

## **Al-Qa'ida Leader in Afghanistan Eulogizes Islamic State of Iraq Leaders**

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On 5 May, a forum participant posted a statement on a jihadist website entitled "Condolences for the Two Amirs Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi and Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir (may God have mercy on them)." The statement, attributed to "Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid, on behalf of Al-Qa'ida - General Command (Afghanistan)," is dated 26 April, and was disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the statement follows:

" Al-Qa'ida: Condolences for the Two Amirs Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi and Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir (may God have mercy on them)

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

"Statement by the Al-Qa'ida Organization - General Command (Afghanistan)

"Condolences for the Two Amirs Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi and Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir (may God have mercy on them)

"Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. Of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait, but they have never changed (their determination) in the least,' (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:23). Praise be to God, who glorified Islam with His victory, humiliated non-belief with His dominance, changed fortunes with His justice, and made the best end for the righteous with His grace. Prayers and peace be upon the one who God raised as a beacon of Islam with his sword.

"With great sadness and acceptance of the will and destiny of God, we received the news of the deaths of the two great amirs: the knights, the brave, and the guided: the Commander of the Faithful in the Islamic State of Iraq: Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, and the Minister of War in the Islamic State of Iraq: Abu-Hamza al-Muhajir (may God have mercy on them). Praise be to God. 'To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return,' (partial Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:156).

"O God, reward us during our ordeal, and let goodness come out of it. We ask God Almighty to accept them as righteous martyrs, raise their rank among those who have been accepted (as such), bless their work, and make their martyrdom a light for His followers and a fire against His enemies. God Almighty 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,' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:169).

"We offer our condolences to our mujahidin brothers in the Islamic State of Iraq (may God protect it and make it stronger) and to the rest of the mujahidin in Iraq, the world, the youths who call to Islam and jihad, and the entire Islamic Ummah (nation). We ask everyone to fear God Almighty, and to be patient and steadfast. 'Never will Allah suffer the reward to be lost, of those who do right,' (partial Koranic verse, Yusuf, 12:90). 'But if ye are constant and do right, not the least harm will their cunning do to you; for Allah compasseth round about all that they do,' (partial Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:120). 'Yea, if ye remain firm and act aright, even if the

enemy should rush here on you in hot haste, your Lord would help you with five thousand angels making a terrific onslaught,' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:125).

"We remind them of the duty of unity, harmony, and accord. They must only say good things; use the martyrdom of the leaders of jihad as fuel for more efforts, giving, and sacrifice; renew the intention and diligence in attaining honesty and loyalty; and renew the pledge to God Almighty to walk in His path. We will not force anyone to leave that path, nor will we leave it until we receive the honor and dignity of life, and happiness and attainment of the afterlife. Blessed are these two exemplars and predecessors. The two departed (may God have mercy on them) showed examples in patience, perseverance, steadfastness, determination, and resolve; and overcame ordeals, crises, and difficulties with prudence, understanding, and endurance through total dependence on God Almighty, proper belief, clear methodology, pure affection for Muslims, humility toward them, and the tireless gleaming call to the belief in the One God, the Almighty, while holding on to His Shar'iah. O God, take them with your mercy, generosity, pleasure, and your bountiful kindness and goodness.

"Among the blessings of God for the people of jihad in particular, and the Islamic Ummah in general, is that our leaders depart this life after good deeds in the battlefields without looking back, and while holding fast to the truth without changing it. They exacted revenge on the enemies of God and earned the best that this ephemeral life has to offer: freedom, and the glory of being with God and becoming close to Him, the Almighty. Let the lovers rejoice, and let the hateful enemies of God be despised. 'So lose not heart, nor fall into despair. For ye must gain mastery if ye are true in faith. If a wound hath touched you, be sure a similar wound hath touched the others. Such days (of varying fortunes) we give to men and men by turns: that Allah may know those that believe, and that He may take to Himself from your ranks martyr-witnesses (to truth). And Allah loveth not those that do wrong,' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:139-140). Praise be to God, Lord of all creation.

"May the prayers and peace of God be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family, companions, and those who followed them faithfully until Judgment Day.

"Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid, on behalf of Al-Qa'ida - General Command (Afghanistan)

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