

Al-Qaida Threatens United Kingdom for Decision to Extradite Abu Qatada al-Falastini to Jordan

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On April 9, 2012, Al-Qaida released a statement threatening to "open the door of evil on [the United Kingdom] and its citizens" for the British government's recent decision to extradite Abu Qatada al-Falastini to the Kingdom of Jordan. The statement condemned the British government for "detaining him [Abu Qatada] throughout all the recent years without cause," claiming that the prisoner was simply "exercising his right to write, express, lecture and teach." Asserting that Jordan's "criminality is known to everyone," the statement rejected Jordan's "promises and oaths that he [Abu Qatada] won't be tortured." The statement closed by claiming that Abu Qatada had "no connection organizationally with Al-Qaida't Al-Jihad or other groups" and called on the UK to "redress the affair, so that its dignity does not become mired in sin."

"Praise Allah [Verse] and prayer and peace upon His prophet [Verse], and upon all his family and companions, and thereafter:"

"We heard about the intention of the British Government to hand over the gracious Shaykh Abu Qatada al-Falastini to the collaborating Jordanian Government, claiming that it received promises and oaths that he will not be tortured—facilitating for itself the commission of a crime that was initiated by the crime of detaining him throughout all the recent years without cause, collapsing its lies about freedom of expression that it always boasted about. As the Shaykh Abu Qatada —may Allah protect him—did not go over using the honest free word, expressing it with his tongue and pen. But the democracy of the West has become irritated when confronted by the truth; exactly as the situation with Shaykh Omar Abdel Rahman, may Allah release him from prison. It is unable of using any evidence against each of them, so it has employed the ancient Pharaonic method in usage at the time of modernity, advancement and prosperity! [Verse]."

"It was the duty of the British government, if it could not bear to hear words of truth being expressed, to allow the Shaykh to freely depart to the destination he likes and approves of. But to have him languish behind bars all these years and prevent him from exercising his right to write, express, lecture and teach, and then end these violations by preparing to deport him to a country whose criminality is known to everyone; this is something totally unacceptable and will not pass without punishment."

"And based on all of that, we from Al-Qaida't al-Jihad Organization hold the British government responsible for the disaster of extraditing the Shaykh Abu Qatada to the Jordanian government. And may it [the UK] know that—regardless of the justification—this will open the door of evil on it and its citizens wherever they are...And we call upon it to treat the issue rationally and wisely, setting aside recklessness and blindly rushing

in, and thus avoid feeling regret over its decision when regret is meaningless. As of right now, the matter remains in its hands and it can redress the affair, so that its dignity does not become mired in sin!"

"And despite the fact that it previously claimed that it has not found a suitable place to deport Abu Qatada, its excuse is unfounded [now] with the presence of a number of Arab Spring states for the Shaykh to choose from, and from others as he wishes, as the Earth is not small for those who have migrated for the cause of Allah. Though Shaykh Abu Qatada has no connection organizationally with Al-Qaida't Al-Jihad or other groups, the loyalty of the Muslim to his Muslim brother is above all organizational and ideological considerations."

"And praise Allah firstly and lastly."

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