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The Islamic State (IS) presented a biography of a deceased security official in its West Africa Province (ISWAP), tracing his jihadi origins and pursuits, his command of advocacy and military detachments, and ultimately his death in battle.

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It published the biography of Abu Mukhtar al-Ansari (AKA Muhammad bin Mallam Fow) in Issue 228 of its digital weekly newspaper, al-Naba, which was distributed on April 2, 2020. The author lauded Abu Mukhtar for his combining knowledge with jihadi action, leading preaching caravans, planning attacks, and commanding military units. He predominantly operated in the Lake Chad region, and devised battleplans for operations in Damaturu, Geidam, and Mallam Fatori. Abu Mukhtar headed the "Security Work Battalion," and with that unit, he uncovered spies and individuals sowing sedition. He was killed in battle in Damaturu, during the "Revenge Invasion for the Killing of the Two Dignified Sheikhs, Emir of the Believers Abu Bakr al-Qurashi al-Baghdadi and Abu al-Hassan al-Muhajir," in late-December 2019.

Following is a translation of the biography:

Call and Jihad .. Knowledge and Action

Abu Mukhtar al-Ansari (May Allah Accept Him)

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This one was a preacher who incited for jihad in support of the religion and his vulnerable people, then today he joins the scholars of the sultans in stabbing the mujahideen. And that one was a pursuer of jihad who sacrificed years of his life to fight the disbelievers and apostates, then today he throws down his weapon and joins the trench of the Crusaders and signs peace deals with them and the criminal tyrants. And another left the community and led his followers astray, and they became renegades...! There are many who fail in times of adversity and affliction, these times of examination when humans are either honored or humiliated, and, like camels, you can hardly find one departing out of a hundred of them.

But in every situation and time, Allah the Almighty chooses men from among the multitude of His worshipers, and He guides them, and plants in their hearts love for the religion and its success, and for that they sacrifice the most precious of what they possess of soul and money, and they wage jihad for the sake of Allah, unharmed by those who let them down or those who disagree with them, until the command of Allah comes to fruition while they are doing this.

The Ummah of Islam still begets heroes who defend its religion, preserve its sanctity, and protect its purity, from among divine scholars and ardent you. They are mujahideen and strong fighters against the disbelievers, and they are merciful among themselves. Such is the case with Abu al-Mukhtar al-Ansari, may Allah have mercy on him. Truly, it is an Ummah that begets.

His Birth and the Environment in which He Grew

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Abu al-Mukhtar al-Ansari, whose name is Muhammad bin Mallam Fow, was born in 1406H in the town of Mallam Fatori, in the Borno region, near the artificial border with Niger. He grew up there, and since his childhood (may Allah have mercy on him), he attended the katibas, as per the custom of the children of the region. These katibas are the earliest and widespread Qur'anic schools, especially in the villages, which give great attention to education, and take into account Islamic values and morals. He (may Allah have mercy on him) was a person whom Allah blessed to avoid the free government schools and the like. Thus, his morals were saved from its cunning, and his thoughts were not disturbed by its ideology, and its adornment did not attract his eyes. Allah the Almighty guided him with His wisdom and success later on to support his religion and serve the traditions of His Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him.

His Knowledge of the Doctrine of Ahl Sunnah wal Jama'a

Abu al-Mukhtar (may Allah have mercy on him) continued to study in the katibas until Allah the Almighty granted him success to memorize His wise book while he was in the prime of his youth. He then proceeded to seek Islamic jurisprudence in the knowledge circles in Mallam Fatori from a well-known scholar in his country who was calling for monotheism and inciting for jihad. Abu al-Mukhtar became his student for a period of time, until he understood the doctrine of the Salafists and the methodology of Ahl al-Sunnah wal Jama'a, and he came to love jihad.

As soon as Allah opened his chest to the religion of destroying the idols and building the Sacred House, he discussed it with the scholars he met. Discussions took place during his trips to Lake Chad - before the mujahideen took control over it (where they had farms in it) - with some area scholars concerning the pure doctrine of the people of the Sunnah, from which most of them became separate.

He tried to mobilize several times to the land of jihad, but was unable to do so because of the intense monitoring of spies and militiamen who were loyal to the apostate Nigerian army at this time, and who were lying in wait for anyone who was affiliated with the mujahideen or wanted to join them. So he occupied himself with knowledge and education until Allah helped him to mobilize.

