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**“BANNERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE ANSAR AL-SUNNA  
MUJAHIDEEN IN IRAQ”**



Around the beginning of Feb. 2004, the Information Section of Ansar al-Sunna released a 00:31:38 video in which it claimed responsibility for a number of attacks in Iraq against Coalition forces and Kurdish groups. The tape contained a statement by Ansar al-Sunna Emir Abu Abdullah al-Hassan ibn Mahmoud and last will and testament tapes from five group members who died in recent attacks. The tape also contains video of roadside

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bombings and footage of the IDs from a group of Spanish intelligence officers and others the group killed.

Emir Abu Abdullah al-Hassan ibn Mahmoud does not actually appear in the video. His statement is aired as an audio only recording. In it he outlines the goals of the group saying in part, "The goal is not only to get rid of the occupiers of Iraq but to establish an Islamic state." Talking about the formation of Ansar al-Sunna, the Emir says the group pulled together religious clerics, scholars, fighters and experienced military strategists under the banner of Ansar al-Sunna. He said, "We gathered all mujahideen from the south to the north and worked out the plan on how to fight the occupiers and establish an Islamic state."

The tape deals with attacks going as far back as May 2003 and running through to 5 Jan. 2004, when the group said it ambushed British and Canadian intelligence officers southwest of Baghdad, Iraq. It's not clear if what they are referring to was one attack or different strikes against two targets on the same day.

The five martyrs who appear on the tape are Berway al-Kurdi, Abu Abdullah al-Dosari, Abu Saleh, Abu Thabet al-Muhajir and Abu Hafs al-Najdi. The five are pictured in the still shown on the following page. All five are said to have belonged to the Yassin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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**ANSAR AL-SUNNA**



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- At one point in the tape a group of four individuals appears holding various weapons, including an improvised launcher, which the camera then zooms in on. It is unclear who the individuals appearing are. The individual sitting in the center is the one who speaks during the segment. At one point he says, “We will hit the American forces.”

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## BERWAY AL-KURDI



- Berway al-Kurdi is identified as a martyr who conducted an attack against Coalition forces in the woods of Mosul around 11 July 2003 (date unconfirmed due to poor video quality of text).
- He is identified as being part of the Yasin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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## ABU ABDULLAH AL-DOSARI



- Abu Abdullah al-Dosari is identified as the suicide bomber who conducted an attack against the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq on 14 Oct. 2003
- He is identified as being part of the Yasin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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## ABU SALEH



- Abu Saleh is identified as the martyr who conducted an attack against the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) office in Kirkuk, Iraq on 20 Nov. 2003.
- He is identified as being part of the Yasin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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## ABU THABET AL-MUHAJIR



- Abu Thabet al-Muhajir is identified as the martyr who conducted an attack against a Coalition outpost near or in Mosul, Iraq on 9 Dec. 2003 (date unconfirmed due to poor video quality of text).
- He is identified as being part of the Yasin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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## ABU HAFS AL-NAJDI



- Abu Hafs al-Najdi is identified as the martyr who conducted an attack against the Ministry of Interior in Irbil, Iraq on 24 Dec. 2003.
- He is identified as being part of the Yasin al-Bahs Unit of Ansar al-Sunna.

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## SPANISH INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER VICTIMS

• All of the below images, with the exception of the last one, are believed to have belonged to the group of 7 Spanish intelligence officers who were ambushed and killed west of Baghdad, Iraq on 11 Nov. 2003. The group said its al-Hamza Unit conducted the operation. The last image of IDs belonging to a Larry Flynn are from an operation the group conducted on 5 Jan. 2004, in which it said it killed British and Canadian intelligence officers in an ambush southwest of Baghdad, Iraq.



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## **ROADSIDE BOMBINGS**

• The tape shows a few of the roadside bombings the group conducted in 2003. The first two stills are of a roadside bombing of a convoy. The second still is of a device detonation as a truck begins to cross a bridge. In both cases, the blast obscures the targeted vehicle.



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