Announcing the Martyrdom of the Commander, Abi 'Abdillaah ash-Shaamee July 31, 2008

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Shaykh Mustapha Abu al-Yazeed, the General Commander of al-Qaa'idah in Afghanistan, has announced the martyrdom of the Mujaahid Commander, Abi 'Abdillaah ash-Shaamee, may Allah have mercy upon him. He was killed in a cowardly US air strike; may Allah give them what they deserve. Below is a summarized translation of the statement released via Al-Fajr Media. To read the full statement in Arabic, click here.

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Ever Merciful

Qaa'idah al-Jihaad

Statement on the martyrdom of Commander Abi 'Abdillaah al-Shaamee and a group of brothers, may Allah have mercy upon them

- Within the teachings of the processions and sacrifice

made by the Mujaahideen Commanders and recruits to sacrifice for the Deen of Allah Almighty, and to uphold His word and Tawheed, comes the announcement from the organization (Al-Qaa'idah) of the martyrdom of one of the heroes of the field Commanders who stood in the face of the contemporary Crusader campaign who performed magnificently, our brother Abu 'Abdullah al-Shaamee, May Allah, the Exalted, have mercy on him and raise him in degrees.

- My sympathy goes to the Islaamic nation in general, and the Mujaahideen in the fields who are fighting in specific, and his parents, brothers and cousins in ash-Shaam, and we ask Allah to keep them in the state of Sabr and Shifa' until the Day of Judgment.

- Allah, the Exalted, said: 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":- They are those on whom (Descend) blessings from Allah, and Mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance. [al-Baqarah/ 154-157]

- In the American air strikes against the Mujahideen and some companions, Allah had written that Shahaadah would be their end, and we ask Allah for it to be so.

- And Abu 'Abdallah al-Shaamee - may Allah have mercy upon him - is one of four who suddenly, with Allah's permission, escaped from the Baghram prison, three years ago, who began to struggle vigorously, and had great enthusiasm; he led and participated in several successful military operations, which made him a source of anger to the enemies of the Deen and a source of bless to the Muslimeen. AllahuAkbar, may Allah accept him amongst the Shuhada'. A Mujaahid who escaped the prisons of the Kuffaar, not to rush back home, but to dash towards Paradise; and here, after 3 years, Allah granted him his wish.

Make sincere du'aa for him and the other brothers that were martyred alongside him.





(The four escapees, from right to left: Shaykh Abu Yahya al-Libi [Commander and Scholar in Afghanistan], Farooq al-'Iraaqi [obtained Shahaadah in 'Iraaq], Abu 'Abdullah ash-Shaamee [obtained Shahaadah in Afghanistan], and Abu Naasir al-Qahtaanee [Caught in Afghanistan by US Forces; Imprisoned in Saudi Arabia])