

Global Islamic Media Front Publishes 'Years of Ember' Study on Years of 'Occupation'

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Terrorism: Global Islamic Media Front Publishes 'Years of Ember' Study on Years of 'Occupation' On 21 October, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website an article issued by the Global Islamic Media Front, GIMF, in which the group presents a study entitled "Years of Ember" by journalist Abd-al-Ilah Haydar Sha'i. In the study, Sha'i recounts the chronological sequence of events in Iraq since the beginning of the "invasion" until today, during which he illustrates the attitudes of different "jihadist" and "resistance" factions and conveys an extended portrayal of the different developments and events throughout the last seven years of occupation. The author claims that the United States tried to defeat the global jihadist movements in Iraq through utilizing the local jihadist movement or the national resistance in Iraq. The author adds that the local jihadist groups disintegrated and supported the Awakening Councils against the Islamic State of Iraq. The study comes in 15 parts and talks about the Islamic State of Iraq, the emergence of the Islamic caliphate, the Muslim Brotherhood, and global jihad among other subjects. Throughout the article, Sha'i quotes Al-Qa'ida and Islamic State of Iraq leaders in Iraq and different political leaders and Iraqi figures.

A translation of the article follows:

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

"Dar-al-Jabhaah for Publishing and Distribution

"We selected 'Years of Ember,' a concise study of the years of occupation in Iraq, by Abd-al-Ilah Haydar Sha'i.

"Your brothers in Dar-al-Jabhaah for Publishing and Distribution are pleased to present you this precious study accomplished by Abd-al-Ilah Haydar Sha'i on 16 October 2008.

"Within this study entitled 'Years of Ember,' we came across many valuable facts and data which were put together in a professional way. Therefore, we observed to need to restructure the phrasing of its parts and to make little changes and editing and correcting a quote by Usama bin-Ladin in the 'Way To Foil Plots.' (Links to the study are included here.)

"'Years of Ember'--concise study of the years of occupation in Iraq, by Abd-al-Ilah Haydar Sha'i

"'Years of Ember'

"The Islamic State of Iraq

"Difference Between Jihad and Resistance

"Rifts Among the Honest Resistance

"The Muslim Brotherhood

"Ramadan 1429, September 2008 "Years of Occupation...Years of Ember

"'We promise dark days for the occupation and its collaborators; I will say no more. The news is what they see and not what they hear.' This is an excerpt from message of Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, the amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, on 9 September 2008.

"The US occupation affirms that it would not have been possible to achieve what they describe as security progress - tough, fragile, and reversible --were it not for the help of certain factions it mobilized to join its ranks.

"Today, Al-Anbar is no longer at the hands of the Al-Qa'ida Organization; it is Al-Qa'ida which lost Al-Anbar. Al-Anbar has been given back to the Iraqi people, thanks to the courage of our troops, the Iraqi security forces, and the brave tribes, and other civilians who worked with them.' 'The Iraqi forces will now assume the command of the security operations in Al-Anbar, whereas the US forces will play the role of supervision.' These are excerpts from Bush's comments in early September 2008.

"Amid deep concern, David Petraeus, former (US) commander of the occupation forces in Iraq, testified before his superiors that the situation is still not satisfactory in some areas and that there are still countless challenges. I have previously and repeatedly warned that the progress made since last spring is fragile and reversible. "Years of Fire

"The occupation was unable to protect Abu-Rishah, former ally who was killed in September 2007, after he had received US President Bush in Al-Anbar and offered a banquet in honor of him, but he later was killed by the Islamic State of Iraq with the assistance of his cousin four days following Bush's visit.

"The occupation no longer cares about its tools--either the Shiites such as Allawi, or the Sunnis such as Al-Hashimi and Al-Samarra'i--as it has become exhausted and unable to protect itself, so how would it be able to protect its tools. During the last five years, the occupation was not able to protect itself or any of its allies. The death toll throughout this period has risen above the figure of 4,000 US soldiers -- registered as US army affiliate -- not to mention the death toll of security companies which number 180 with 190,000 trained members from all around the world, though mostly US citizens, or those belonging to the pro-occupation militias. It has also cost \$3 trillion and caused a rift in the front of the war against terror.

"On March 2007, Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, stated: 'Oppressed people on earth, we are calling on you today to bridle a giant that only takes notice of people who have heavy feet. God has enabled us to kill more than 75,000 soldiers and more than double this number of wounded and disabled. Many of them are from the mercenaries of gangs who were eager to get a green card. Their reward was to throw them into the rivers, valleys, and seas and after that the secret graveyards in the desert were exposed.'

"During these five years, the Al-Qa'ida Organization was able to spoil and divide the occupation's alliance and caused increasing indifferences in it following the withdrawal of Spanish troops from Iraq due to the power of Shaykh Usama bin Ladin's explosives used in the Madrid train blasts in March 2004. That was followed by the consecutive fall of the governments' pro-White House Administration led by George Bush, starting with Tony Blair's in May 2007, Berlusconi in Italy, and ending with John Howard in Australia. They all failed following the threats of Al-Qa'ida and after that the Europeans saw the blood and pieces of bodies being trampled in London's underground on 7 July 2005 and the Madrid train blasts on 11 March 2004 and following the rise of the coffins of death coming from Iraq.

"The fifth year of the occupation brought those warning of the collapse of the largest stock market in New York after the announcement of the collapse of the Bear Stearns Investment Bank, one of the five top banks in the Wall Street Stock Exchange, the largest financial market in

the world. This has affected the global economy, mainly the markets tied to a collapsing dollar value, and due to sky-rocketing oil prices.

"In 14 March 2008, Bianca Jagger wrote in The Guardian newspaper: 'The closing of the five years of occupation indicates a \$25 billion expenditure rate per month since January 2008 after it was averaging \$12.5 billion a month in 2007 and \$4 billion a month in the first year of the occupation. The Iraq war, during the five years of occupation, has left behind an evident inheritance. The Iraq war was illegal and immoral since the beginning. There is no chance to win such a war. We have failed to provide security and a good ruling, as we have also failed in the reconstruction efforts.' "Bush Administration Collapsing

"Five years of occupation experienced the fall of the White House staff. Tommy Franks, commander of the occupation forces to Afghanistan and Iraq -- who achieved victory for his country -- was the first to depart following the booby-trapped operations of Al-Zarqawi, amir (of Al-Qa'ida in the Land of the Two Rivers), which began to harvest the US soldiers upon their arrival. This made them resort to their tanks and armored vehicles which themselves did not protect them.

"In June 2004, George Tenet was head of US Intelligence, the propaganda arm of the occupation which propagated the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) theory and Saddam's association with the Al-Qa'ida Organization. In November of the same year, Colin Powell, US secretary of state of the occupation of Iraq, also fell after he was in charge of promoting the lies, to justify the war on Iraq, about WMDs and Iraq's links to Al-Qa'ida. During the same period of time and right away after Powell, Minister of Justice General John Ashcroft fell following the scandal of Abu-Ghurayb, the person who was pressured on wiretaps within the United States and (charged with) torturing the Al-Qa'ida and Taliban detainee mujahidin.

"In March 2006, Andrew Card, White House chief of staff, resigned soon after the resignation of Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, who was forced to resign in October 2005 after the scandal of the leaking of the identity of a (covert) CIA agent.

"In late November 2006, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the godfather of the occupation and the war on terrorism, was forced to resign, followed in December the same year by John Bolton, the greatest supporter of the occupation of Iraq through its position as ambassador of the United States in the United Nations and the Security Council.

