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Graphic: *Al-Sahab* media delivers a "Message to the West," in which it attempts to communicate through subtitles the reasons behind the London bombings



Orientation/Introduction:

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Item 1: Moroccan "Tawhid and Jihad" threatens Moroccan government officials

Just days after Iraqi suicide bombers targeted sites in Jordan ([Country Profile](#)), a statement from an alleged terrorist group in Morocco ([Group Profile](#)) promised similar repercussions for Morocco's support of "the Iraqi apostate government put into place by the Crusaders."

The statement affirmed the group's support for the murder of Moroccan diplomats in Iraq ([Country Profile](#)) "at the hands of our brothers the Mujahideen in the Land of the Two Rivers" and provided what the group referred to as the Islamic justification for killing the diplomats.

The group also replied to statements by Moroccan officials condemning the diplomats' deaths, providing a "response to the declaration by the official spokesperson for apostasy and falsehood, the ward of the Jew Shimon Levy, [Moroccan information minister] Nabil Bin Abdullah. We say that [the diplomats] died because of you and we say that...you govern the honor, the money and the blood of the people according to the laws of the Jews and the Christians, according to what America has decreed..."

The declaration also criticized other Moroccan members of government for issuing statements condemning the deaths of the diplomats in Iraq, while staying silent on injustices committed against Muslims, such as the Israeli assassination of Hamas ([Group Profile](#)) leader Ahmed Yassin.

It ends with a threat to the Moroccan government, specifying that "apostates" – Muslims who are perceived to have turned away from "true" Islam -- are more important targets than "original infidels" – people born to religions other than Islam, such as western foreigners in the country.

"We have revealed your way, you low criminals, and you cannot return to hide your ways and your apostasy and your betrayal of the Umma to the enemies of God from anyone who has eyes...we in the Islamic Group for Tawhid and Jihad in Morocco announce our war of random violence amidst the infidels and the apostates of this country and its infidel and apostate government, and against all of the secularists...no matter what the difference in their orientations, for the infidels are all one community, and fighting the apostates is even more necessary than battling those who are originally infidels."

The statement is signed "Abu Mohammed al-Maghrebi [Abu Mohammed the Moroccan], the Media Wing for the Islamic Group for Tawhid and Jihad in Morocco."

This concept of turning inward to focus on the "near enemy," the Arab and Islamic governments that were the original targets of protest and attacks by Islamist movements before crosshairs were fixed on the West, shows signs of revival in the strategies of Salafi Jihadist groups. Though the hotels targeted in Jordan were American-owned chains ([Terrorist Incident](#)), many of the individuals targeted were Muslims or Arabs, and other attacks planned in countries like Jordan and Saudi Arabia ([Country Profile](#)) have also prioritized government members of those countries as targets above foreign casualties. In the past, a strategy employed by al-Qaeda ([Group Profile](#)) has been to attack Americans until they leave the Middle East. Now, with the United States' commitment to Middle East engagement showing no signs of wavering, threats and violence against Arab or Muslim governments are designed to force them to initiate a separation from the US.

This is the second statement in a month from a Jihadist group threatening attacks in Morocco. The first came in October from a group calling itself "Asbat al-Falah," ([Terror Web Watch](#)).

Item 2: Al-Qaeda in the Land of the Two Rivers ([Group Profile](#)) issues statement explaining targeting of Amman hotels



[begin translation]

...After the blessed raid that the heroes of the Umma, the lions of the brigade of al-Bara bin Malik, carried out on the dens of evil in Amman, we are compelled to explain to the people of Tawhid why the Mujahideen targeted these dens, so that they may know exactly what we meant with them. We were convinced that these were centers for the war against Islam, and that they supported the Crusader presence in the Land of the Two Rivers and the Arabian Peninsula, as well as the presence of the Jews in Palestine.

After a not too brief period of surveillance on the targets from inside, as well as precise scrutiny and collection of information, these hotels were chosen for a number of reasons. Among these was that they had become favorite places for the intelligence apparatuses to work, specifically those of the Americans and the Israelis, and some of the western European countries, where they would carry out hidden battles which are known as the war on terror. The intelligence agencies of Egypt, the Palestinian Authority, and the intelligence of the Al – Salul [derogatory name for the Saud family] participated with them, in addition to the intelligence of the traitorous Jordan, to strike at the Mujahideen in Palestine and the Land of the Two Rivers and the Arabian Peninsula. The Crusaders had gathered this cursed bunch, in order to create cooperation between them to suppress Tawhid and its people throughout the region. They do not even bother to hide this fact in their declarations.

These [hotels] also became safe, rear headquarters for gatherings of the apostate government and the apostate population from the sons of Ibn Alchemy and their guests. After coming under the fire of the Mujahideen in Baghdad, even in their green zone, it became certain to us that they had taken these hotels as centers for the activities of the apostate Ayad Allawi, who was engaging the Crusaders in new "Dayton" conferences in an alliance to bring wreak havoc on the Sunni people. [They were] also centers for the activities of Jaafri and his followers, and the heads of the Ghadr brigade, known as the "Badr" brigade, especially Amar al-Hakim, who coordinated with the government of treachery and apostasy in Amman to strike the Jihad plan which had survived the evils of the traitorous Jordan.

