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THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES CAPTURED ONE OF ZARQAWI'S TOP LIEUTENANTS

Security forces in Iraq captured the most lethal of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's lieutenants, Sami Muhammad Ali Said al-Ja'af, also known as Abu Umar al-Kurdi, in a raid in Baghdad Jan. 15.

Abu Umar al-Kurdi has claimed responsibility for about 32 vehicle-born improvised explosive device attacks that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Iraqis.

"Abu Umar al-Kurdi claims responsibility for some of the most ruthless attacks on Iraqi police forces and police stations," said Thair Al-Nakib, spokesman for Prime Minister Allawi. "He is responsible for the suicide bombing against the Hayy al Khadhrah police station in Baghdad, the attack on a police recruiting station in Ba'qubah, and at least three bombings against police forces in Mosul."

Abu Umar al-Kurdi confessed to building approximately 75 percent of the car bombs used in attacks in Baghdad since March 2003, said Al-Nakib.

Abu Umar al-Kurdi has claimed association in at least 32 car and truck bomb attacks that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Iraqis," said Thair al-Nakib, spokesman for Prime Minister Allawi. "Our interrogations of Abu Umar al-Kurdi found he also claims involvement in the interrogation, torture and execution of Jabbar Ateaia al-Rubae, who was the Secretary General for the National Institute for Human Rights in Iraq," added Al-Nakib.

Abu Umar al-Kurdi claimed involvement in the following listed VBIED attacks, which includes the murder of Bakr al Hakim in September 2003 and the murder of Azadin Salim in May 2004. Abu Umar al-Kurdi stated that suicide drivers carried out the following 32 attacks.

1) Jordanian Embassy, Baghdad – August 2003

Attack was planned and directed by another person affiliated with Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and two others

2) United Nations Building, Baghdad – September 2003

Attack was planned and directed by two others affiliated with Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by three others affiliated with Abu Umar

3) Assassination of Bakr Al Hakim – September 2003

Attack was planned and directed by two others
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and two others

4) Hayy Al Hadra Police Station, Baghdad – Early December 2003

Attack was planned by another and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and two others

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 5 and 6, listed below

5) Hayy Al Shaab Police Station, Baghdad – Early December 2003

Attack was planned and directed by another
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and two others

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 4 and 6

6) Hayy Al Husayniyah Police Station, Baghdad – Early December 2003

Attack was planned and directed by two others
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and two others

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 4 and 5

7) Italian CF Camp, Nasiriyah – Late January / Early February 2004

Attack was planned and directed by another person
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

8) Karbala Governorate Police Building – February 2004

Attack was planned by Abu Umar and one other, and was directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and one other

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 9 and 10, listed below

9) CF Camp, Karbala – February 2004

Attack was planned by Abu Umar and one other, and was directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and one other

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 8 and 10

10) CF Camp, Karbala (different than in 9) – February 2004

Attack was planned by Abu Umar and one other, and was directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and one other

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 8 and 9

11) Al Hillah Training Center, Hillah (Manned by ING / Polish CF) – April 2004

Attack was planned and directed by one individual

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar and one other individual

12) Assassination of Azadin Salim (Head of Dowla Party Council) – May 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

13) Checkpoint at edge of Green Zone, As Salahiyah, Baghdad – June 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

14) Checkpoint at edge of Green Zone, Al Karadah, Baghdad – July 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

15) CF Camp, Al Taji, Baghdad – Late July / Early August 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 16, below

16) ING Station, Al Taji, Baghdad – Late July / Early August 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

Note: This attack was conducted on the same day as 15, above

17) Assassination *attempt* on Malik Duhan Al Hassan (Minister of Justice) – September 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

18) ING Recruitment Station, Arabia Street, Baghdad – September 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

19) Water Pump Station, Hayy Al Amil, Baghdad – September 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

- 20) CF Convoy on patrol, Hayy As Sayidiyah – September 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 21) Assassination of Meshkat Al Mutmin (Minister of Environment) – September 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 22) Hayy Al Yarmuk Police Station, Baghdad – October 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 23) CF Convoy on BIAP Road, Baghdad – October 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 24) CF Vehicles (Two Unmarked GMC Suburbans, Black) – October 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 25) CF / ING Checkpoint near BIAP gate – November 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 26) ING Recruitment Station, Hayy Al Qadasiyah, Baghdad – November 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 27) ING Building, Hayy Al Qadasiyah, Baghdad – November 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 28) Checkpoint near Green Zone, Hayy Al Qadasiyah, Baghdad (targets were Iraqi civilians entering Green Zone) – November 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 29) Hayy As Salahiyah, Governorate Police Building, Baghdad – December 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar
- 30) Jordanian Embassy, Hayy Al Mansour, Baghdad – December 2004
Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar
VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

31) Headquarters, Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), Baghdad – December 2004

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

32) Headquarters, Iraqi Army, Special Operations Command, Hayy Al Qadasiyah, Baghdad – January 2005

Attack was planned and directed by Abu Umar

VBIED was constructed by Abu Umar

On the other hand, Mr. Al-Nakib said “Our interrogations of Abu Umar al-Kurdi found he also claims involvement in the interrogation, torture and execution of Jabbar Ateia al-Rubae, who was the Secretary General for the National Institute for Human Rights in Iraq.”

Abu Umar al-Kurdi claims he recently received orders from al-Zarqawi to target Iraqi election sites and polling stations before and during the Jan. 30 elections. Abu Umar al-Kurdi relayed to security forces that al-Zarqawi expressed concern that Iraqis would become aligned with the newly-elected government if allowed to vote, and if that happened, Iraqis would no longer be vulnerable to al-Zarqawi’s manipulation and intimidation.

“Al-Zarqawi allegedly instructed Abu Umar al-Kurdi to bomb election sites to instill fear in the population so Iraqis would not vote,” said Al-Nakib. “While attacks against innocent civilians will likely occur in the upcoming days, the IIG and Multi-National forces have increased security throughout Iraq to diminish al-Zarqawi’s capabilities to attack Iraqis who choose to vote for their future.”