Joining the Land of Jihad

He (may Allah have mercy on him) traveled to the town of Bosso, in Niger, fleeing for his religion, after he saw the youth of his country joining the apostate militias which started to abuse the people of monotheism there. He stayed in Bosso until Allah enabled His worshipers

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the mujahideen to conquer his hometown of Mallam Fatori in 1435H. He found in this an opportunity for mobilization, and thus he took advantage of it. He decided to join the procession of the victorious sect, seeking the satisfaction of Allah the Almighty, not caring about those who fled from among family and friends to the land of disbelief, nor those who warned him about the roughness of the road, nor those who were tempted by this or that and gave flimsy excuses.

His Advocacy in the Land of Islam

When Allah granted him the opportunity to join the land of Islam, he resumed teaching immediately after his meeting with his brothers the mujahideen. He exerted efforts in it with what Allah had granted him of Shariah knowledge, experience, and eloquence in advocacy and education, especially since most of those who were given a share of knowledge at this time stayed away from immigration, under the pretext that people needed them in the land of disbelief, and they want this difficult path to be for someone else.

Before joining the Advocacy Office, he (may Allah have mercy on him) worked as a speaker and teacher at the Kayo Center, the first center of its kind in the lake region, and he became its emir. It was named after him, the Mada Wali Center.

His Conquest and Jihad

In addition to his jihad in advocacy, he (may Allah have mercy on him) fought in many battles and conquests, and he performed well in them. In one of these battles he was wounded in his leg, which caused him to limp, but it only prevented him from continuing jihad for a short period of time.

From the command of the squad to the command of the battalion, passing through security work, his good management in leadership became apparent, and his shrewdness, intelligence, and acute awareness, as well as his sound opinion and insight. He was a leader of an army, an inflamer of war, a planner of conquests, and a brave man in battles.

Among the most well-known conquests for which he planned were the battle of Damaturu, the battle of Mallam Fatori, and the battle of Geidam. And among the most prominent battles that he had planned and led himself was the battle of Garanda, in which he and his brothers made the disbelievers and the apostates taste the bitterness of losses in that town, where the most powerful Crusader African Crusader coalition forces are stationed, and the mujahideen seized control over their post and burned it completely after capturing what was in it.

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He also had assaults and rounds against the rogue Kharijites, and he delivered speeches and lessons revealing their falsehood. Thus, he combined advocacy and jihad in this field, as he revealed the reality of this approach and responded about their suspicions from the beginning of their matter, and urged the people to be committed to the community and the prophetic method.

In Security Work

When he was appointed as the emir of the Security Work Battalion, he began searching for the spies and those who were causing the sedition of the Muslims in their religion. He was able to arrest those involved until Allah eased the sedition through him.

Abu al-Mukhtar was soft, tolerant, modest, and a companion to his brothers the mujahideen. He did not humiliate any of the Muslims, which made him familiar and loved wherever he went and wherever he traveled. However he was stern in the matters of Allah, and a lump in the throats of the tyrants and their apostate supporters, and he was bitter to the fools and the defeated. It is no surprise that these attributes were embodied in the religion of Abraham, peace be upon him.

He was Killed in the Revenge Invasion

After nearly four months after his appointment as the emir of the Battalion, came the 'Revenge Invasion for the Two Dignified Sheikhs (Emir of the Believers Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and the official spokesman Abu al-Hassan al-Muhajir, may Allah accept them).

He was the commander in one of its battles, where he arranged its course, prepared its army, and marched to the field with determination and vigor. On this day, he said to his brothers, joking with them: "Take a picture of me, maybe I will not return!"

And so he stormed (may Allah have mercy on him) with the army of Muslims into enemy territory in the town of Damaturu, in Yobe region, to attack the apostate Nigerian army. The battle became intense and inflamed, and the throne of the apostates was shaken, and their determination was weakened. They took refuge in their armored vehicles, and the brave sheikh grabbed an RPG and plunged into the fierce battle and penetrated near the enemy, and he targeted one of its tanks. Then he returned back and tried again. One of the emirs noticed him, as if he felt he was not secure, and he stood in that place. So he came to him, because he was delaying. In the meantime, a tank targeted him with a treacherous shell, which exploded in front of him. The shrapnel injured him and his companions, may Allah have mercy on them. There, the lion advanced and he departed as a martyr, so that the tree of

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Islam would be quenched and watered with his blood. He was killed and he proceeded to His Lord, and we consider him as a martyr and Allah is the Best Disposer of his affairs.

