Asbat al-Ansar Fighters from South Lebanon Killed During Recent Al-Qaida Operations in Iraq

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“...The Media Wing of the Asbat al-Ansar Islamic movement presents a group of Muslim martyrs who died while confronting the crusader forces in Mesopotamia... the martyr Abu Ali (a.k.a Ahmad Ali Awad), the martyr Abu Muaz (a.k.a. Saleh al-Shayeb), the martyr Abu Haroun (a.k.a. Ahmad Yassin), and the list continues... It used to be that when we wanted to give examples of people to follow, we would point to those who grew up based upon the Prophet’s principles. But today, those who we would mention are considered to be a continuation of the Prophet’s followers, this group of men who have forsaken everything for the sake of Allah and his prophet. I would prefer to begin by discussing their eldest, the one who was the first to follow Islam. He is our brother in Allah, Abu Mahmud al-Kurdi. We ask almighty Allah to accept him among his martyrs. One time, he sensed that his brothers were reluctant to send him to the battlefields in Mesopotamia, so he stopped me at the front door of the mosque and he asked me to carry a message to the brothers—telling them that if they would not allow him to leave for Iraq then he would lock himself inside his own home. This man [al-Kurdi] spent his life alone and, in the end, he met his creator alone and in a foreign country. He did not have a father, mother, or brothers that were supposed to mourn him after his death. This man showed the true meaning of leaving everything behind for the sake of Allah.”
“Abu Hudhaifa (Nidal Mustafa) had the opportunity to say farewell to his father and mother. His mother—who raised him and took care of him until he became a man—told him that if he was positive that his actions were intended for the sake of Allah, then he should leave and follow his path. He owned a small kiosk where he used to sell falafel sandwiches. When it was time to say goodbye for his brothers, he brought the money he earned from his kiosk and gave it to his brothers and told them that this money should be used to support jihad in the cause of Allah.”

“Brother Ahmad Yassin (Abu Haroun) got married about one and a half years before his death. He left behind his family, wife and friends. When brother Ahmad reached a point in his journey when his guide was supposed to leave him and return, he told his guide to take his money and give it to his father who needed it for a medical operation, and asked his father to pray for him.”

“Brother Saleh al-Shayyeb kissed the forehead of his brother who told him that tomorrow he would leave on his mission. When brother Saleh was at the gates of the [Ein al-Hilweh] camp on his way to execute his mission, he looked back and said, ‘Peace be upon you, O’ Dar al-Hilweh.’ Then, he said his farewells and continued to progress forward towards his meeting with Allah and paradise. Before his death, he asked his wife to donate his clothes to needy Muslims…”

“For each of these martyrs, beginning with brother Saleh al-Shayyeb and ending with brother Ahmad Awad Abu Ali, we ask Allah to accept them among his martyrs… O’ brother Abu Ali, before you left to travel to Iraq, you used to live by Islamic guide-
lines and you preached for Islam. You left your family, your children, and your possessions and you went to the battlefield. When the news about your death arrived to us, we became speechless and unable to mourn you. Thus, we would just prefer to mention two sentences from your brothers who witnessed your actions while in Iraq. They said that the missions you executed were a true miracle which would have otherwise required thousands of men to execute. They also said that he was always active and never wasted one minute. Therefore, we tell you that we shall one day meet you again in paradise, along with Allah and the rest of the martyrs."

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