

In the Name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

Some reactions to the speech of al-Hafiz Abu Talhah al-Almani:

- The German media considered [the message to be] a direct threat to Germany, "a threat message from al-Qa'ida." The intelligence and security circles confirm this and it has raised their anxiety.

- For the first time, al-Qa'ida directed a message through Al Sahab (which transmits - according to what they say - tapes of official personalities, and they mentioned 'Azzam) to a certain country. IntelCenter says that the message is very important to Europe in general and to Germany in particular.

- [The speech] demanded that [the Germans] withdraw their troops from Afghanistan.

- The spokesman for the Anti-Crime Office declared that the threat arena is expanding.

- [The speech] did not contain any specific threats.

- German Intelligence personnel told the ddp news agency, the countdown for a terrorist attack has begun, and they expressed their fear that an attack would take place in the near future.

- A writer in the Interior Ministry declared that al-Qa'ida's new attention on Germany and the seriousness of the veiled/masked man in the tape, "Calls for us to be more concerned."

- The security organizations concluded that Abu Talhah has strong communications with al-Qa'ida leadership and considered the accurate information he possesses to be worrisome, even in regard to the coming German elections.

- A clerk in the Interior Ministry said that Abu Talhah's level of education "deserves to be respected".

- The shot in which Abu Talhah says that he has been trying to blow himself up for a long time has very much worried the German organizations.

- The tape clarified that al-Qa'ida has become of special importance in Germany.

- Security experts see the real danger as being Abu Talhah's ability to disappear among the people while wearing his explosive belt if he appears as a German national without a beard. He can hit any target without any obstacle. With all these developments, all the warnings against him did not help in finding him.

- 42 percent of Germans see themselves as threatened by al-Qa'ida.