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Jabhat al-Nusra Claims Credit for Twin Bombings in Damascus (March 20, 2012)

On March 20, 2012, the nascent Syrian jihadi faction "al-Jabhat al-Nusra" formally claimed responsibility for the March 17th twin bombings in Damascus and confirmed the targets were a police headquarters and an office of Syria's Air Force intelligence service. According to the message, the strikes were "in response to the regime's continued campaign raiding the residential neighborhoods" in Syrian cities. The statement called on President Bashar Assad's regime to "stop your massacres against the Sunni people" and promised future assaults that would be "worse and more bitter." The statement also sought to reassure the Christian population that it "was not targeted in the strike" and that any damage to Christians was "due to fallout from the raid."

"Statement #1: Honesty of the Promise Operations"

"Striking by raiding/Claiming Credit for the Operation on Air Force Intelligence Branch and Criminal Security Administration in Damascus"

"Praise Allah and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and allies, and thereafter:"

"With the grace and generosity of Allah, the soldiers of Jabhat al-Nusra[Al-Nusra Front]-- may Allah glorify it--carried out a series of military operations in a number of governorates against the dens of the regime."

"The most significant of which were the branch of Air Force intelligence and the criminal investigation administration in Damascus. And that in response to the regime's continued campaign raiding the residential neighborhoods in Homs, Idleb, Hama, Der'a and others. And we were honest with our promise that we would respond to his raids with strikes. And we would like to inform the regime that our response to its crimes in Karm al-Zaitoon of killing the families with their children and women and elders, and also raping the women, will come later Allah-willing."

"And we say to it: stop your massacres against the Sunni people, otherwise you hold the sins of the Nassiris (The Alawites) and what's coming thereafter is worse and more bitter Allah-willing."

"And for information, we inform the Christians that they weren't targeted in the strike on the Air Force intelligence office (in their neighborhood) but what damage occurred was due to the fallout from the raid. We urge everyone to avoid staying close to branches of intelligence bases and the dens of the regime."

Note: We will bring you the details of the operations via al-Manara al-Baydaa Foundation, Allah-willing.”