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Corresponding to:

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Praise be to God, the Cherisher of the Worlds, and peace and blessings be upon [the Prophet] who was sent with the sword as a mercy to the worlds:

My dear brother, we refer to you the matter of `Arif al-Sayyah and all of the terror and fear he has caused to people from the days of the Nusayri [TC: Alawites, in reference to Asad's] regime, through the days of the Free Army's time, and finally, to the days of the Caliphate, may God preserve it, no matter those who want it to last and those who reject it. Tyranny, where the strong rule the weak, and tribal rule are the sources of `Arif's power. Arrogance, condescension, and pride are his traits. This was clear to me from the first time I met him at the police station in al-Sabkhah. He hypocritically attempted to become close to me, but it is impossible for me to be lenient when it comes to God's Sharia. I began to keep track of his doings and the cases he files in court, and issues started to reveal themselves little by little, including the following:

- 1. He speaks in the name of the Islamic state and its security personnel in his dealings with people and in settling his personal scores. This includes the matters detailed in the attached documents from a court case filed against him by

 We allowed it to continue to be filed with the other cases because it loses its true dimension if taken out of its context. May God help us. The case's documents are attached in the file, along with the witness' statements. This is the first case.
- 2. He deals with the state's checkpoints with his usual haughtiness and disrespect. This is detailed in the case attached. This is the second case.
- 3. He has caused many plots of land to go unused by circumventing the circular orders issued by the Islamic state and with [TC: handwritten: facilitation] by certain parties from Agriculture (e.g., the case

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the woman called which is included in the documents) and others (e.g., the municipality and the case of
which is included in the documents). One of the issues is that al-Sayyah and his ancestors owned land that was
expropriated by the previous regime under the eminent domain law. When the Islamic State took over, it issued a circular to
prevent the re-litigation of such cases out of regard for the public interest. It ordered that land statuses shall remain as they
are. `Arif had cases reopened by Agriculture even though the staff there know that there is a ban on reconsidering such
cases and have received the same circular, and God knows best. This is the third type of case, although the number of cases
is large. Having indirectly referred to the Agriculture staff through a brother in the Sector, we requested information on
suspended cases and lands for which protests exist (the brother is a member of the Sector's Special Follow-up Committee
on removing hurdles affecting agriculture). They told him that they have only two plots of land that were suspended by
order of the Agriculture Center in al-Raqqah. What, then, is their answer regarding the cases of the woman
and others? They are certainly in cahoots with him, particularly given that his situation and personal relationships are known to
everyone. The same thing is known about our Agriculture official, Abu-`Aziz, a lay person, who obstructs many things. We
have tried to resolve these issues with him directly instead of taking these cases to the Sharia courts for legal resolution.

God knows best. [TC: this phrase is used for the speaker to protect himself if this information is found to be untrue.]

4. Another important issue is the very serious matter that brother Abu-Sa`id al-Tabqawi, from the Southern Sector, mentioned, namely that `Arif al-Sayyah receives money from people for each case in which he assists

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through the Islamic State's courts and the office of the Prosecutor in the Southern Sector in the amount of fifty thousand Syrian liras.

The brother also said that people are afraid of `Arif al-Sayyah and will not testify against him. We would like you to compel brother Abu-Sa`id to summon the person who told him this to testify, even if the summons is executed through the police, because this is a very serious matter. `Arif either has parties who are aiding and abetting him among the brothers or receives bribes and gives people the impression that those who assist him at our courts are ones taking bribes, this is a disaster that must be addressed. I tried with the brother but was unable to obtain the names of any witness. We ask for God's assistance.

Consequently, an investigation must be launched by a judicial entity from outside the sector into each of: `Arif al-Sayyah

Abu-'Aziz, the Agriculture official

<u>Abu-Khalil</u>, the official responsible for the State's land, who has information about the State's land (particularly in al-Sayyah's hometown of al-Jibli. He has a wealth of information but is uncooperative.

Brother Abu-Sa'id, to identify the source of his information that 'Arif al-Sayyah receives fifty thousand Syrian liras per case

The municipality official in al-Sabkhah and the reason for suspending the land owned by the documents) (as attached in

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[All of these people] have filed claims against `Arif al-Sayyah. We need to do this so they feel that we are in a state where rule does not lie with the strong at the expense of the weak. We must provide them with justice because the State is ruled by Islamic Sharia whether people like it or not.

May God reward you well.

For follow up.

[TC: Signature: Abu-al-Qa'qa']