

## “The Jihad and Reform Front” condemns the American attack in Syria

On October 27, 2008, the “Jihad and Reform Front” (Jabhat Al-Jihad W-Al-Taghyir)<sup>1</sup> posted a message on its website<sup>2</sup> condemning the American attack in Syria on October 26.<sup>3</sup> The message read as follows:

Regarding the American aggression on our neighbour Syria,  
In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful,

*“And when he turns away, his effort in the land is to make mischief therein and to destroy the crops and the cattle, and Allah likes not mischief” (Al-Baqarah, 205)*

In a heinous crime based on a flagrant lie visible to all, that is added to the American government’s black list already replete with lies, American occupation helicopters carried out an act of aggression against the Arabic neighbour and sister Syria, an attack which brought on the death of eight civilians and the injuring of others.

We in the “Jihad and Reform Front” condemn and denounce this criminal act of aggression, and view it to be a result of the hysteria and frustration felt by the American government and its troops in Iraq, especially following the public’s outraged response to the security agreement<sup>4</sup> about to be signed with the “Green Zone”<sup>5</sup> Government...

It seems that the occupation troops – laden heavy with the burden of hundreds of thousands Iraqis, who



<sup>1</sup> The “Jihad and Reform Front” is a Sunni umbrella-organization of Jihadi groups operating in Iraq, founded in May 2007. For additional information about the organization, see:

<http://memri.org/bin/articles.cgi?Page=archives&Area=sd&ID=SP157107>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.jhadfront.com>, and also <http://jrfront.info/english>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.jhadfront.com/index.php?p=378>

<sup>4</sup> A security agreement between Iraq and the United States, extending the presence of American forces in the country

<sup>5</sup> The Green Zone is an area in central Baghdad that was the center of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) and remains the center of international presence in the city

lost their life because of their arrogance and murderous goals – want to fail in order to kill innocent people in sister countries, with flimsy excuses and blatant lies, corroborating what we have stated in previous announcements and declarations: the security agreement is meant only to turn Iraq into a starting point for aggression, as the occupation does not want only imperialistic rule over Iraq, but also control of the entire Arab and Islamic world...

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### Conclusions

The message posted by the Jihad and Reform Front demonstrates an attempt by the group to use the American attack in Syria as leverage, further claiming that it was not a specific localized operation, but rather one link in a chain of operations with the sole aim of expanding American control over Arab and Islamic lands.

An analysis of the organization's website reveals that it is updated constantly. The website provides considerable information about the ten factions belonging to the organization,<sup>6</sup> their military operations, and their publications and announcements. The website also contains materials of incitement and ideological propaganda on U.S. policy and the war in Iraq.



Member factions of the "Jihad and Reform Front" have been responsible for many terrorist attacks against American forces, primarily in the Baghdad area. For example, on October 14, 2008, the Jihad and Reform Front took responsibility for

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.jhadfront.com/?c=218>

an attack on an American Hummer vehicle in Fallujah.<sup>7</sup> The organization's website details all terrorist attacks carried out by their various factions, offering the additional option of downloading video clips documenting these attacks.<sup>8</sup>

The following are the ten factions belonging to the Jihad and Reform Front:<sup>9</sup>

1. Kataib Thawrat Al-Ishreen – The 1920 Revolution Brigades
2. Jaysh Al-Rashideen – The Army of Al-Rashideen
3. Jaysh Al-Muslimin Fi Al-Iraq – The Army of Muslims in Iraq
4. Al-Haraka Al-Islamiya Li-Mujahidi Al-Iraq – The Islamic Movement of Iraqi Mujahideen
5. Saraya Junud Al-Rahman – The Soldiers of Al-Rahman Companies
6. Saraya Al-Da'wa Wa Al-Ribat – Al-Da'wa Wa Al-Ribat Companies
7. Kataib Al-Tamkin – Al-Tamkin Brigades
8. Kataib Muhammad Al-Fatih – The Muhammad Al-Fatih Brigades
9. Jaysh Al-Tabi'in – The Al-Tabi'in Army
10. Jaysh Al-Jihad – The Army of Jihad

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<sup>7</sup> [http://www.albasrah.net/ar\\_articles\\_2008/1008/tqyer\\_141008.htm](http://www.albasrah.net/ar_articles_2008/1008/tqyer_141008.htm)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.jhadfront.com/?c=43>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.jhadfront.com/?c=218>