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**Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb:
“Support and Affirmation for the
Revolution of Our Free People: The
Descendants of Omar al-Mukhtar”
(February 23, 2011)**

On February 23, 2011, Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) released a statement titled, “Support and Affirmation for the Revolution of Our Free People: The Descendants of Omar al-Mukhtar”. According to the statement, “The current massacres in which today’s ‘Musaylima’ uses mercenaries and Africans and military air force to slaughter the Muslim Libyan people clearly uncovers the true face of the tyrannical rulers, who are ready to kill Muslims and eradicate them to protect their reign.” AQIM declared its “support and backing of the Libyan revolution in its legitimate demands” and “assure[d] our family in Libya that we are with you and we will not disappoint you Allah-willing. And we will sacrifice what we possess to support you”. AQIM then “call[ed] all the Muslim peoples to support their brothers in Libya with all of what they own, and especially the Egyptian, Tunisian and Algerian peoples”.

“Praise Allah [Verse] and prayer and peace upon our master Muhammad [Hadith], and thereafter:”

“To our people and beloved ones in Libya:”

“To the heroes of Benghazi and brave ones of Darna, al-Bayda'a, Tripoli, Tabraq, Ghat and others.”

“To the free tribes of al-Warfala, al-Zentan, al-Maqarha, Mesrata, al-Tawareq and others.”

“We are watching with joy and pain your honorable revolution against the tyrant of Libya and today’s ‘Musaylima,’ who showed the grandsons of Omar al-Mukhtar [Libyans] forty years of suppression, crimes and humiliation. He tyrannized the country and magnified the corruption, and he concentrated kinds of torture and enslavement on its people.”

“And as much as we are happy with your revolution and blessed uprising that signals the coming of dawn and the nearing end of the tyrant, we have become pained over the cowardly slaughters and massacres that are carried out by al-Qadhafi—the killer of innocents—on our family and unarmed Muslim brothers...those who only went out to remove his injustice and Kufr and oppression...to demand their stolen rights and their wealth that he spoiled and stole, him, his sons, and his entourage.”

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military air force to slaughter the Muslim Libyan people clearly uncovers the true face of the tyrannical rulers, who are ready to kill Muslims and eradicate them to protect their reign.”

“Those criminals and killers have always lied and accused the Mujahideen of killing innocents falsely and untruthfully. And the Tunisian, Egyptian, and Libyan revolutions scandalize their lies and prove to the entire world that they are [really] the innocent killers and they are the blood-thirsty ones who are empty of any moral and mercy...by killing children, women and the youth with anti-aircraft guns, air missiles and mercenary bullets.”

“And we are before these accelerating historic events that are passing by our Muslim families and brothers in Libya, and taking off from our obligation to support Muslims and advise them, we would like to state the following:”

“1-We offer condolences to the families of the martyrs who appeared to forbid the prohibition and remove the tyrant. And we ask the Lord, raised and glorified, to accept their sons and award them the higher paradise, and to reward them in their catastrophe and to award them better, and to offer them the best of patience and console.”

“2-We declare our support and backing of the Libyan revolution in its legitimate demands, and we assure our family in Libya that we are with you and we will not disappoint you Allah-willing. And we will sacrifice what we possess to support you, Allah-willing. As your battle is the battle of every Muslim who loves Allah and His messenger, and we only went out to defend you against those authoritarians who digested your rights and stole your resources and forbade you from the lowest necessities for a good life and the simplest meanings of freedoms and human dignity.”

“3-We call the Libyan people to be steadfast and patient, and we encourage them to continue their Jihad and revolution and to elevate it to remove the criminal tyrant, as he who dies from them dies as martyr Allah-willing. And he who lives from them lives happily, praise to Allah. And may your slogan be the saying of the sheikh of Mujahideen Omar al-Mukhtar: ‘we don't surrender, we win or we die.’ Thus, patience, steadfastness and motivation, and victory is but an hour's worth of patience. [Verse]”

“4-We call all the Muslim peoples to support their brothers in Libya with all of what they own, and especially the Egyptian, Tunisian and Algerian peoples. And we also call upon the Ulama, advocates, the educated and journalists to support their Muslim brothers in Libya, with support and back up in their hardship, and to present their legitimate case and uncover the repetitive crimes of the bloody Gadhafi gang.”

“As for you O' today's ‘Musailima’, you who fought against Allah and his [holy] Book and His messenger and the believers. You whose hands have been drenched in the blood of

1,200 Muslims from the best youth of Bousleem; here's this musky blood today cursing you and surrounding you and calling to take revenge from you. No god but Allah...Qadhafi is the enemy of Allah! You imposter, sinner, hardhearted bastard: the morning has come and you appeared in your real self and ugliness, and you clearly uncovered off your barbarity with no shame, and your [last] day has neared Allah-willing."

"O' monster of Libya...Libya hates you."

"Even the Maazen in the mountains are cursing you; however many men you bought and while Satan's soldiers are with you, go and leave, as the wicked weapon of Zion will not benefit you. However many youth you killed, of elders, of widows, or the hungry, the people have sworn to remove you."

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