Pro-Al-Qaeda Media Group Celebrates Stabbing Of Anti-Islam Activist In Germany; Praises Attacks In London, Egypt, Turkey, Jerusalem

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On June 5, 2024, pro-Al-Qaeda media group Jaysh Al-Malahem Al-Electronic [Electronic Army of Epic Battles] launched a new Telegram bot . . . the media group published a one-page statement in Arabic titled "Praise for the Heroic Operation in the City of Mannheim." The statement celebrates the May 31 stabbing attack at an anti-Islam rally in the southwestern German city of Mannheim, in which a police officer was killed



and several others were injured, including farright activist Michael Stürzenberger of the Citizens' Movement Pax Europa (BPE). The attack, perpetrated by an unnamed 25-year-old Afghan national residing Germany, had "clear indications of an Islamist motive," according Justice Minister Marco Buschmann.

The statement begins: "We congratulate the Islamic ummah [nation] as a whole on the blessed operation that targeted the enemy of Allah, Michael Stürzenberger — may Allah hasten his death — … in a new chapter of glory for this religion and humiliation and abasement for its enemies."

Jaysh Al-Malahem also praises "the jihadi knight, the hero of the London operation, which the Lord willed not to grant success," telling the perpetrator: "Be patient, and don't worry … for your reward is preserved, Allah willing." The statement further lauds "the blessed operations which targeted Jews in Egypt, Turkey, and Jerusalem," although it is unclear exactly which attacks are being referred to. It urges Muslims to "expend more effort to support our people in Gaza," declaring that this "does not conflict with confronting any offender who dares to act insolently against our Quran, religion, and Prophet."

The statement concludes: "We would like to reiterate what we have repeated many times: O infidels of the world of various shades, do not dare to approach our religion and sanctities ... O Allah, defeat and shake the forces [that have joined to fight Islam]. O Allah, accept Your servants the martyrdom-seekers, who protect what is holy and defend Your Book. O Allah, punish anyone who acts insolently toward our religion, Quran, and prophet."