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Interview with Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud, Commander of the Algerian Salafist Group for Prayer and Combat (GSPC)

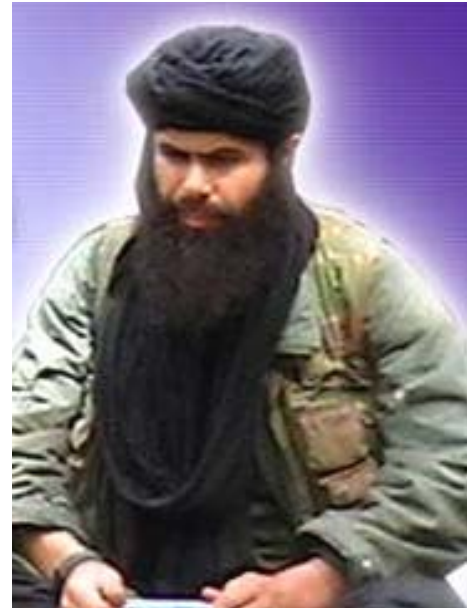


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“An interview with the commander of the GSPC held on Monday 22 Shaaban 1426 (September 26, 2005).”

“1.) Can you please give us your full name, the story of your youth, and your jihadic journey?”

“My name is Abdelmalik Dourkdal (a.k.a. Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud), born on April 20, 1970 in the village of Zayan which belongs to the local municipality of Mufta in the Blida region. I was born to a religious family. I attended elementary school in my village and did middle and high school in Muftah... in 1989 I received my Bachelors degree in Mathematics, after which I enrolled at the University of Blida to study technology between the years of 1990-1993. In 1991, a group of courageous brothers began to fight against the Algerian apostate government... In 1992, I managed to make contact with Shaykh Said Makhloufi—one of the commanders of the Algerian jihad—and I was honored to join the mujahideen brothers in December 1993. I was assigned to prepare explosives... because of my previous college education... In 1996, I was placed in charge of all military workshops belonging to the al-Ahwal soldiers of the second zone. Afterwards, I commanded the Al-Quds Brigade (nowadays known as the Abu Bakr al-Siddiq Brigade) and, later, I was busy manufacturing, teaching, and assembling materiel for the mujahideen brothers. In 2001, I was summoned by the GSPC and I became their representative in the second zone until 2003... Following the death of Shaykh Abu Ibrahim Mustafa, I became the commander of the GSPC during the summer of 2004.”



GSPC commander Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud (a.k.a. Abdelmalik Dourkdal)

“2.) ...What is your reaction to the latest condemnations from both official and unofficial Algerian organizations against your endorsement of the killings of the Algerian diplomats in Iraq by Al-Qaida’s Committee in Mesopotamia?”

“First of all, we would like to again confirm our previous blessings regarding this operation and we congratulate all the beloved courageous brothers from Al-Qaida’s Committee in Mesopotamia along with their commander Abu Musab al-Zarqawi... With regards to our viewpoint, we reply that it is based upon Shariah law that are based on the Quran and the Sunnah... We have blessed the operation that killed these diplomats because they were representatives of the apostate Algerian regime... Moreover, their role as diplomatic



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representatives helped to buttress the occupation, providing support to the apostate Iraqi government and adding legitimacy to the American occupation... May Allah protect the prodigal mujahideen in Iraq and around the world—especially our commander Abu Abdallah Usama Bin Laden...

“3.) What are your views regarding the ‘peace and reconciliation agreement’?”

“...This agreement is essentially a legal document that attempts to resolve the problems that have faced Algeria for the past 10 years [that were] caused by the same people who wrote it... We regard this document as an effort to malign the path of holy jihad as a criminal act... We consider this agreement to be ineffective and illogical—and it is not based on Shariah. Jihad in the cause of Allah and fighting the Algerian regime... is an obligatory act upon every Muslim... It makes no sense after 15 years of jihad and fighting with our weapons and ourselves against the enemy to now confess our mistakes and beg for their forgiveness. It is a major humiliation and an abandonment of Islam.”

“4.) What do you think are the actual goals that the regime seeks to achieve with this reconciliation agreement?”

“It should be treated as an obvious political maneuver... aimed at establishing a regime of infidels and apostates and the complete elimination of Islam and Muslims... Moreover, the head of this country is endeavoring to win his third election by regaining the compassion of this nation via the issue of peace and security and many promises for far-off in the future. Also, they seek to protect the oppressors... by establishing different laws that will protect them in the future...”