"In March 2007, Paul Wolfowitz, conservative hawk, deputy secretary of defense, and one of the main instigators of the war on Iraq, also fell. In June 2007, three most prominent counselors to (President) Bush fell, including Karl Rove, Dan Bartlett --senior counselor and political planner in the Bush Administration -- and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, whom Bush defended passionately to keep, but he fell too. Last but not least, William Fallon, commander of the US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan (Central Command) in Camp Al-Sayliyah in Qatar, resigned in March 2008. "Line of Global Jihad Consolidated

"At first, there was the Monotheism and Jihad Brigade before Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi was announced amir of the Al-Qa'ida Organization in Iraq in November 2004. Afterward, Amir Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi succeeded in bringing together 10 important and active groups such as the Sunni Faction, the Victorious Sect Army, the Al-Ahwal Brigades, and the Al-Ghuraba Brigades, to form the Mujahidin Shura Council in December 2005 under the leadership of Abdullah Rashid al-Baghdadi. This was a tactical move which helped the transfer of command to the

Iraqis, in accordance with the advice from the Al-Qa'ida second in command, Dr Ayman Al-Zawahiri, in a message dated July 2005.

"In November 2005, Dr Muhsin Abd-al-Hamid told the London-based Al-Hayat newspaper: 'There emerged what was known as the 'honest national resistance.' This entity has apolitical program which accepts the democratic process and the international legitimacy and has an identified official spokesman, as per the description of Zalmay Khalilzad, ambassador of the occupation in Baghdad, and clarification from the Chairman of the Shura Council of the Islamic Party, the fa A(sect)ade of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq.

"Muhsin Abd-al-Hamid stated from within the National Iraqi Reconciliation meeting in Cairo, attended by Shaykh Harith al-Dari, chief of the Association of Muslim Scholars and Iraqi Shiite leaders, that he will 'defeat Al-Zarqawi in the battlefields' and uttered the slogan saying 'we absolve ourselves of the blood of the Iraqis' in reference to the Badr militias and the Shiite leaders who were targeted by Al-Qa'ida as part of a combat policy of 'fighting the occupation and all those cooperating with it, regardless of their kinship or affiliation, and neutralizing those who seek not to take sides and do not participate in the fighting,' as stated by Usama bin-Ladin on July 2006.

"In April 2006, Amir Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi said in a televised speech that 'God willing, three months from now we will declare an Islamic emirate in Iraq,' but he was martyred in a US air raid in June 2006, four months previous to the declared date for the announcement of the emirate.

"In October 2006, two years after the establishment of Al-Qa'ida in Iraq, the Mujahidin Shura Council and a number of ally Sunni tribes announced the establishment of the Islamic State of Iraq. 'They pledged allegiance to Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi as an amir of the believers in Baghdad mosques and suburbs and other Sunni areas and parts of the south in Babil and Wasit,' said Al-Qa'ida's second in command Aymanal-Zawahiri on July 2007.

"Dr. Al-Zawahiri and Shaykh Usama bin-Ladin announced that the declaration of the State was deferred for two months because the members of the Mujahidin Shura Council were restlessly trying to accommodate all the struggling potential in Iraq. They have delayed the announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq for several months so as to contact all of the leaderships struggling in Iraq.'

"In a unique move in November of the same year, the Al- Qa'ida's Abu-Hamzah al-Muhajir, amir and successor of Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi in the Land of the Two Rivers, dissolved the group and pledged allegiance to Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the believers. This means that (Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Two Rivers) gave up the interests of the organization for the sake of the emergence of an Islamic State.

"Al-Muhajir says (in the pledge of allegiance) in November 2006: 'As time for honesty and decisiveness has come, I tell the venerable shaykh, the brave hero, the Qurayshi Hashemite, who is of a Husayni origin, the leader of the faithful, Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, that I pledge allegiance to you to hear and obey during good and bad times, and in pleasant and unpleasant situations, and this is a promise to say the truth wherever we may be, not to fear the criticism of anyone in the cause of God. I herein announce the integration of all the formations which we have established, including the Mujahidin Shura Council, on behalf of my brothers in the council under the authority of the Islamic State of Iraq, putting at your disposal and direct orders 12,000 fighters who constitute the army of Al-Qa'ida. All of them have pledged allegiance to die

in the cause of God, as well as more than 10,000 others who are still not fully prepared materially. Their eyes are full of tears out of sadness that they are still unable to contribute.

"Muharib al-Juburi, amir of the Ghuraba Brigades that joined the Mujahidin Shura Council and then dissolved itself for the sake of the state, just as did other groups which pledged allegiance to Al-Baghdadi, announced the establishment of the Islamic State of Iraq. He was appointed to the post of official spokesman of the Islamic State of Iraq, but he was martyred in a clash with the occupation in August 2007. In April 2007, the Islamic State of Iraq announced its 10 ministries composition among which the War Ministry was assigned to Abu-Hamzah al-Muhajir, while the other ministers were assigned altogether to Iraqis. "Islamic State of Iraq: Nucleus of the Caliphate

"However, free Muslims, like Amir Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi and his brothers, find it easier for them to sacrifice their lives than place jihad for the sake of God in the hands of any ruler or ally with such rulers against their Ummah.' This was stated by Usama bin-Ladin in January 2008.

"The statement on the Islamic State of Iraq's announcement said that: 'After the Kurds took the state of the north's side and allowed the rejectionists to have federalism in central and south Iraq -- aided by Jews in the north and by the Safavids in the south, and protected by evil military militias that have caused mischief and injustice against our Sunni families, killed, tormented, and displaced them in the most brutal way until the Sunnis became unjustly humiliated -- it has become incumbent on honorable and free Sunni mujahidin, scholars, and notables to do something for their brothers, sons, and honor in light of this silly drama that is called Al-Maliki's state, in which the Sunni traitors have regretfully taken part. In doing so, they have confused the religion for the people and deliberately wasted their rights.

"Based on this, your brothers in Hilf Al-Mutayyabin (Alliance of Al-Mutayyabin because they pledge their oath while dipping their hands in the scent) convey to you the glad tidings of the establishment of the Islamic State of Iraq in Baghdad, Al-Anbar, Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah-al-Din, Ninawa, and parts of the Babil Governorate and Wasit, to protect our religion and people, so that there will be no sedition and so that the blood of martyrs and the sacrifices of your brother mujahidin will not have been in vain.' This is from the Islamic State of Iraq's founding statement read by Muharib al-Juburi on October 2006.

"The Islamic State of Iraq was made up of 13 fighting factions in Iraq which were operating independently prior to the formation of the Mujahidin Shura Council, Al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Two Rivers, the Victorious Sect Army, the Sunni groups army, the Jund al-Sahabah Group, the Islamic Jihad Brigades, the Knights of Monotheism Brigades, the Millat (nation) Ibrahim Brigades, the Kurdistan Brigades, the Ansar al-Tawhid Brigades, the Ansar al-Tawhid and Sunnah Brigades, the Al-Ahwal Brigades, and the Al-Ghuraba Brigades -- whose amir was appointed official spokesman of the Islamic State of Iraq -- and other Sunni tribes among the Al-Mutayyabin alliance during the last 10 days of Ramadan 1427 (24 September to 23 October 2006).

