

Summary: This is a letter dated 13 OCT 2010 from Abu-'Abd-al-Rahman Anas al-Subay'i to unidentified shaykh (TN: Possibly UBL), giving him a summary per the shaykh's request for the previous period, which was the imprisonment in Iran. Al-Subay'i mentioned that after the fall of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, many of the Arab Mujahidin left for Iran. The first group was arrested after they entered, but they were deported, after their pictures and fingerprints were taken, to countries of their choosing. Most of them chose to go back to the same countries where they came from, such as Morocco, Yemen, Great Britain, and Saudi Arabia. Due to the instruction by Mullah Muhammad 'Umar for the Arabs to leave Afghanistan, the tightening of the border with Pakistan, and the arrest of the mujahidin in Pakistan, the Arab mujahidin started fleeing to Iran again. The Iranians were watching the mujahidin through their Iranian supporters and started arresting them in groups, where they were detained in a secured place. The writer described how the Iranians divided the Arab mujahidin into four groups. The first group contained the leadership of al-Qa'idam to include Shaykh Sulayman Abu-Ghayth, Shaykh Muhammad al-Islambuli, the shaykh's sons, Abu-Muhammad al-Masri, Sayf al-'Adl, Jihad son of Abu-Jihad, and the Persian individual responsible for the group, which means most of the group in Shiraz (TN: More groups and names mentioned in the source document). After four years in this concentration camp, they were moved to another place in Karaj area, which is a guarded residential place that was an attachment for a training airport, but many refused to be transferred to this residential area.

(Full translation)

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In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Dear Brother and Honorable Shaykh, may God protect him and keep him safe

Peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you,

Praise be to God whom we call on for help and who suffices everything for us. I hope that this message finds you and your kind friends. I also hope that God fights his enemies for He is the only one who has the strength to do that. I

am going to take this rare opportunity to ask God Almighty to bless you during the Fitr Holiday (TN: Festival of the breaking of the Fast). May He make it a good beginning for us and for the entire Muslim community. I am also going to pray to God that He accepts our [fasting] during the month of Ramadan and to save us all from hellfire. He is compassionate and generous.

Dear brother,

In the beginning, I want to criticize you the same way a younger brother would criticize his older brother for not letting us know how you are doing. God only knows how much I want to see you, to know how you are doing, and how your health is. (TN: our concerns about) Your health preoccupied us while incarcerated in that land of the oppressive people. We were especially concerned because of delay in your news and audio speeches. I hope you know how much you mean to us. I ask God to reunite us with the Prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, along with the martyrs, the pious ones, and righteous. I ask God to reward us with martyrdom for His sake in a way, time, and place that would please Him. May God comfort our hearts by allowing us to strike His enemy and the enemy of the believers. Amen, Amen, Amen

Dear brother,

If you asked about our circumstances during this past period, it is no secret how out of place this religion is among these people whose mannerisms resemble those of the Jews and the hypocrites from everything we have seen of them. Praise be to God, He saved us from them. He has instilled fear in their weak hearts so that they get what they deserve in this life before the afterlife. This was a time for self-reflection and to take advantage of everything that God made available to us during that period. Praise be to Him.

I have received your kind request to summarize the events of this past period, and I will do my best to do so.

Dear brother,

After the fall of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan, many of those who left Afghanistan moved to the rejectionist Persian country. The first group was betrayed upon their arrival to Iran and was detained. By the grace of God, they

were deported to countries of their choice. This was only after many of them were photographed and their fingerprints were taken. May God seek revenge on them (TN: the Iranian authorities). Some of the countries the brothers chose were countries from which they had come.

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Some of the countries were Morocco, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Britain, along with other countries. Whether intentionally or unintentionally, other countries, like Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Singapore, and others, overlooked the arrival of the brothers. Of course, the families of those brothers were detained in hotels and then they were taken to a school in Arak area (TN: City in Iran).

