Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula:
“Biography of the Martyr, the
Commander Jamil al-Anbari (aka Abu Saber al-Abyan)’” (April 4, 2011)

On April 4, 2011, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula’s (AQAP) Al-Malahem Media released the fifth issue of its magazine “Peninsula Martyrs,” which profiles dead AQAP members. This issue highlighted the life of Jamil al-Anbari (aka Abu Saber al-Abyan), the “commander of Abyan-Aden emirate and a number of other regions” who was killed in a March 2010 airstrike in Yemen. According to AQAP, “In his last letter to Shaykh Abu Baseer, a few days before his martyrdom, he had begun asking for permission to execute a martyrdom operation against the enemies of Allah. And after lengthy waiting and yearning to meet Allah, his date with martyrdom arrived, and that was in an American air strike when he was using the Internet, as then he had been following up with some preparations and personal communication. He was killed and with him his brother Fawwaz al-Sanaani, may Allah accept both of them.”

“His scented stands keep scenting my thoughts, pouring the flowery scent over my memories with him. I searched my memory to choose the most beautiful picture of him so I can begin with that his scented biography. These pictures confused me; all of which are decorated with his usual smile, filled with happiness and glad tidings.”

“I decided to begin with my first look on him as he welcomed me along with 2 other mujahirin brothers [who were] with me, by vacant bushes where the true persona of men emerges. The night was nighttime; I met him face-to-face, then I shook his hand, then I hugged him with modesty filling his face. I asked him ‘are you Jamil al-Anbari?’ He answered me in a modest tone ‘yes.’”

“Hereon, I closely got to know the secret concerning this reputation talked about between every young and old; a young man, looks in his thirties; although at the time he didn’t pass 21 years old! His venerable personality, steadfast steps, brilliant cunning and kind companionship will own you. Truthfully, he was a school from the schools of the next generation that will bring back for the Ummah its victory and glory.”

“He who doesn’t know Jamil would think that I exaggerate in my description, but he who knew him knows that I didn’t fulfill who he rightfully was, and if you collect what people said about him, you would fill books and volumes.”

“He was the young mujahid commander, memorizer of Allah’s book, ‘Jamil’ bin Nasser al-Anbari, from “Al Aanbar” [the family of Aanbar], from the tribe of ‘al-Mayaser,’ from the generation from promising victory, and who, with his determination, will, and persistence, the leaders of the cross [West].”
“Since his childhood, Jamil had enjoyed tremendous humility and noble traits, and with that he commanded what’s good and forbade what’s malicious. And alongside his brothers he infiltrated alcohol shops and the dens of heresy and corruption.”

“May Allah have mercy on him, he was modest and easy to live with, and kind-hearted, merciful with the believers and harsh on the disbelievers.”

“He studied Sharia sciences at Dar al-Hadith in ‘Dammaj,’ and he benefited from this; so, if there’s a Sharia matter being discusses with him, he didn’t speak until he was asked, and if he spoke about a Sharia matter he’d use the Qur’an and Sunna.”

“As he acknowledged his duty toward his Ummah, he began to apply what he had learnt, and he began searching for a road to Afghanistan. It was not successful, but the condition increases his determination to start searching again, until Allah facilitated a path for him to Iraq, so he headed toward it, leaving behind for the cause of Allah everything valuable, and he joined the Mujahideen ranks in Iraq.”

“Baghdad ‘Dar al-Rashid’ was then receiving crowds of sacrificial men and the youth, and Jamil was in the vanguard of the Muhajirin convoy. He elevated his motivation and took off on the Americans to show them his strength. He battled like engineered knights, and he attacked like hungry lions. He had anticipated martyrdom and demanded it from the moment he arrived, but no soul knows in what land it may die.”

“And considering his great brilliance, as well as wide awareness and recognition, his Amirs assigned him as a security leader over one of the groups in al-Anbar. He was a skilled sniper, and he terrorized the crusader Americans.”

“Our hero received his obligation and promised Allah to not betray Him, nor betray the messenger, nor betray the obligation that he carried atop his shoulders, leaving toward death for the cause of Allah who ordered him to take this hard road. Yes, it is a thorny road; a road oppressed by the friend and foe; the road of test and hardship, but met with complete grace from Allah, exalted and glorified.”