"In the first message of the amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, dated 22 December 2006, the amir of the Believers, the Hashemite Abu-Umar al-Hussayni al-Qurayshi al-Baghdadi, communicated the State's action plan. This successful meeting has brought together 13 factions and jihadist groups under one banner, after they pledged allegiance for joining the Al-Mutayyabin grouping. The fruit of such a merger was immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance by dozens of brigades and thousands of fighters from our brothers in the Al-Mujahidin Army, the Islamic Army, the 1920 Revolution Brigades, the Ansar al-Sunnah Group, and others in Al-Fallujah, Al-

Karmah, Al-Amiriyah, Al-Ramadi, Al-Gharbiyah, Al-Tarmiyyah, Al-Sayniyah, Tikrit, Samarra, Ba'qubah, Al-Adhim, and then Mosul, Kirkuk, Tall Afar, and the beloved Baghdad. Moreover, more than 70 percent of Sunni chieftains in Iraq joined the Al-Mutayyabin and congratulated the Muslims and the State.

"A day after the Islamic State of Iraq was announced, Tariq al-Hashimi, Iraqi vice president and secretary general of the Iraqi Islamic Party, which is the interface of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq, flew to Jordan to meet with the Al-Anbar clans, foremost among whom is Abu-Risha, and some clans of Zawba tribes, which is the stronghold of Harith al-Dari, secretary general of the Association of Muslim Scholars (AMS).

"During the 'Frankly Speaking' program aired by Al-Arabiya Channel on 4 July 2008, Al-Hashimi stated: 'When will we record the journals of Iraqi Islamic Party, history will record that we were the first to launch the Awakening Councils since the beginning. It was our party that countered the project of Al-Qa'ida in Al-Anbar, even before slain Abd-al-Sattar Abu-Rishah or anyone else did.'

"In October 2006, a day after the Islamic Army in Iraq was announced, Shaykh Harith al-Dari met with King Abdullah al-Sa'ud in the Al-Safa Palace in Mecca -- though Saudi Arabia was the country from which the invading forces started their attack -- where he signed a document banning the shedding of Iraqi blood with Iraqi Shiite parties and said that 'the announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq is seen as tearing Iraq apart.'

"The Islamic State of Iraq continued announcing the joining of provinces and districts one after the other. The Islamic State of Iraq, with the directives of Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, has established Islamic courts in all the provinces and called them 'states,' adjacent to the provinces, so as to solve the problems of the people.

"In December of the same year, Al-Baghdadi communicated the formation of his state and its main components. Therefore, we have formed a large Shura Council which includes three members from each group that joined the Islamic State, regardless of the number and size of its operations, as well as one representative from each clan of the major tribes, and a number of people of experience and competence. Then, a small Shura Council was composed of five people entitled to decide on important matters that require fast decision-making. We ask God to grant us success.'

"In March of 2007, on the fourth anniversary of the invasion, Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, announced the launching of 'a plan we called the 'Dignity Plan,' wider and sturdy, God Almighty willing. This plan will not include Baghdad only, but it will include all regions of the Islamic State, so as to increase the circle of fighting and this plan will not end until Bush, humiliated, declares his defeat and signs the instrument of surrender.' Al-Baghdadi displayed the way of withdrawal of the occupation forces and said that the withdrawal must be conducted via personnel carriers and passenger airplanes that would transport the soldiers with their own personal weapons only, provided that they do not withdraw any of the heavy weapons and gear. They should also hand over all the military bases to the mujahidin of the Islamic State.

"In August 2007, Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi threatened to target the Iranian interests in the region if Iran did not stop its intervention and support for the militias which kill and execute the Sunnis in Iraq.'Our battle with the Persians began exactly as it did with the Crusaders, but it looks easier and more contemptible with the Persians, God willing. You, Persian dogs! You need to understand that the politics at which we excel is jihad and fighting. We are keen on picking

the heads of the infidels and shedding their blood. The only mercy we know is to purify the earth from the evil of those who worship other gods than God, offend the honor of our prophet, insult and hold our scholars as infidels, burn our mosques, and abuse our book. By God, we will lead a war against you, which will eliminate each and every one of you. We have been preparing for it for four years, and the campaign needs only the orders to be launched. We swear that we will not leave out any area where the Persian worshippers of fire reside, either in Iran or in other countries of the region. "'Authoritarian State,' Nucleus of the Caliphate

"There were successive reactions throughout the world upon the emergence of the Islamic State of Iraq. Bush, the president of the US occupation, said that 'the terrorists are seeking to establish an Islamic State from China to Spain.' On the fourth anniversary of the occupation, Bush again mentioned the term 'caliphate' more than five times in his speech, expressing his concern that the terrorists seek to control the world and establish an authoritarian regime. In a lecture he delivered at Harvard University after he resigned from the Supreme Command of the US Central Forces John Abizayd, former commander of US forces, also reiterated what Bush said and stated: 'The Islamic extremists seek to establish a global fascist Islamic caliphate that reaches the outskirts of Europe. If we do not act to stop them, a third world war will occur.' The Portuguese foreign minister said that 'we will not allow the establishment of an Islamic state in Iraq.'

"Conversely, the Al-Qa'ida of Jihad Organization, led by Shaykh Usama bin-Ladin, continued to send blessings and congratulation messages following the emergence of the Islamic State of Iraq. Dr. Aymanal-Zawahiri, Al-Qa'ida's second in command, was the first to congratulate the Islamic State of Iraq in an interview conducted by the Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida Organization. He considered it 'the nucleus of the Islamic caliphate. It is one of the most pure banners and faith in Iraq. It is a state that incites the Muslims, promotes, strives, and makes every effort to reinstate the anticipated caliphate.

"Such statements were not persuasive enough to make other factions -- which has the same creed as Ansar al-Islam -- join under its banner and pledge allegiance to Abu-Umaral-Baghdadi. Some have even requested further clarification from Shaykh Usama bin-Ladin, leader of the Al-Qa'ida Organization, who issued a message in January 2008 in which he called on them to pledge allegiance to Abu-Umaral-Baghdadi.

"(In the same statement, Bin-Ladin adds): 'Amir Abu-Umar and his brothers are not of those who would bargain over their faith and accept half-solutions or who would meet the enemies half-way. Rather, they come out openly with the truth and satisfy the Creator, even if this were to result in angering the creatures, I believe them to be so, but God is the One Who makes decisions. They do not heed the blame of others against them as long as they do their deeds for the sake of God. They refused to take by surprise, without exceptions, the governments of any of the Muslim world capitals. They refrained from being subjects to polytheists because they were aware that religion is for God Almighty, Who supports whoever He wants of his slaves. He is free of our collaboration with the polytheists in order to uphold His religion.'

"The announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq has initiated a new and different chapter of jihad, and what Al-Qa'ida calls to be the nucleus of the Islamic caliphate in Iraq. The groups which got engaged with the occupation against the Islamic State of Iraq afterward were described by the occupation and its collaborators in the political process as the 'honest national resistance.'

"There came into sight the features of a global jihad project which does not recognize borders or nationalities. It is a project that seeks to restore the rightly guided caliph following the prophet's tradition. Its utmost aspirations are to liberate the homeland, establish democratic councils, maintain international relations with the occupier and the rest of the world, and invoke international legitimacy. This can be achieved only at the hands of the groups and factions of the resistance which fought the occupation, not the political parties and groups which supported the occupation since the first day it entered Iraq, such as the Shiite Da'wah Party and the Sunni Islamic Party. "Differentiation Between Jihad and Resistance

"In September of 2008, Bush said: 'Some insurgent factions have joined us in our battle to deter terrorism. These have played a big role, together with the tribes, in achieving a security improvement in Iraq.'

