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The advisor and minister; Abu Zahra Ali al-'Isawi, gallant in action, audacious and noble, a pure and anonymous poet...

He was born in al-Faluja, he learned the truth and committed himself to it at an early age. He and a group of his friends, including the hero Abu al-Hareth al-'Isawi and the leader Abu Azzam al-Iraqi, joined Sheikh Abu Musab, may Allah have mercy on them all, swearing allegiance to him and adhering to his program. These proud and high-minded souls came together for one purpose: to build the state of Islam in which its people are glorified and the flag of monotheism is raised.

Allah destined for our friend great characteristics for which he was very fortunate in that they mirrored his name. He was a strong and noble soul, forward in tackling great issues, and rising above trivialities. He was clever and wise, and possessed of clear vision. As soon as he met the Sheikh Amir Abu Musab, he became one of his closest advisors. One incident with the Sheikh Amir, may Allah have mercy on him, that Abu Zahra was proud of and could not forget occurred in a council of righteousness when the brethren of Jihad gathered and discussed their affairs. Our friend was sitting next to Sheikh Abu Musab. The Sheikh removed his ring and put it on Abu Zahra as a gift. He was always so proud of that and would say, ***“On that day all the brothers present felt jealous of me.”***

The house of Abu Zahra was open to the Mujahideen and especially the first *muhajireen* like Sheikh Abu Anas al-Shami, Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Lubnani and others from the first troop. He was one of those who laid the first bricks in building the group which opened the great door of goodness for the people of Islam. Their achievement is due to Allah, may Allah reward them. We beseech Allah to compensate them abundantly and reward them well on behalf of the Ummah.

Our dear one continued to conduct Jihad *fi sabeel Allah* until Allah fated that he be captured. The Crusaders knew his standing with the Sheikh Emir and that he certainly knew the place he was located. They offered him the enormous reward for whoever revealed the location of the Sheikh. It was a reward for which people of this world would fight each other were it one – tenth of the amount. It was 25 million dollars. He patiently bore this affliction; enduring at their hands all kinds of torture, and being moved among their prisons until he was finally settled in the prison fortress of “Susa” in northern Iraq.

There the spirit of Abu Zahra, may Allah have mercy on him, refused to accept or yield to the fact of imprisonment, so he plotted his escape from that place which the Crusaders had surrounded with all kinds of fortifications. He succeeded in that in a way that humiliated and infuriated the worshippers of the Cross, and was subsequently placed at the top of the most-wanted list for the Crusader army and the apostate government.

In 1428 Hijra, he was appointed by the Emir al-Mumineen Abu Umar al-Baghdadi to be the Minister of Information for the Islamic State of Iraq. He was qualified for this position by his qualities which combined the judicious writer, the wise poet and the audacious and indefatigable man of action. It was known after his appointment to this position that he was never without a gun at his side. Allah ordained that I met him a number of times in a particular home and I would see him tired and anxious from the weight of this trust he was given and to which he devoted his time and his thought, especially during that critical time through which the Islamic State was passing and which coincided with the ferocious campaign to strike the media of the Islamic State which was depriving the American administration of sleep and hampering its army in Iraq.

Abu Zahra would be restless until he would go out, even though he was wanted by both name and picture. He was at the time separated from his family and children, risking himself by going out so much and roaming the neighborhoods of Baghdad and elsewhere to see the brothers, direct their affairs and lift their spirits. I always heard him repeat, **“O Allah, I complain to you about my weakness, my lack of wits and my lowliness before the people”**. Because of his activities he became the most wanted by the Crusaders and their filthy security companies.

Despite all that, these circumstances did not deprive him of his nobility or gallantry. One day I informed him about the case of a needy widow of a Mujahid. He became angry and said, **As long as my nose can breathe the air, I will not leave her in need of anything.”** He took responsibility for her after that, may Allah have copious mercy upon him.

As for his love for his brothers, he was like a tender father. He loved them and would ask after their situation and joke around with them. He was good company, easy-going and modest to his brothers and loved ones. If you ask me about his prayers, by Allah; I have not seen his like when he would stand between the hands of his Lord. You would then see him submissive, shaking and weeping. We praise him, yet Allah provides sufficient reward.

As for his zeal in action, do not even ask about it. He would leave in the morning and return at night worn out by hardship. Despite many coverings, he would be cold from exhaustion. His desire was to raise the flag of *Tawheed* and his hope was that Allah would be pleased with him. He would say, **“I do not want anything except that Almighty Allah be pleased with me.”**

Often he would recall the first companions of his experience saying, **“I am no good because I am still alive. They have achieved martyrdom.”** He stayed like this until the mercenary Blackwater laid an ambush for him to

capture him. He was heroic and daring, and preferred death to humiliation, and refused to undermine the Muslims. So it came, the turn of the revolver that was never parted from him. He was killed at their hands, may Almighty Allah have mercy on him and reward him abundantly.

The body of our friend was buried in a grave of the rafidites. His family was bent upon moving him after they recognized his corpse. He remained just as he was; nothing had befallen him even after more than a year. His face was smiling; his lips were moving as they did in his life, his body was warm and his wounds still bleeding.

May mercy, comfort and peace be upon you from the Generous and the Peace-giver in the Paradise of the Immortals. If tears should be shed, it is for such great men that they must be shed.

*O Knight, He struck the Country across its breadth ~ And length wanting to
please the pious*

*Firm in traits of goodness and bravery ~ Like the Lion Pouncing on the Infidel
sect*

*O Rider, he mounted difficulties with zeal ~ Desiring to be close to the One,
the Benefactor*

*He humiliated the slaves of the Cross and those of theirs ~ Who had become
as a devoted domestic servant*

Your are noble and free, your rival ~ Spread oppression and depravity

*Rejoice, Abu Zahra, your religion has been elevated ~ In the State of
Islam and the Knights*

Penned by

Abu Abdul Malik

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