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Title: Letter from Abu-'Ata' al-Sharqi

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Synopsis

The author discusses various conflicts surrounding al-Faruk camp within and between leaders of al-Qaeda and al-Furkan. He suggests moving into Tajikistan for strategic reasons.

Key Themes

The document is actually a description of the letter, not the letter itself.

The author brings up Al-Faruk, a training facility. Al-Furkan Project, owner of the camp, is commanded by Abu Walid al-Masri. Al-Qaeda and Al-Furkan have been negotiating over control of the facility. There is some concern about a lack of coordination (or even insubordination). Abu Kin'an went behind the back of the author, and does not have the ability to run the camp. Al-Qaeda *is* qualified, however. Abu Khabab came to the camp and gave a course, but there was no prior agreement with Abu-Kin'an. The author is also upset that he had to provide the land for the camp, even though it does not fall under his authority (he is the leader of the Jihadwal area). The camp is apparently controlled by the Tajiks.

The author encourages al-Qaeda and the Furkan Project to work together to figure out why Russia collapsed. He also suggests getting into Tajikistan by providing training and financial support to the Tajiks. This will harm the Americans and Russians. This is why the Arabs were expelled from Bishawir [Peshawar?]: to prevent them from getting into Central Asia. Moving in Tajikistan will also strengthen al-Qaeda's hand as it will gain control over al-Faruk camp. Abu-Walid needs to know the author (presumably) is in charge of everything in Jihadwal.