"The US occupation forces fail to realize on time that the objectives of the insurgents are different, not identical. The RAND Corporation did research and disclosed that they (occupation forces) did not make the necessary plans for the post-occupation period. The research institution stated in a report published in the USA Today in February 2008 and made available to the US command that the 'study on the future of Iraq before the war was inaccurate and unbalanced.' It also criticized the occupation forces Commander Tommy Franks of having 'a wrong vision on how to provide security to the occupation forces in the aftermath of the invasion.'

"In mid-2006, the RAND Corporation, the US Department of Defense think tank and the mastermind of US foreign policy, published a 500-page, two-part study entitled 'Beyond Al-Qa'ida,' in which it emphasized the need to differentiate between two types of jihadist groups: the local jihadist movement and the global jihadist movement, the latter being led by Usama bin Ladin. The study explained how to make use of the local jihad to strike against global jihad. "Dividing Sunnis and Mujahidin

"In late 2006, Tariq al-Hashimi, Iraqi vice president and leader of the Islamic Army, the interface of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq, traveled to Washington to meet with US President Bush and to offer him advice on how to counter 'terrorism.' After that meeting, Bush said: 'Today I spent time with the vice president whom I value for his importance to the future of Iraq. Mr. Vice President, I respect your courage and I respect your advice on how to achieve success in Iraq.'

"Al-Hashimi reciprocated: 'I would like to voice my appreciation for the President's unique and extraordinary commitment when he said, and continues to say, that we are committed to success in Iraq. I share his view and aspiration that there is no way but success in Iraq. We have no other option in Iraq but to achieve that success and with the cooperation of our friends, the US President and his administration, we will join forces to achieve victory in Iraq.' This was from Tariq al-Hashimi, Al-Jazirah Channel News coverage from the White House, 26 December 2006.

"An organized military and security campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq has been launched from the capital cities that host the occupation such as Amman, Kuwait City, and Doha and benefit from the media potential and financial means, such as collecting donations to support the projects of the resistance which did not pledge allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq, and rejecting its project of establishing an Islamic caliphate as per 'the provisions of the prophetic tradition.' The plan was based on a propaganda media aspect which focuses on the fact that 'the Islamic State of Iraq holds the people as infidels, makes their blood permissible,

commits crimes, and has connections with Iran.' A second aspect focuses on fighting Al-Qa'ida and expelling it from the Sunni areas. Every faction belonging to the 'honest resistance' undertook to protect its areas to prevent any infiltration of the Islamic State of Iraq and establishing a Shari'ah court. Those factions will benefit from the occupation's arms and aerial coverage, in addition to sending delegations to the neighboring states in the Arabian Peninsula in an attempt to cut off the sources of funding through spreading rumors among the supporters of jihad in Iraq.

"At the time when the United States launched a program which aims to restore its image in the Arab and Islamic worlds -- financed by Saudi Arabia -- as announced by Karen Hughes, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs official, the media focused on Al-Qa'ida's crimes in Iraq, so as to hide the occupation and its crimes. The launching of the Awakening Councils and the occupation's project arming the tribes continued aiming to fight 'terrorism and extremism represented by the Islamic State of Iraq,' as described by the occupation.

"In March 2008, the occupation spokesman Gregory Smith announced in a statement to USA Today newspaper that these councils are 'the front line in the battle' and that 'casualties have declined sharply among the Crusader occupation forces, thanks to the militants of the Awakening Councils.'

"Earlier, last March, Smith announced that they had launched 'a media campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq.' In a press conference held on 1 March, Smith described this media campaign as 'fierce' and one that aims at distorting the image of the mujahidin in Iraq. He praised 'the elements of the Awakening Councils who fight the Islamic State of Iraq,' hinting at what he described as 'the successes achieved by the Awakening Councils.'

"In late March 2007, Dr. Muthana Harith al-Dari, residing in Amman, Jordan, accused the Islamic State of Iraq of murdering his cousin in Al-Fallujah. On the very same day, Dr. Muhammad Aysh al-Kubisi, representative of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Association of Muslim Scholars, who lives in Doha, the headquarters of the US Central Command in Camp Al-Sayliyah, announced on the Al-Jazirah Channel the emergence of HAMAS-Iraq after splitting up with the 1920 Revolution Brigades.

"On the fourth anniversary of the occupation, the Islamic Army in Iraq carried out a campaign against the Islamic State of Iraq via a statement aired on Al-Jazirah, in which it refused to call the Islamic State of Iraq a state, reiterating that it is Al-Qa'ida, and accusing the Islamic State of Iraq of killing some of its cadres in the field, including leaders.

"The statement of the Islamic Army in Iraq in April 2007 was preceded by a clashes between the Islamic State of Iraq and the Islamic Party fighters in Abu-Ghurayb and Al-Amiriyyah under the leadership of Abu al-Abd who received \$5 million from Petraeus, the military commander of the occupation forces, in return for his fighting against the Islamic State of Iraq. He (Abu al-Abd) was seen in a rare photo side by side with Petraeus inside the Green Zone." On 4 June 2007, Al-Qudsal-Arabi newspaper from Baghdad wrote the following: 'Earlier, US Department of Defense sources said that Iraqi Vice President Tariq al-Hashimi requested US military intervention to protect the fighters of the Islamic Party from the Islamic State of Iraq. According to these sources, Al-Hashimi stressed that the Islamic Party's forces were in no situation to withstand the members of the Islamic State of Iraq there and that leaving them in the lurch in the clash would be a catastrophe. However, the forces of the Islamic Party managed to forge a strong alliance with the Islamic Army and with the 1920 Revolution Brigades; the latter has its own cells in the

area of Al-Amiriyyah. The members of those two factions are fighting side by side with the Islamic Army.'

"The BBC carried a report on 10 November 2007 in which it said: 'A leader of the Islamic Army, alias Abu-Ibrahim, told the Associated Press that his fighters set an ambush for Al-Qa'ida militants near Samarra, killing 18 of them and capturing 16 others. Basically, the Islamic Army is comprised of Arab Sunnis, including former members of Ba'th Party, and it has joined with the US forces in the fight against Al-Qa'ida sometime this year in spite of its leaders' denial of any connection with the Americans.'

"Today, Abu al-Abd is the leader of the Fursan al-Rafidayn Awakening Council, most of whose members are from the Islamic Army. Its presence is concentrated mainly in the neighborhoods of Al-Amiriyyah, Al-Khadra, Al-Jami'ah (west) and Al-A'zamiyyahin north of Baghdad. He says: 'Cooperation between the Awakening Councils and the US forces is an advantage for the US forces because they need the resistance factions that control the troubled areas in order to bring the security and stability that the Iraqis, too, are looking for.' He stresses that these agreements have yielded a notable success on the ground. This was reported in the London-based Al-Hayat newspaper on 22 November 2007.

"On 21 February 2008, Al-Hayat newspaper quoted the chief of the Islamic Army where he was staying in the Syrian capital, Damascus, as saying that it is possible 'to sign a truce with the occupation.' At the same time, he acknowledged that he 'fights the Islamic State of Iraq and that the discord with Al-Qa'ida is not political, but rather methodological and religious.'

