INTERVIEW WITH ABU UMAR AL-BALJĪKĪ

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Dabiq recently had the opportunity to interview Abū 'Umar al-Baljīkī (Abdelhamid Abaaoud) – a mujāhid being pursued by Western intelligence agencies for his jihād in Belgium. After his arrival to Shām, we said salām to the brother and presented him the following questions.



DĀBIQ: Why did you go to Belgium?

ABŪ 'UMAR: Alhamdulillāh, Allah chose me, Abuz-Zubayr al-Baljīkī (Khālid), and Abū Khālid al-Baljīkī (Sufyān) to travel to Europe in order to terrorize the crusaders waging war against the Muslims. As you know, Belgium is a member of the crusader coalition attacking the Muslims of Iraq and Shām.

DĀBIQ: Were there any other brothers with you?

ABŪ 'UMAR: No, it was just us three. Our names are all over the news now.

DĀBIQ: Was it difficult for you to go to Belgium?

ABŪ 'UMAR: We faced a number of trials during the journey. We spent months trying to find a way into Europe, and by Allah's strength, we succeeded in finally making our way to Belgium. We were then able to obtain weapons and set up a safe house while we planned to carry out operations against the crusaders. All of this was facilitated for us by Allah. There is no might nor power except by Him.

DĀBIQ: How did the kāfir media get a hold of your picture as a soldier in jihād?

ABŪ 'UMAR: A brother had taken video footage of some of us before a battle, but his camera got lost and was later sold by a murtadd to a Western journalist. I suddenly saw my picture all over the media, but alhamdulillāh, the kuffār were blinded by Allah. I was even stopped by an officer who contemplated me so as to compare me to the picture, but he let me go, as he did not see the resemblance! This was nothing but a gift from Allah.

DĀBIQ: What happened on the day of the battle with the Belgian authorities?

ABŪ 'UMAR: Abuz-Zubayr and Abū Khālid (rahimahumallāh) were together in the safe house and had their weapons and explosives ready. The kuffār raided the place with more than 150 soldiers from both French and Belgian special forces units. After a gun battle that lasted about 10 minutes, both brothers were blessed with shahādah, which is what they had desired for so long. I ask Allah to accept them both.

DĀBIQ: If you weren't with them when the raid occurred, why did you become a suspect?

ABŪ 'UMAR: The intelligence knew me from before as I had been previously imprisoned by them. After the raid on the safe house, they figured out that I had been with the brothers and that we had been planning operations together. So they gathered intelligence agents from all over the world – from Europe and America – in order to detain me. They arrested Muslims in Greece, Spain, France, and Belgium in order to apprehend me. Subhānallāh, all those arrested were not even connected to our plans! May Allah release all Muslims from the prisons of these crusaders.

DĀBIQ: Tell us about your journey to Shām.

ABŪ 'UMAR: Alhamdulillāh, Allah blinded their vision and I was able to leave and come to Shām despite being chased after by so many intelligence agencies. All this proves that a Muslim should not fear the bloated image of the crusader intelligence. My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary. I ask Allah to accept the fruitful deeds of the shuhadā' who terrorized the crusaders of America, France, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Belgium.

