

The Saudi cleric, Awad Al-Qarni, publishes a fatwa calling for attacks against Israeli targets worldwide

Many Islamic sites¹ with forums which identify with the Global Jihad, reported on 28 December 2008, that Awad Al-Qarni, a senior Saudi Arabian Islamic cleric, published a fatwa calling for attacks on Israeli interests worldwide "in response to the slaughtering which the Occupation is perpetrating in the Gaza Strip".

Awad Al-Qarni states in his fatwa: "I am publishing a religious ruling according to which all Israeli interests and anything which has an Israeli affinity, constitutes a legitimate target for the Moslems wherever it may be". He added "The Zionists must be targets, and their blood must be shed as the blood of our brothers is being shed in Palestine".



Awad Al-Qarni Also stated that: "If not for the laxity of the Arabs and the involvement of some of the Arab governments in this conspiracy, the Zionists would not dare to perpetrate this slaughter".

Awad Al-Qarni has a Ph.D. in Islamic traditional law. He is employed as a lecturer at the King Khaled University in Saudi Arabia, as well at as other educational centers in the Kingdom. He is considered to be one of the harshest rivals of modernization and secularism in the Saudi arena and he frequently voices his radical opinions at the conferences which he attends, in his essays and his publications. Awad Al-Qarni is one of those who signed the opinion paper in March 2006, calling for the support of the Palestinian people and the Hamas

¹ <http://www.islammemo.cc/2008/12/28/74093.html>

leadership², as well as the opinion paper of November 2004, signed by 26 Saudi clerics, who called for Jihad in Iraq.³

The Al-Faloja forum, which is identified with Global Jihad, called Al-Qarni the Mufti of the Al-Qaida organization in the Arabian Peninsula.⁴

² http://www.islamway.com/?iw_s=Article&iw_a=view&article_id=1483

³ <http://meshkat.net/new/contents.php?catid=13&artid=13015>

⁴ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=39821>