"On 12 May 2007, and following these developments, US President Bush announced that 'the way of fighting in Iraq has changed. Sunni groups have started to join us in our war against terrorism.' On 21 October 2007, Vice President Dick Cheney talked to Radio Sawa and valued what he described as 'a revolution of the Sunni Arabs against the Al-Qa'ida Organization,' stressing the achievements in Al-Anbar. He said that the threat of the terrorists still exists in Al-Anbar, as they assassinated Shaykh Abd-al-Sattar Abu-Rishah, but he added that the 'American support and the war against them will continue.' "Al-Baghdadi: Revealing the Cards

"On the fourth anniversary of the occupation in mid-April 2007, Abu Umar al-Baghdad, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, released an audio tape in which he confirmed the occurrence of clashes between some Islamic State of Iraq soldiers and members of the 1920 Revolution Brigades and of the Islamic Army. He clarified the reasons behind these clashes: 'Oh, our brothers in Ansar al-Sunnah and Al-Mujahidin Army! Our ties of affection and belief with you are strong enough not to be blemished. Oh, my sons in the Islamic Army in Iraq, by God you will hear from us, nothing but good, and know that my blood is before yours as our kinship is much tighter than some might think, may God forgive them. Oh, brothers of the soldiers of the 1920 Revolution Brigades, yes, Satan insinuated himself between us, the Satan of the Islamic Party and its evils, but the wise people in your brigades took control of the situation and sat down with their brothers from the Islamic State of Iraq to defuse the trouble and to sow the seeds of goodwill, and we hold their hands by God's will. By God we believe in the sanctity of your blood and of every Muslim as long as he does not commit clear kufr (infidelity) or kill someone whose blood is forbidden to shed. Fear God, and do not forget that the supreme objective is upholding the word of God, not the despicable, nationalistic approach. It is one soul on which everyone is accountable on the Day of Resurrection.' This excerpt is from Abu Umar al-Baghdadi, Hasad al-Sinin, Al-Fajr Media Center, 16 April 2007.

"Right after the speech, dissention grew among the factions which did not pledge an allegiance of loyalty to the Islamic State of Iraq. HAMAS-Iraq thus completed its breakaway from the 1920 Revolution Brigades and conflict ensued between them.

"The 'Thuwar (Revolutionists) Al-Amiriyyah' announced their breakaway from the Islamic Army in Iraq under the leadership of Abu-al-Abd, before he was targeted by the Islamic State of Iraq and sustained severe wounds that made him leave Iraq and settle in Amman, Jordan. In an interview with the London-based Al-Hayat newspaper, Abu-al-Abd admitted that 'the Islamic State of Iraq told the truth when it said that the Americans will make the most of the Awakening Councils before ejecting them later.' Subsequently, the Iraqi Government issued an order to arrest Abu-al-Abd, accusing him of committing crimes and stealing the salaries of the Awakening Council militias' soldiers in that area averaging \$5 million.

"Another faction known as the 'Al-Furqan Army' issued a statement on 18 July 2007 announcing its breakaway, accusing the Islamic Army's leadership of 'hastiness to reap the fruit of jihad. So we declare our separation from the Islamic Army, may God bring them back to the truth and righteousness. We disavow all those who violate God's Shari'ah.'

"In mid-August 2007, the US Army launched Operation Arrowhead Ripper in Diyala, which the Islamic State of Iraq announced belongs to it. A US Army spokesman said that the 1920 Revolution Brigades militants are ahead of the US forces in this area in the fighting against the soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq. Colonel David Sutherland, commander of the Coalition forces in Diyala Province, said on 25 August 2007: 'The elements of the 1920 Revolution Brigades, whom we call the 'Ba'qubah Guardians,' are a mixture of Sunnis and Shi'a. We trust them and their leadership. They are nationalists, and they have been a great help in the quest to finish off the Al-Qa'ida militants. Usually they do the scouting before launching any operation, especially in the cities of Ba'qubah, Kan'an, and Al-Wajihyah. They have decided to take part in the security operation and work with our soldiers and with the Iraqi forces equally.'

"This was denied by the 1920 Revolution Brigades. In a statement, it stressed that its elements in the area have broken away and formed a new group under the name HAMAS-Iraq, which is the military faA(sect)ade of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq.

"A statement entitled 'Statement of Facts' was issued on 1 January 2008 saying that 'the split took place five months prior to the aggression against Diyala, and the emergence of HAMAS-Iraq occurred 17 days after the split, which occurred on 9 March 2007. Consequently, the brigades' members in Diyala became affiliated with HAMAS-Iraq as stated in its founding statement. We call on HAMAS-Iraq not to act under our name.'

"In the same statement, which was posted on Al-Hisbah website, the 1920 Revolution Brigades stressed in its statement that all of this is 'a part of a fierce organized campaign led by the occupation and its supporters, aiming to confront the jihadist factions and deny them the support of the people. It was meant to thwart the jihadist resistance and discourage the people from supporting the mujahidin and have them doubting their project, following the failure of the occupation's military efforts on the ground.

"In a quality operation in Ba'qubah, the provincial capital of Diyala, the Islamic State of Iraq killed people and Sunni and Shiite tribal chiefs who formed Awakening Councils, in the presence of police commanders in Ba'qubah and US occupation forces commanders in the area. Those killed included Farhan and Uday al-Bahrawazi, who belong to HAMAS-Iraq supreme central

command. According to the statement of HAMAS-Iraq, they both belong to the 1920 Revolution Brigades.

"The 1920 Revolution Brigades pointed to the relationship between HAMAS-Iraq and the Iraqi Islamic Party, which assisted the Diyala Support Office and defended it during the sessions of the Council of the Representatives on the security dossier in the Diyala Governorate.

"The statement entitled the 'Reality of the 1920 Revolution Brigades' posted to the Al-Hisbah website in January 2008 stated: 'As the people of Diyala and observers of developments in the jihadist arena know, HAMAS-Iraq is participating and cooperating with the Diyala Support Office, which acts under the supervision of the Diyala Governorate Council and the Iraqi Islamic Party. HAMAS-Iraq and some other factions also participate in the Public Defense Committees. Therefore, some of its commanders have been targeted, as happened in the detonation incident that occurred in Ramadan, during which one of HAMAS-Iraq's commanders was killed.'

"Splitting Among the 'Honest' Resistance

"So lynch the last of the collaborators with the intestines of the last of the occupiers.' (This was said by Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi in September 2008.)

"On the first anniversary of the first Awakening Council in Al-Anbar being set up by the occupation on 14 September 2007, the Islamic State of Iraq managed to kill Abd-al-Sattar Abu-Rishah, the leader of the first Awakening Council formed by the occupation.

"On 22 September 2007, the Islamic State of Iraq issued a statement entitled, 'The Clear Words in the Reality of the 1920 Revolution Brigades,' in which the Islamic State of Iraq stated that the brigade had a strong relationship with the Al-Anbar Awakening Council and with the Al-Anbar Salvation Council. It added that the 1920 Revolution Brigades had legitimized the operations of the Al-Anbar Awakening Council in Al-Anbar through their off course fatwas calling for combat against those whom they called the Kharijites (deviants) of this age, and by promoting propaganda against the Islamic State of Iraq and cooperating militarily with the Awakening Council.

"In the statement, the Islamic State of Iraq also said that the 1920 Revolution Brigades were allied with the Iraqi Islamic Party, adding that they are part of the Muslim Brotherhood brigades. It stated that HAMAS-Iraq, which split from the 1920 Revolution Brigades, explicitly shows enmity toward the monotheist mujahidin while the brigades, which belong to one of the Association of Muslim Scholars figures, conceal their true face by resorting to lies and hypocrisy and by denying, on more than one occasion, that they fight with the US forces, while they are in fact playing the same treacherous role played by their sister faction HAMAS-Iraq. They also formed the militias, which fought with the US forces in the Abu-Ghurayb, Al-Radwaniyyah, and southern Baghdad areas, where they committed disgraceful crimes such as killing the immigrant mujahidin and mutilating their bodies in public, violating sanctities, and stealing houses and women's jewelry, in cooperation with their Crusader masters.