After the case of the first group of brothers was closed, many families, along with the Arab brothers, left Afghanistan based on advice from Mullah Muhammad 'Umar, God bless him and us, to evacuate the border area between Afghanistan and Pakistan so as to ease the pressure on the mujahidin and the Muslims in the area who do not have many resources. After Pakistan started closing in on us, and detentions were taking place in main cities like Karachi, Lahore and smaller cities, a second group started to move toward Iran and tried to spread out within cities like Zahedan, Shiraz, Mashhad, Tehran, Karaj and others. This was approximately after the 'Id al-Adha in 1422 (TN: February 2002). At the end of Ramadan 1423 (TN: November 2002), approximately one year after the fall of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the second campaign against the Arab mujahidin in Iran started. There was an effort to locate them and to monitor their Iranian supporters who were aiding and abetting them. They were renting out homes for them and buying them mobile phones because it is difficult to do so, for Iran requires official documentation for such matters whether one is Iranian or foreign. Of course, the detentions did not stop throughout this year, but only some were detained and not all. Homes were being monitored, with the exception of a few homes of those who did not deal with these supporters either because it was not necessary or because of security considerations. After the monitoring was discovered, some changes were made to the security protocol. In fear that they would lose sight of the brothers once again, the Iranian intelligence and authorities went in and arrested the brothers. Without

doubt, the brothers, without their families, were imprisoned. The families were all rounded up and later met up with the brothers in tightly secured and fortified detention centers. The detention centers were run by three security systems: The intelligence, the Revolutionary Guard, and the judicial authority in the prison system. There was also [security] from the offices of their evil leader Khomeini. May God humiliate him in this life before the afterlife for what he has done to the mujahidin, their families, and their children. They (TN: the Iranian authorities) were united in their wiliness, which they have inherited from their fathers, and came up with the idea of gathering the [mujahidin] in one place (This is what they tried to deceive to make it look like, but it was really the detention of families along with women and children). They achieved what they wanted to do in the beginning, and the brothers were split into four groups

The first group included al-Qa'ida leaders Shaykh Sulayman Abu-Ghayth; Shaykh Muhammad al-Islambuli; and your sons Sa'ad, 'Uthman, Muhammad, and Ahmad Hasan. It also included Abu-Muhammad al-Masri, Sayf al-'Adl, Jihad Ibn Abu Jihad, and the Iranian brother who took care of them (this is almost all the members in the Shiraz area).

The second group included brothers from the Islamic Fighting Group. They are Shaykh Abu al-Mundhir, Shaykh Salih, Shaykh Musa, Abu-Hazim, Abu-Malik, Shakir-Allah, and Siraj (the al-jazeera cameraman). Also there are Abu al-Ward, 'Abd-al-Ghaffar, Hatib, and 'Abdallah. A few months later, Shaykh 'Abdallah Sa'id and al-Zubayr al-Maghribi, who were living in Tehran, were arrested along with the Iranian brother who took care of them.

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The third group included Shaykh Abu Hafs al-Muritani, who was arrested first. He was followed by Abu-al-Samh, Abu-Dujanah, Abu-al-Miqdad 'Abd-al-'Aziz al Masriyyin, Abu-'Abdallah al-Jaza'iri, Abu Suhayb al-'Iraqi, Abu al-Harith al-'Iraqi, Harun al-Kurdi and others (Basically the brothers who are living in the Karaj area) and the Iranian brother who took care of them.

The fourth group included Abu Ziyad al-Mawsili, Abu 'Amr and Salim, Abu Hammam al-Sa'idi, 'Abd-al-Muhammin, Bassam,

Abu Islam al-Busnah, Abu Hafs al-'Arab, Khubab, and Salah al-Yamani (who lived in Mashhad).

As for those who were not in those groups, they are:

The single men: Qassam and al-Dahhak (he was arrested then joined with the group that was imprisoned in Tehran (I was in that group)). After the others were reunited with their families and before sending us off to Karaj, about four years later, he was separated from us in a deceitful way. They charged him with cursing Khomeini, God's greatest evil.

Among the single men were Suhayb and Hanzala the Jordanians, 'Abd-al-Rahman al-Kurdi, 'Abd-al-Ghaffar al-Libi, Salah al-Libi, another brother who came from Libya, and the son of another brother who had come from Britain. I think that I heard the brothers say that the son of Abu Jihad and the son of Shaykh al-Islambuli (TN: were among the single men).

Those who are married and families: Abu Tarik al-Masri and his family, Shaykh Abu al-Walid al-Masri (Tehran), the widows and the wives of the imprisoned brothers who were in Mashhad like the families of Shaykh Abu Khabbab, Shakir al-Masri, Abu al-Hasan al-Masri and his married daughters. From Shiraz, I think that it was the family of Shaykh Abu-Hafs al-Kumandan (TN: the commander).

