

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Giver of Mercy

Notification regarding recent references in the British ‘Daily Telegraph’

The Daily Telegraph has released two articles about Sheikh Abu Baseer Altartousi on the 19th Oct 2012 which contained some inaccuracies that we will point out here.

Firstly, the articles stated that Abu Baseer was ‘leading an armed gang made up of more than a hundred Islamist fighters in Syria’, namely Ansar Al-Sham. Such an accusation is quite frankly a lie and an imaginary fabrication on the part of the writer. The Sheikh is not known to have formed or led any group in Syria, he is known as simply a servant and an adviser to all the heroic rebels and to all the Syrian people who are in defiance against the oppression and tyranny of Bashar Al-Assad, the tyrannical dictator. Whoever categorises the Sheikh Abu Baseer as other than that is in error and delusion.

Secondly, the accusation that some British youth ‘may have been recruited’ by Abu Baseer is a lie, false prediction and imagination on the part of the writer to deliberately serve a bad intention.

Thirdly, the translation of the name ‘Ansar Al-Sham’ as the ‘Call to Syria’ is a false and deceptive act intended by the writer to justify his claim that Sheikh Abu Baseer is heading a group and that he is calling on non-Syrians to join the fighting in Syria. This is a reflection of bad intentions on the part of the writer. Had the writer been genuine enough to at least use ‘Google Translate’, the only target word that would have come up is ‘Supporters’ of Syria, as opposed to Call to Syria, hence the writer’s mistranslation is false and does not validate his imagination.

Fourthly, throughout the article, there is a repeated use of words that indicate assumptions and uncertainty, such as 'may have, could be, possibly'. Surely, assumptions can be of no value at all against truth. Such uncertainties should not be the basis on which judgments are passed and facts and individuals are presented.

Furthermore, it is a known fact to everyone that Sheikh Abu Baseer believes in 'covenant and security' between Muslims and non-Muslims in western societies, of which Muslims are apart, which necessitates mutual respect between various communities. It is also a well-known fact that he was the first to have written books and articles on this topic, all of which have been published on his website. Thus, there is no justification for speaking of exporting violence to the British society or enforcing Islam via violence!

In addition, it is extremely awful and ridiculous that the revolution of an entire nation that is defending itself, its children, its rights and integrity is labeled as a 'terrorist activity' and that the heroic rebels are referred to as terrorist gangs, whereas the tyrannical criminal Bashar Al-Assad who is killing and expelling their children and women in the most unimaginable manner using all destructive and forbidden weapons that he possesses does not deserve any of those labels!

Is it so, that whenever Sheikh Abu Baseer Altartousi meets or sits with a group of heroic rebels of his own people and nation that this group automatically becomes a 'gang' in your view? What is the difference then between your and the tyrannical Assad's accusations of his opponents, who are commonly described by Assad as a 'bunch of gangs'?

When you describe a revolution and the struggle of a nation - such as that of the Syrian people - which is defending its own rights and resisting oppression with labels such as ‘terrorists’ and ‘gangs’, whilst turning a blind eye to the tyrannical criminal dictator Bashar Al-Assad and his shabeiha, who are the ones committing crimes and massacres against the Syrian people and refraining from using such labels against him, then you have committed such a horrendous error, because you are obviously praising and adorning terrorism in the eyes of people.

Additionally, since the writer observes what the Sheikh Abu Baseer posts on his Facebook page entitled, ‘The Islamic Opposition to the Syrian regime’, then why does he not make any reference to the posts that indicate the importance of humanitarian aid to the Sheikh, so that he may be fairer and less biased in his writings?

In order that that the degree of injustice that has been done against the Sheikh may be known, tens of other Arab and non-Arab newspapers and websites will blindly copy and use the articles in your newspaper in an imitable manner that will outdo the parrot, and in most cases parrots are more accurate and precise in their imitation, as those outlets tend to exaggerate in order to quench their hatred and serve their grudges, God alone do we seek help from.

The Administrator of Sheikh Abu Baseer Altartousi’s website

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Please note: This notification has been published after it was presented to Sheikh Abu Baseer and subsequent to his approval.