"In the same statement, the Islamic State of Iraq confirmed the splits that occurred in the 1920 Revolution Brigades, saying: 'Major rifts occurred inside the 1920 Revolution Brigades, which resulted in the formation of two wings: the first is the so-called HAMAS-Iraq group under the leadership of Muhammad Ayyash al-Kubaysi, who has been known for his deviation and enmity to the creed of the Sunni people since the former regime was in power. Al-Kubaysi, along with some clerics who regularly appear on satellite channels, formed the so-called Iraq Scholars Council to deceive naive people and to legitimize the group's thought and actions. The second

wing, which has kept the name of the 1920 Revolution Brigades, is affiliated with a well-known figure in the Association of Muslim Scholars.'

"Harith al-Dari, secretary general of the Association of Muslim Scholars, stated on the Al-Jazirah channel on 9 October 2007 in the 'Midday Guest' program that fighting between the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Qa'ida in Iraq is religiously prohibited, unlike our fight against the US occupation, for the reason that '95 percent of Al-Qa'ida members in Iraq are Iraqis, so they are our brothers.' He was referring to the factions which joined the occupation forces so as to fight and to undermine the newly born Islamic State of Iraq.

"Replying to Al-Dari, Al-Hashimi, deputy in the Iraqi Islamic Party, stated that Al-Dari is 'hesitant in his positions' and that 'Al-Qa'ida is more dangerous than the occupation.' This was reported on the Al-Jazirah Channel on 9 October 2007.

"Then comes the role of the Islamic Party which 'implements the strategies of the occupation.' This was announced in a statement issued by Ansar al-Islam, a major Iraqi jihadist group that cooperates and coordinates with the Islamic State of Iraq and agrees with their ideas and creed, though they are against the (establishment) of an Emirate. "Splits Within the Political Council

"On July 2008, the Ansar (al-Islam) group released the 'Book of Truth,' a review of five years of the occupation, in which it stated that 'the Islamic Party has not only participated in the occupation of Iraq but has also passed on a distorted Islam as per the US vision and started fighting the mujahidin who fight for the sake of God. The Islamic Party was issuing fatwas indicting them of causing mischief in the lands and issuing others for the government and the occupation that the mujahidin are Kharijites, and it is permissible to kill, imprison, and torture them'

"In mid-October 2007, on the first anniversary of the emergence of the Islamic State of Iraq, all the factions that fought the Islamic State of Iraq and launched a propaganda campaign against it began forming groups under new names following those rifts. There emerged the Political Council for (Iraqi) Resistance, which brings together HAMAS-Iraq, the JAMI Brigades, the Islamic Army in Iraq, the Al-Mujahidin Army, and the Al-Fatihin Army. These groups all agree that the 'Awakening' Councils 'were established to achieve security and serve the people. Their Shari'ah umbrella is the Iraqi Scholars Council, which split with the (Muslim Scholars) Association and sponsored by the Islamic Party in Iraq. They demanded the formation of a government of technocrats and holding elections as well as demanding the US Congress recognize them as the legitimate representative of the resistance and the sole negotiation channel. They later held meetings with the occupation in the Jordanian capital Amman.

"The Jihad and Change Front was formed and consisted of the 1920 Revolution Brigades and six other small factions. The new Front had a vision to operate within a larger group under the Shari'ah umbrella of the Muslim Scholars Association, headed by Shaykh Harith al-Dari. Although they view the Awakening Councils, the Army, and the Al-Sharikah (as received) as non-religious, they do not fight them. The Front's statements express refusal of the occupation projects such as the army, the police, and the political process.

"The Iraqi Islamic Party, the interface of the Muslim Brotherhood, blessed the 'launching of the Resistance Political Council.' The party said in a statement of support, dated 18 October 2007: 'After that a group of the national resistance factions announced forming a political council, and after inspecting the Council's agenda, the Political Bureau of the Islamic Party declared its support and backing for the project.'

"The Association of Muslim Scholars also issued a statement blessing the 'Jihad and Change Front.' On 20 October 2007, Nasir-al-Din al-Hasani, spokesman for the Front stated to the Yaqin Agency that the group 'views the Awakening Councils as part of the occupation's projects, and the army and the police are in the service of the occupation.'

"At the beginning of the year 2008, the Al-Fatihin Army withdrew from the Political Council for the Iraqi Resistance. In July of the same year, the Al-Mujahidin Army also withdrew. The latter accused the Political Council of cooperating with the occupation against some resistance factions. It also claimed that they support and sign up for the Awakening Council and that the council's leadership attends meetings with the occupation in the Green Zone and cooperates with it in the quest of the mujahidin's hideouts and stores of weapons in some of the Political Council's areas of activity. "The Muslim Brotherhood Role in Iraq

"On 3 May 2008, Shaykh Harith al-Dari said that 'five parties, spearheaded by the Iraqi Islamic Party, started to oppress the people, murder their opponents, and shed the blood of the Iraqi Shiites, Sunnis, and Christians who refuse the occupation's project. Anybody who refuses the project must be punished.'

"The story of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq began before the occupation of Iraq in April 2003. They had met on 12 December 2002 in the Iraqi opposition conference in London and were represented by Dr. Iyad al-Samarrai, deputy guide of the Iraqi Muslim Brotherhood, who holds British citizenship, and Hajim al-Hasani, the movement's secretary general at that time and a businessman with US citizenship. They were invited by the United States along with Zalmay Khalilzad to arrange the post-Saddam Husayn regime era. Other Iraqi figures were also present, such as Ahmad Chalabi, Abd-al-Aziz al-Hakim, Jalal Talabani, and Mas'ud Barzani.

"As an initial initiative of the US occupation, the US governor in Baghdad formed the provisional Iraqi Governing Council, IGC, and assigned the presidency of the Council to the Islamic Party, represented by the head of the party's Shura Council, Dr Muhsin Abd-al-Hamid. Muhammad al-Rashid, top leader of the Islamic Party said, 'I am one of those who commended the Islamic Party to be part of the IGC.

"The Islamic Party, together with the US governor; prominent Shiite figures such as Ibrahim al-Ja'fari, Abd-al-Aziz al-Hakim, Iyad Allawi; and Kurdish figures headed by Mas'ud Barzani and Jalal Talabani, participated in the drafting of the and demanded the party's masses to 'approve' the Constitution and to engage in the elections that followed the approval of the constitution, which does not recognize the Islamic Shari'ah as a system of government but allows the division and the federalization of Iraq to take place.

"Muhammad Ahmad al-Rashid, leader in the Iraqi Islamic Party, admitted that fact and stressed that 'the constitution did not provide the Islamic concept we, the scholars, wanted in its content or in the Islamic form of government we wished.'

"The Association of Muslim Scholars has the view that the party's voting and participation in the referendum 'saved the occupier and got it out of the impasse.' The adoption of the draft constitution is a scandalous and great plot aimed at disintegrating Iraq.

"The secretary general of the party, at that time, was the first chairman of an Iraqi council of representatives under the occupation. The party has participated in the governments formed by the occupation and managed by Al-Ja'fari and Al-Maliki. The new party's Secretary General

Tariq al-Hashimi reached the post of the vice president of the Iraqi republic and Mahmud al-Mashhadani from the Islamic Party who became chairman of the Iraqi Council of Representatives.