“5.) Many people noticed that Bouteflika blamed Muslims alone as responsible for everything that has happened. Yet, he overlooked the real criminals such himself and the generals?”

“Traitors are known to lie and be conniving... The whole world knows who is responsible for everything that is happening... We hold these oppressors responsible for everything that has happened because if our country and its leader were ruling based upon Islam, then none of this would have ever happened...”

“6.) Some media sources have reported that there are several respected GSPC leaders such as ‘Hassan Hattab’ who have pledged their support for the reconciliation agreement. Can you tell us if those reports are accurate?”

“Our position with regard to the reconciliation issue is known to everyone, it has been the same position since the beginning of the jihad, and it will never change. There will be ‘no negotiations, no reconciliation, and no ceasefire with the apostates.’ Let the mujahideen and the supporters of the GSPC rest assured that we will continue the path of jihad and will never abandon it. Regarding Hassan Hattab, we cut ties with him after he resigned and joined the oppressors. He is not related to us in any way whatsoever... Yet, despite that, some media sources have insisted on spreading this false perception, as if there were power struggles inside the GSPC... Let the people, the mujahideen, and our supporters bear witness that the GSPC is solidly united.”

“7.) Many people question why the GSPC refuses to respond to the President’s call for reconciliation in the interests of curbing bloodshed in the region. What do you say about this?”

“Allah knows that we recognize the need for peace desired by those people. However, we regret that they have been misled and are—on one hand—unable to recognize the true meaning of their religion, Islam; and—on the other hand—being continually misled by this governing regime... We know that the oppressor does not accept the concept of reconciliation and his outstretched hand is stained with the filthy hands of the Jew Barak and the blood of unarmed innocents. Moreover, we do not ask for the forgiveness of anyone but almighty Allah... We are responding to the calls of Allah and his prophet for jihad in the cause of Allah and we are ignoring the calls of his enemies who are working diligently day and night to eliminate Islam from Algeria and to stop the jihad.”

“8.) The supporters of the reconciliation agreement argue that this policy has already demonstrated positive results since it was first introduced—such as the decrease in militant attacks. What do you have to say about that?”



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“The legitimacy of any project is not measured by its results... but based on its consonance with Shariah and the laws of Allah... How can you say that this policy has been successful? Those who have decided to abandon the lofty mountains have done so only for contemporary political reasons... Additionally, the claim that the jihadi struggle has been weakened is itself a false one. There are endless examples of mujahideen strikes across our homeland, and even outside it—such as the Mauritania operation...”

“9.) Many key members of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) have welcomed the reconciliation agreement even though it limits their political activity. What is your advice to them?”

“We urge them to wake up and return to treating the ruling regime the way it should be treated because it has tortured them for such a long period of time. We ask them also to adjust their political agenda because it does nothing but cause problems for the Muslims. [We ask them] also to adopt the path of jihad and to treat those apostates accordingly because it is the only correct path to bring down the ruling regimes and to establish Islamic law in its place.”

“10.) The regime is carrying out a large-scale, misleading pressure campaign targeting the parents of the mujahideen in an attempt to sway their children and convince them to join the president’s agreement. What do you say to these parents?”

“Your children are the honorable knights of this nation. They are safe and sound and whoever ends up dying becomes a martyr... Be wary of the oppressor... [and] realize that Allah has given us the option to stay with you or else to follow the path of jihad—and we have chosen Allah and his prophet because this is the path that will continue on forever.”

“11.) What is your advice to the parents of the missing who the oppressors are trying to buy the silence of?”

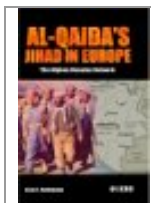
“I tell them that these oppressors have imprisoned and killed your children... Do not forsake your family if money is offered in exchange... These oppressors are responsible for the disappearance of thousands of our humiliated people... We fight only those who are guilty and we target the oppressors—not the Muslim people.”

“12.) Is there anything you want to tell Bouteflika with regards to his proposed project?”

“We are finished with those revolting, evil people and we shall not waste our time talking to them any further.”

“13.) Regarding the election scheduled for December 29, [2005], is there anything further you would like to say to the Algerian Muslim people?”

“We have previously addressed our Muslim people and we still continue to do so. Soon, we will speak to them again with regards to [the election]. We ask them to oppose that election and to ignore the ruling regime because they do nothing but lie to them and they should be very wary of [the regime].”



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