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In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

Peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you

Honorable brothers,

We would not have written this letter and presented what is in it to you had we not felt it is the right time to do that although there may be someone who may get angry at this clear fact and prefers ambiguity in this matter. However, we are saying this to God [TC: to let God be the witness], the great and almighty, to clear our conscience, to offer you advice, and to render this as an explanation to history.

Honorable brothers,

We have called your attention several times before to the conduct of some of the individuals who belong to your group and who greatly mistrusted our brothers to the extent of issuing misleading statements and accusing of heresies. They even issued statements stating that the jihad activities of the brothers who disagree with you on the pretext that they did not pledge allegiance to your emir and did not join the new declared group. Some of the individuals legitimized killing those who are in disagreement with this [TC: pledging allegiance and joining the newly declared group].

Indeed, after these announcements, they carried out their threat and killed our brothers (as we mentioned in our previous letter). We have the evidence and we know their names. Also before announcing the formation of your new group certain acts of killing and torturing took place and statements of the illegality of the group were made to some of our individuals. Activities like these took place at (the southern part of Baghdad, al-Anbar and al-Mosul).

The excuse for killing at that time was not joining the Shura Council although before forming the council the Shari'a group in Iraq was only al-Qaida Organization! And before joining the organization, should allegiance be pledged to the al-Muhajirin in Jama'at al-Tawhid wa al-Jihad [TC: Monotheism and Jihad Group]?

We have been patient all this time, and when we specify a week for your response, this does not mean by writing the first letter to you that we do not have patience. A week is a short time for solving such cases.

But we do not want you to neglect replying to us as you did in the past because, dear brothers, the blood of Muslims is precious.

Honorable brothers,

We are hereby inform you once more about the developments in Diyala area where the motto of (allegiance and the caliphate) has emerged and fatwas were issued stating that whoever does not give allegiance to the emir of the state is to be killed and that it (pledging allegiance) is an obligation.

Honorable brothers,

These facts and pictures in front of you and the issued announcements calling for killing innocent persons are clear, and if you do not take a position, we hereby say to you: O God, O Lord let the blood of the mujahidin be spent in the cause of God. Why do you kill an innocent person whereas God says, "Do not kill a person who God forbade killing except for a just and legal reason." Here are the details of the incident:

Another crime was committed in al-Karma area west of Baghdad. Late Tariq was with his uncle and cousin returning from the hospital when a KIA pickup vehicle with veiled group intercepted them in (al-Shihabi al-Kayfiyah) area. They drove them to an unknown location under the pretext that they [TC: the veiled group] suspect them [TC: Tariq and family] to be members of (Thuwwar [revolutionaries of] al-Anbar) group which is considered to be hostile to them [the veiled group]. When they [TC: the veiled persons] told them [TC: Tariq and family] that the latter belong to al-Ansar and gave them the name of their emir. When they were sure of that they released Tariq's uncle and cousin and kept Tariq claiming that there are previous accounts that must be settled since (Tariq was a member in the organization but he left them and pledged allegiance to al-Ansar).

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A person called (Walid Hamid) who is appointed by the organization a governor of the region by the organization, sentenced Tariq as an apostate, and the death sentence was carried on the same day, according to Tariq's father who was informed of the news by Walid Hamid.

Tariq's father says that Walid Hamid personally knows Tariq since both were of the same area and were [mosque prayer] speakers. Their social relations were known and furthermore, Tariq, may God have mercy on his soul, had completed his preparatory Islamic study and then college education study.

This paragraph continues to talk about the social background of Tariq.

The rest of this page is citing quotations of the Hadith, the Qur'an, and renowned Muslims scholars to prove that it is illegal to kill an innocent person. The author supports

the point of view that it is all right to have different rulers and sultans in different countries and consequently, people of each country may give allegiance to that particular emir or sultan.

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The author continues on the second paragraph of this page...

Although we are not advocates of multiparty principle since our early days in jihad activities and no other group emerged with this vision. However, if the phenomenon of multiparty emerges, it must be dealt with according to Shari'a principles and guidelines as understood and viewed by scholars. We have not seen any one of the scholars issuing a fatwa allowing fighting or using Shari'a terms not applicable to the status quo. We understand the justifications by which you want the people to join and pledge allegiance to it, but we do not believe that these actions justify shedding the blood of innocent people, issuing threats, or harming people. We also believe that these actions do not violate the Hadith or the Qur'an. Corruptive acts and terrible consequences are very many, may God protect us from them.

The author criticizes, admonishes and blames al-Qa'ida leadership in Iraq for:

- Setting up a negative trend which led the Muslim nation which was supportive in the past but turned against 'us'.
- Rejectionists and crusaders are becoming more destructive than before.
- Dividing all other people to around us to whoever is not with us is against us.
- Setting up several meetings at the level of high ranking officials and promising us of solving problems but nothing has happened, although what come after are slander, suspicion, and unfounded allegations.
- To evade confronting the problems, you come up with the solution of joining you under the pretext of unity.

We are sincerely advising you not to be responsible for dividing the ranks, fragmenting the mujahidin, dampening the zeal of and isolating the mujahidin from the Muslim masses by these conducts.

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We are experiencing seditions nowadays and as the time goes by seditions intensify, and when a problem passes through many stages it reaches an impasse which is difficult to untangle. So let us solve this problem before it reaches this point.

We hereby ask you to issue a written announcement regarding the previous and present problems as well as the problems that were discussed in the meetings to prove good intentions as a first step for clearing up these suspicions which we have mentioned in this letter and in the letter that preceded this one,.

If you say why this statement, we say it is because you entered several suspicions and unrelated pieces of evidence which were the cause for these blights and what afflicted Muslims as a result of these conducts. The response is to be by a written statement which is a part of the solution, and we hereby expect a reply.

Muslims must, at this stage, conduct a study of the status quo, which we live in, based on methodological principles which encompass all other problems and issues and which are derived from the Shari'a based on the Qur'an and the Sunnah [TC: Hadith] as understood by the companions [TC: of the Prophet].

Do not Let us doubt this time too that this issue will be procrastinated and postponed, and do not let us believe that the lack of your response is an acceptance of those acts and opinions.

Divan [Bureau] of the Shari'a and Judiciary

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