"The party raised the slogan of 'Peaceful Struggle' against the occupation and formed militias to fight the Al-Qa'ida Organization in Al-Anbar as stated recently by Secretary General Tariq al-Hashimi in the Al-Arabiya Channel 'Frankly Speaking' last July.

"On 10 May 2007, Abd-al-Bari Atwan (editor-in-chief of) Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper opines: 'Al-Hashimi and Al-Dulaymi both committed the biggest mistake in their political history when they entered the political process and provided it legitimacy. History will never discharge them because their act contributed significantly to the current situation in Iraq, including the geographical and sectarian division, civil war, sectarian cleansing, raising walls of hatred, and turning the whole country into a mass grave. They were enticed by formal positions, which prevented them from seeing the gravity of the situation in the country. They have now become isolated among their people by the bordering Arab communities. It truly is a miserable and unhappy end. "Five Catastrophes

"Al-Jazirah Channel announcer Ahmad Mansur wrote in his book entitled 'The Secrets of the Al-Fallujah Battle and the US Defeat in Iraq' and reported US Governor (as received) in Iraq Paul Bremer said: 'They are in a very bad situation in Al-Fallujah.' Ahmad Mansur also reveals the role of the Islamic Party in that battle when it represented the occupation in the talks with the people of Al-Fallujah. 'I can assure you that the delegation that moved to negotiate with the dignitaries of Al-Fallujah had benefited from the interests of the occupation forces, which was passing through a difficult time, more than the interests of the people of Al-Fallujah. The Islamic Party then issued a statement in which it announced a cease-fire between both sides. This fell in the favor of the occupation forces which were experiencing a difficult situation and much worse conditions than the people of Al-Fallujah.

"In his memoirs, Ahmad Mansur reported US Governor Paul Bremer praising the leadership of the Islamic Party and the role it played, especially Iyad al-Samarra'i and Hajim al-Hasani, with whom he had a relationship.

"The Muslim Brotherhood theoretician and Islamic Party leader Muhammad Ahmad al-Rashid - Abd-al-Mun'im Salih Ali al-Azzi -- enlightened the role of the (Islamic) Party in calming the situation in Al-Fallujah after being authorized by Paul Bremer, US Governor of the US occupation, and as spelled out in a document presented by Al-Rashid and published on the Islam Today website, which is administered by Dr. Salmanal-Udah.

"Al-Rashid stressed that the Party has managed to convince several chieftains in Al-Fallujah to lay down their arms and cease-fire, although he admitted that the occupation did not abide by that. They also managed to make the chieftains and some personalities from the 'Iraqi resistance' sign a commitment not to attack the occupation forces which occupy Iraq and carry out military operations inside Al-Fallujah.

"Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi raised the same issue in his audio message, released in January 2006 and entitled 'God Will Suffice You Against Them,' when he spoke about the first battle of Al-Fallujah and the role of the Islamic Party in it.

"In the same recording, Al-Zarqawi adds: 'It is this Party which worked in order to save the US presence in Iraq from the quagmire in which it was sinking after the Crusader and Shiite forces around Al-Fallujah were tightly besieged, and after the mujahidin, God be praised, cut off their supply lines, and after the earth under them became a burning fire to the extent that their carriers and vehicles ground to a halt in their tracks because they were out of fuel.

"The brothers who had been detained in Abu-Ghurayb prison said that the prison management during the Al-Fallujah battle became certain that they would perish after the mujahidin cut off all roads leading to this jail, and they were convinced that the mujahidin's arrival was imminent. The prison management asked them: What will you do to us if the mujahidin arrive here? Our brothers said: You will hand over your weapons in exchange for ensuring your safety. The two sides agreed to this. Then the Islamic Party carried out its thankless initiative to save their US master.

"On May 2007, Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir, successor of Abu-Mu'ab al-Zarqawi and war minister in the Islamic State of Iraq, was required to converse, in short, that the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq 'have fallen into five catastrophes: first, they participated in helping the occupation of Muslim land; second, they formed and participated in a false government outside Shari'ah and made it legal; third, they discouraged people from jihad which is their religious duty; fourth, they cursed the mujahidin, made false accusations about them, stabbed their methodology, and today they are trying to disperse their gathering and divert their word; fifth, they promoted both Irja and Takfir creeds among Muslims public.' "Five To Be Killed

"On September 2007, (Islamic State of Iraq Amir Abu-Umar) al-Baghdadi revealed, before and after the release of the Ansar al-Islam's 'Book of Truth,' that the role of the Muslim Brotherhood in Iraq has gone beyond the Shari'ah and national slogans they promoted. Al-Baghdadi said: 'The plan of jihad in the Land of the Two Rivers is today facing a vicious attack and fierce war at the hands of treachery and betrayal -- hands which have, throughout their history, accepted the culture of defeatism and subservience. No sooner had the nation woken up in a certain area than they hastened to destroy its youthful awakening in the name of religion and on the pretext of protecting the gains and interests of Muslims. The foreign and local enemies always find in this sedition the best support for them in implementing their plans.

"We like frankness, although it is bitter sometimes. Our nation should realize that the Muslim Brotherhood in the Land of the Two Rivers, headed by the (Iraqi) Islamic Party, is today carrying out the ugliest campaign to obliterate the features of religion in Iraq, especially the zenith of religion--jihad. While the Kurds are working hard to build their Kurdish state and the rancorous rejectionists are seeking to bolster their control of the entire country, especially areas in the center and south, we see that the Muslim Brotherhood, through their leadership of the Al-Tawafuq (Accord) Front, are working hard for the sake of the occupation. They are brushing aside the blood that has been spilled, the honor that has been violated, and the money that has been spent. They are asking, in unique persistence, that the occupation stays until the pillars of the state of the rejectionists in Iraq is firmly established and its military and security institutions are built.

"Furthermore, the Muslim Brotherhood formed the Diyala Support Council and boasted about that: to strike the mujahidin and to expose them wherever they go. The armed brigades affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood trend have participated in this war, led by the HAMAS-Iraq and JAMI (Islamic Front for the Iraqi Resistance). They exposed the weakness of the mujahidin and stood with the occupier against the mujahidin. They have also worked as guides to every arms depot they know. Eventually, they have supported the occupier against us wearing civil uniform.

The occupier, however, marked them by putting a sign on their shoulders so as to distinguish them from the mujahidin. This has reached the point where a US commander in Ba'qubah, Silver Land, praised them by saying: 'The 1920 Revolution Brigades are the guards of Ba'qubah, and they are usually in the forefront of our fight of the terrorists. We have great confidence in them and in their commanders. We will get them enrolled in the Iraqi police and army. 'These are actually HAMAS-Iraq or the Brigades.

"Throughout this long series of the march of the Islamic Party, which has seen its Secretary General Tarik al-Hashimi directly leading the battles of the US occupation in Mosul which he described as a campaign of 'cleansing Mosul and Ninawa of terrorists and Takfiriyyin (those who hold people infidels). This has resulted in the killing and arrest of more than 1,500 people whom the Al-Maliki government described as terrorists, a fact that obliged Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, to issue his audio recording dated September 2008.