From these hotels also, military camps were run that the Crusaders had established in Jordan to train and produce the flocks of apostates in the army of the infidel government in Baghdad. They had become centers for the officers from what they call the Northern Atlantic Alliance who supervise these camps to meet. [These camps] are for turning the land of the Muslims in Jordan into a secure, rear base from which to send convoys of Crusaders and apostates into the Land of the Two Rivers, where they will kill Muslims and spill their blood and violate their honor, victims who the scoundrels in Jordan and others only pretend to cry over. In addition to that, and because of the security cordon which had been put on these hotels, they had become safe places for the dirtiest of the tourists from among the Jews and westerners, for their depravity and prostitution, which are paid for with the blood and suffering of Muslims in this country.

Understand that we will not hesitate for one day to target such dens wherever they are, and that the infidel tyrants will see in just days what will make these wounds pale in comparison. The lies and chatter in the media will not harm us, neither the blanketed statements of the heads of hypocrisy who wring their necks with pretended grief. What we have given to them in a day is minor compared with the blood of the Muslims that is spilled and the honor of the virgins that is violated every day by them.

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Honor to God, to his Messenger, and to the Mujahideen
8 Shawal 1426 h.
10/11/2005

Abu Maysara al-Iraqi
The Media Division of the al-Qaeda organization in the Land of the Two Rivers.

[end translation]

The entire statement is concerned with laying out targeting justifications and, thus, seems to have come as a response to protests organized in Jordan condemning the violence and the negative reactions to the attacks voiced by Muslims all over the world.



On Jihadist forums, support was demonstrated for the attacks. In one widely circulated essay by "Abu Mariya al-Qirshi," those who condemned the attacks are widely criticized. "The people of Jihad have announced the war on global disbelief represented by American and its allies from among both the original infidels [non-Muslims] and the [Muslim] apostates in the East and the West. The Mujahideen and their leadership have issued warnings to the people of Islam to stay away from the dens and markets and the bars of the tyrants. Osama and Ayman and Abu Musaab have said so over and over again...The people of Jihad do not target the blood of the corrupted [Muslims], but they will strike the enemies of God from among the infidels, and whoso makes himself armor for them is responsible for what happens to him."

This justification for the deaths of Muslims in this attack was popular on forums, message boards, and in essays and serves to illustrate how attacks are meant to divide Muslims from foreigners in their countries and eventually to divide Muslim countries from western countries altogether.

Item 3: Islamists demonstrate support for uprising in Paris suburbs

In response to riots of Muslims in France ([Country Profile](#)), some are egging on the action with calls for a "European Intifada." The dialogue describing the situation of Muslims in Europe has increasingly leveraged images and metaphors, such as "Intifada," associated with occupation. The humiliation of Muslims in Europe is compared to both the Israeli ([Country Profile](#)) occupation of Palestinian land and the US ([Country Profile](#)) occupation of Afghanistan ([Country Profile](#)) and Iraq ([Country Profile](#)). In France and Great Britain ([Country Profile](#)), the end goal of some radicals is now to establish Islamic states in these countries: to take them over in the same way that the Islamic empire took over parts of Europe during its period of expansion hundreds of years ago.

Some Islamists appear to be using the riots in France as a catalyst to provoke a Europe-wide uprising, or "Intifada" – at least in terms of the rhetoric online. In one posting by a writer, who also posted film clips of French news coverage of the event, on the *Tajdeed* forum, European Muslims are compared to the Jews of Europe during the Nazi era. "O sons of Muslims in Europe, urge on your brothers in Paris to give these dogs a lesson, that, if they do anything to anyone of you, they will learn that the Muslims are not like the Jews, who lined up for the ovens like sheep. They will learn that in our community, if one member is touched, the entire body will rise up in anger like a volcano."

The events in France had the greatest impact on the European-based *Tajdeed* forum, which was started by Mohammed Masaari, a Saudi exile living in London. However, on other Salafi Jihadist sites that have more of a Middle East focus, events in Jordan and Iraq continued to attract significantly more focus and discussion. At least for the meantime, other events may overshadow the plight of European Muslims enough to avoid the same kind of intense, international Islamic scrutiny and provocation that fuels violent resistance in places like the Palestinian territories, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Chechnya.

Item 4: New bomb-making video provides introduction to explosives

This video is another in a series of instructional videos that has appeared on Jihadist forums in recent months. The videos are believed to have originated with Hizbollah ([Group Profile](#)) ([Terror Web Watch](#)), but no conclusive attribution has been given or credit taken. The videos provide step-by-step instruction, including visual demonstration, of different aspects of explosive-making. This latest video provides an introduction to different kinds of explosives, their sensitivities and properties, as well as a dozen safety tips for the handling of explosives. Like others in the series, it seems to be marketed to amateur or aspiring terrorists.

In this video, after an introduction is provided to different materials and safety guidelines in the handling of explosives, the narrator takes the viewer through the preparation of ammonium nitrate, the explosive material used in the Oklahoma City bombing ([Terrorist Incident](#)) and frequently favored by the PIRA ([Group Profile](#)).





Preparing of ammonium nitrate:



Item 5: Video Available: "The Wills of the Knights of the London Raid"

This video was produced by the *al-Sahab* media institute, the group also behind a July video containing new footage of Ayman al-Zawahiri and London bomber Mohammed Siddiq Khan ([Terror Web Watch](#)) discussing the London attacks ([Terrorist Incident](#)). This video contains a montage of speeches from Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden, and Mohammed Siddiq Khan, in addition to narration behind news footage of the London bombings.

The video is entitled "The Wills of the Knights of the London Raid," in reference to the suicide bombers who targeted the London transit system on July 7, but it is also being referred to as "a Message to the West." It is distinguished from other videos by the high quality English translation appearing in subtitles throughout it, marking the production as intended for western audiences. The video is available from TRC upon request.





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