Dear Shaykh,

In the end, as far as I know, the situation settled as follows:

The first group, whose location was referred to as Sisast, or 300 in Farsi, was divided within the first detention center in Tehran and was located in a military area. This area was basically a training ground for the groups that were sympathized with by the rejectionist regime in Iran. This is based on evidence I saw that would point to that. There was evidence such as prohibited items, traces of bullets, mortars, and other things. (This was after we were reunited with families, about a year after detention.)

Group A: This includes your family (including the families of your children), the family of Shaykh Abu Hafs the commander, the family of Abu Muhammad al-Masri, the

families of Sayf al-'Adl, the family of Shaykh Sulayman, and the families of Shaykh al-Islambuli and his son, and Jihad (the son of Abu Jihad), I think.

Group B: In the same detention center were Shaykh Abu Hafs al-Muritani; Shaykh Abu al-Samh; Shaykh Abu Salih; Abu 'Amr; Abu Hafs; the Egyptians Abu Dujanah, Abu Humam al-Sa'idi, and Abu Ziyad al-Musali; the Libyans 'Abdallah and Abu Malik; along with the single men Qassam and al-Dahhak.

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Group C: They were sent to the same detention center a few months later. It included Abu 'Abdallah al-Muhajir, Abu al-Ward al-Libi, and Abu Tariq al-Masri. This group was reunited with Group B after Group B broke some of the hidden cameras and some doors to protest how Group C was being treated. This was especially after they discovered that the hidden cameras in the ceilings of their rooms were wired and powered on. The rejectionists and enemies of God denied that these cameras worked. This is just another example of their hypocrisy. May God fight them and embarrass them.

Dear Shaykh,

After four years of facing off with the enemies of God in charge of this infamous detention center, and after their promises to provide some sort of basic resources for us or education for our children, we were moved to another compound in Karaj. This was in the Kihan Mahr area and it consisted of a living compound that was part of an airport training facility that may have been used for private landings. Anyway, they prepared 12 housing units by fortifying them with six- or seven-meter high fences that were finished off with barbed wiring and cameras, and large metal gates. There were also two outer fences that were slightly shorter, in addition to the airport security and the towers within it. More importantly, the housing units had been renovated and offered a better living standard. I am not going to lie to you; this is not what a mujahid who cares about his religion and his morals wants. It is no secret that some of us did not even want to move there. Personally, I asked to be transferred anywhere else, even to Israel. I told them that it was probably more worthy than they were. There was also a need for those whose children were getting to an age where this place could not

provide them with the resources they needed. Of course, Abu Dujanah was moved to a fortified house in Tehran where the treatment was better. Abu Hafs was also moved and was joined with Group A.

Dear brother,

Before I came here, specifically on 05 March 2010, after a huge act of disturbance in the new compound, Special Forces wearing black clothes and masks stormed the detention center and assaulted the men, children, and some houses. The men were detained for 101 days. Praise be to God, we returned to our families. It seemed to be that this operation was a plan to break our bones and by the grace of God, they were unable to break us and God defeated them. Afterward, they started to release prisoners from our detention center and, praise be to God, they started with me and my family. I arrived safe and sound to the rest of my family, thank God. I ask God to humiliate them and aid us in seeking revenge against them. By the grace of God, I have rejoined the jihad effort, and I ask God to grant us and the mujahidin the great honor of martyrdom for He is capable of everything.

Our dear shaykh, I am sorry that this is so long. I tried to summarize toward the end as much as possible. I hope that my summarizing did not leave anything out. Again, I express my apology for the length of this.

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In closing, I ask God to reunite us with you soon under the banner of Islam, the Islamic State, and the banner of jihad, which will continue with the promise of God to His worshippers to aid them. I send the regards of my family to yours and my regards to your son Khalid. I ask God to accept from you what you and your honorable family have given as sacrifice for the religion of God. My God elevate your status and grant us faithfulness in our words and our deeds. Also, I remind you to pray for us and our children to be good and useful for His faith. I think that this is something you will not forget. I ask God to reunite us while we are doing well with faith and life. I ask God to protect you so that you continue to be a thorn in the throats of His enemies and a joy to those who are patient and on the path of jihad and the religion.

The last of our prayers is praise be to God, the lord of
the universe.

Always,

Your brother, Abu-'Abd-al-Rahman Anas al-Subay'i

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