"We have stated previously that we do not want to get into a war with the offender Islamic Party so as not to tear apart our efforts. However, this party has deployed all the military and media efforts -- together with the worshipers of the cross and the grandchildren of the Majus (worshippers of fire) -- to fight each and every mujahidin soldier of God in the Lands of the Two Rivers. Their weakness was then exposed to every Muslim, and no longer are their acts a secret to anyone. Although we have sought excuses for some of them in the past; our hearts today are assured that there is no excuse for any of them belonging to the alliance of Satan. Killing the aides of the occupation becomes a religious duty, just as is the case with the occupiers. It is an obligation which does not fall under any pretext, even if they utter the Al-Shahadatayn (the two attestations), perform prayers, observe fasting, or claim to be Muslims.'

"On the seventh anniversary of the September 11 (attacks), the Islamic State of Iraq amir ordered his soldiers: 'Having said that, we declare the (Iraqi) Islamic Party, in all its branches, leaders, and members, to be a warring enemy of God and His prophet and an infidel and apostate sect whose members must be killed wherever found, for we did not offer thousands of martyrs and lose tens of thousands to captivity so that the fruit of the jihad may be lost and that the Land of the Two Rivers may transition from a Ba'thist secularism to an American secularism under the pretext of national unity. The Islamic Party's rebellion and its war on religion and those upholding it can only be defeated with the uprooting of this cursed party, so lynch the last of the collaborators with the intestines of the last of the occupiers. Based on the above, we give all members of this party 15 days to renounce their beliefs and repent, with the exception of five people: Usamah al-Tikriti, Ala Makki, Abd-al-Karim al-Samarra'i, Ibrahim Ni'mah, and Tariq al-Hashimi. These five are to be killed whenever possible, and the grace period does not apply to them. We urge our brothers to adhere to this period and use it to gather all the necessary information. If the period ends, kill them wherever you find them, lurk for them in all places, and show them no mercy for their Islam, so that by the time the Id comes (once Ramadan ends), the land will have hopefully been cleansed of their filth. Not only do we want to tear down the walls of their headquarters, we also want their rotten heads wherever they may be. However, you must thoroughly investigate and confirm one's affiliation with this party, for those who embraced Islam with certitude may not be accused of renouncing it based on doubts.

"We announce a valuable gift which I will personally present to whoever brings me one of the heads of the leaders of the Iraqi Islamic Party, including its deputies in the Iraqi Council of Representatives, members of the (Islamic) Party's Shura Council or Political Commission, or an official in charge of a governorate.

“Redrawing the Map of the Region and the World

"On 26 June 2008, when 25 senior leaders of the Awakening (Councils), leaders of the Islamic Party, and five senior officers of the occupation forces, spearheaded by commander of the Marines, met to discuss the date to hand over Al-Anbar; a soldier of the Islamic State of Iraq penetrated the group and blew himself up, killing everybody, including a US general, the highest-ranking officer to be killed to date in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"On November 2007, Shaykh Usama bin-Ladin issued a speech entitled 'To Our People in Iraq,' in which he defined who the mujahidin are and what their plans are. He differentiated them (from the common people) for being the upholders of the approach of the martyrdom operations, those who reject the political process under the occupation, and those who endeavor to establish an Islamic state from one ocean to another, not a national state.

"Shaykh Usama bin-Ladin views the dispute among the mujahidin -- to whom he assigned those attributes-- in Iraq as being normal. 'They are like any other Muslims in other worship; they might be right or wrong.' Shaykh Usama showed the way to resolve disputes through referring to 'scholars and tribal chiefs -- who are proven not to support the occupation, not being part of the political process, not engaging the army, the police, or the Awakening Councils, and not shedding the blood of Muslims -- to arbitrate between the rival groups.'" In the end of 2007, Usama issued an audio recording calling for the rest of the mujahidin in Iraq to pledge allegiance to Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq. In his speech, Bin-Ladin said: 'I believe that all these ferocious campaigns against the mujahidin in the Islamic State of Iraq are staged because these mujahidin are deeply committed to righteousness and the prophet's teachings. Amir Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi and his brothers are not like those who would bargain over their faith and accept half solutions or who would meet the enemies half way. Rather, they come out openly with the truth and satisfy the Creator, even if this were to result in angering the creatures.' This is attributed to 'The Way to Foil Plots' by Shaykh Usama bin Ladin on January 2008.

"The chieftains met with the leaders of the Islamic State of Iraq to contain the disputes between the mujahidin in what was seen as an important step. On April 2008, they agreed to entrust Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi with the authority to follow up the committees emanating from this meeting and agreed on rejecting the occupation and all its political, military, and security projects, including the Awakening Councils. Abd-al-Bari Atwan in Al-Quds Al-Arabi newspaper on 12 May 2007 said: 'The US project is defeated not only in Iraq but in the whole Islamic world, and the smart one is he who gets rid of its filth as soon as possible. It is not wise that the Arab leaders can be more Americanized than the (US) Congress itself.'

"On 22 October 2007, Usama bin-Ladin issued (an audio) statement entitled 'To Our People in Iraq' in which he said: 'Oh, mujahidin! Your continuing in this blessed jihad is fateful and more awaits you around the corner. The entire world is following your magnificent victories, and it knows that its history has turned a new page with major changes, and the map of the region will be redrawn at the hands of the mujahidin, with God's permission, and the artificial borders placed by the Crusaders will be erased for the state of truth and justice to be established, the greater state of Islam from the ocean to the ocean, God permitting.'

"Iraq has given the opportunity to the Al-Qa'ida forces to shift its influence and reach Syria, Turkey, Jordan, and even the north of Lebanon, Gaza, and the Islamic Maghreb. This was attributed to Michael Shawyer, Al-Watan Al-Arabi, on 24 April 2008.

"This was affirmed previously by Amir Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi and reiterated by the Islamic State of Iraq Amir Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi. 'We are a stone's throw from the place where the

night journey of the prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, occurred. We fight in Iraq but keep our eyes on Jerusalem, which can be recuperated only by a Koran that guides and a sword that supports. God is enough for a Guide and a Helper.'

"In a speech disseminated by Al-Fajr Media Center on February 2008, Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq, revealed that 'the Crusaders express delight upon driving the mujahidin out from Al-Anbar because it is the closest area to the occupied Palestine, from which the Zionist occupation can be stricken by medium-range missiles.'

"Shaykh (Usama) Bin Ladin backed (Abu-Umar) Al-Baghdadi's plan in the same speech in which he called on the mujahidin in Iraq to pledge allegiance to Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, amir of the Islamic State of Iraq. (He said:) 'I assure our kinfolk in Palestine in particular that we will expand our jihad, God willing, and we will not recognize the Sykes-Picot borders or the rulers appointed by the colonialists. By God, we have not forgotten you after the September 11 events. Will anyone forget his own family? We will not recognize a state for the Jews, not even on one inch of the land of Palestine, as did all the rulers of the Arabs when they adopted the initiative of the ruler of Riyadh years ago, nor will we respect the international conventions recognizing the Zionist entity over the land of Palestine, as the HAMAS leadership did, or as stated by some Muslim Brotherhood leaders. It will be a jihad for the liberation of the entire Palestine, from the river to the sea, God willing, joining hands with the sincere mujahidin there from the cadres of HAMAS and other factions who denounced their leaders for deviating from righteousness. If it is defeated along with its agents in Iraq, God willing, then soon will the legions of mujahidin march, in successive brigades, from Baghdad, Al-Anbar, Mosul, Diyala, and Salah al-Din to restore Hittin to us. God permitting.'

"This ends here, by the help of Almighty God.

"Do not forget us in the best of your supplications.

"Your brothers in the Global Islamic Media Front"