“During one of the clashes with cross soldiers and their apostate helpers, Jamil used to attacks as if he’s going forth to meet Allah. Our hero was wounded and the brothers aided him, but due to the harsh conditions in the beloved Iraq at the time, he was transferred to Yemen for medical treatment.”

“And in Yemen, Jamil’s wound healed and he had become ready to return to the battlefield again, as the obligation remained on his shoulders, as he had sold his soul to its Lord and divorced life.”

“Paths toward three fronts (Afghanistan, the Islamic Maghreb and Chechnya) became facilitated for Jamil, so he decided to leave, but to which front?”
“A surprise, with the will of Allah, knocked on Jamil’s door; 23 Mujahideen survived from the political security forces in Sana’a. Jamil knew that those survivors will reestablish the Mujahideen’s organization in the Arabian Peninsula.”

“Jamil changed his direction and stayed in the Arabian Peninsula. He chose this jihad group because he knew that was hid duty. He prepared a place for them to take refuge and he began with his brothers working in the Arabian Peninsula.”

“May Allah have mercy on him; he was skilled in preparations and management. He would manage and coordinate [for jihad seekers] paths toward the Arabian Peninsula and toward a number of other fronts, like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and others.”

“May Allah have mercy on that kind face…”

“Our knight was the commander of Abyan-Aden emirate and a number of other regions. He was highly motivated, and carried his assigned job very well; staying up at night for the cause of servicing the religion of Allah, dedicating all of his efforts and energy to Allah.”

“Position of sacrifice”

“Jamil, may Allah accept him, slept very little due to the high volume of work he used to carry out. One night, he was driving the car with him one of the brothers. And while on the road, he began to fall asleep, so the brother next to him realized that and alerted him, so Jamil said ‘by Allah, I don’t remember a day when I slept while driving a car except for this day,’ due to what he experiences of tiresomeness and hard work.”

“Shaykh Abdullah Azzam said: ‘they think principles are games, amusement or pastime that a human would reach through a speech decorated with beautiful phrases, or [through] writing a book that would be published in publishing houses and placed in libraries. This has never been the path of advocates’. And since the enemies of Allah know Jamil’s danger and great effect on them, the enemy carried out military campaigns to search for him, but Allah made him survive a number of times.”

“May Allah have mercy on him, he was plagued, and the tyrants of the cooperative Yemeni government imprisoned his father in order to pressure him, thinking that Jamil would submit to them and surrender himself. But, how could that happen when he had the Qur’an memorized in his heart; solidifying and guiding him!”

“As a result of his patience, Allah removed his father from prison.”

“Jamil did not demand knowledge in order to eat crumbs and marry women, but he demanded [jurisprudence] knowledge to work with its accordance, jihad and
steadfastness, guarding and preparing. He endured to gain the grace of Allah in all the hardships and obstacles. He didn’t kneel to the tyrant, and he didn’t submit. He rose up like the solid mountains and went scraping the clouds, demanding the heights. This is how the ones with high motivation are; this is how the proud men are, they become tired and put efforts in order for their Ummah to be content and safe. He didn’t accept to live peaceful-minded while his Sunni Muslim sister is in the grasp of the grudge-filled Shiites in Iraq.”

“Jamil didn’t enjoy living when children were under the ruins from the raids in al-Maajala. Jamil didn’t accept the living of comfort while al-Aqsa remained in the grasp of the Jews.”

“Jamil was brave, motivated, zealous, merciful with the believers and harsh on the disbelievers.”

“Jamil, may Allah have mercy on him, took great care of the wounded, despite what he had to work on and manage. When Jamil saw that many of his brothers took off before him toward martyrdom, it pained him and began requesting it [martyrdom] in every battle that even one time he went to one of the cities, and he spotted one of the criminal tyrants he wore his explosive belt in order to carry out a martyrdom operation. The brothers refused that he’d execute it, and after a great effort they convinced him to leave to another, and the refusal of the brothers impacted him and the operation wasn’t facilitated for him.”

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“We cry over losing you Jamil, but we are all hopeful toward the upcoming generations who were raised on your unique stances.”

“Message:”

“To everyone who knew Jamil, and to everyone who lived around him, and to everyone who heard about him: [go] die the way Jamil died; avenging him is an obligation on the shoulders of the steadfast.”

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