many do mislead (men) by their appetites unchecked by knowledge. Thy Lord knoweth best those who transgress.' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-An'am 6:110)'

"In the (afore) mentioned year, the Mauritanian government carried out a wide campaign of arrests against the youth of Islam. This included a number of us, at a time when we had dedicated ourselves to the quest of knowledge. The scholar Muhammad Salim, may God rest his soul, wrote a list of our names that included commendations and recommendations for us, (stating) that we were his registered students. He then presented this to the government and relief came and God' command was revealed, to their displeasure.

"As for the pious scholar Budah, may God rest his soul; he was known to say the truth without a care and without restraint. He was one of the biggest opposers to any reconcilliation with the Jews and considered it utterly religiously forbidden. He said this at the pulpit and in general classes of knowledge, and answered back to those who permitted it.

"During one of the feast days, he gave a (religious) sermon that was attended by the deposed president Mu'awiah. In the speech he said: 'It is despicable and calamitous to resort to infidel lay laws.'

"The scholar Muhammad Salim, may God rest his soul, spoke the truth when he wrote (poetry) about him:

"'Shaykh Budah is an Imam no doubt; he is an investigator, a teacher, a mufti and a supporter.' (Poem).

"With this immense incident, we call on our shaykhs and clerics in the land of Shanqit to stand by their mujahidin brethren in the land of the Islamic Maghrib and to awaken the (Islamic)

nation so that it may be with them and incite it to support (the mujahidin). They should combat the accusations that the enemies of Islam attach to them. Goodness, in fact all that is good, is in their travel to the arenas of jihad so that they may combine its honor with the honor of knowledge and education. This is a blessing from God that He bestows upon whomever He chooses, for God is a tremendous source of blessing. God Almighty said: 'O ye who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed) (Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah 9:119).' He said: 'Only those are Believers who have believed in Allah and His Messenger, and have never since doubted, but have striven with their belongings and their persons in the Cause of Allah: Such are the sincere ones.' (Koranic verse, Al-Hujurat 49:15).

"May God have mercy on these two esteemed scholars and may He richly reward them for us and for Islam and place them with the prophets, the companions (of the prophet Muhammad), the martyrs and the pious. Those are the best of companions. Thanks be to God, the Lord of all creation

"Written by: Abd-al-Karim al-Libi ad Yunis al-Sahrawi.

"Sunday 13 Rajab al-Haram 1430 hijri (corresponding to 6 July 2009).

"Do not forget us in your prayers.

"Your brothers in the Al-Fajr Media Center.

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