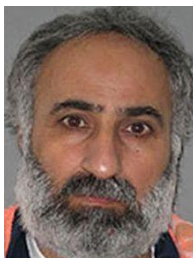




## Abu Ali al-Anbari



- ❖ Birth name: Abdulrahman Mustafa al-Qaduli;
- ❖ Born: 1957 or 1959 in Mosul, Nineveh, Iraq;
- ❖ Died: 25 March 2016 in Eastern Syria;
- ❖ Allegiance:
  1. Al-Qaeda (1998–2013);
  2. Al-Qaeda in Iraq (2004–2006);
  3. Islamic State of Iraq (2012 – April 2013);
  4. ISIS (April 2013 – March 2016);
- ❖ Rank: Deputy leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Syria;
- ❖ In the early days he was a physics teacher in Tal Afar and a preacher. He was involved with radical Islam since the 1980s.
- ❖ Al-Anbari known as Abu Ala al-Afri was the governor for territories held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Syria. Considered the ISIS second-in-command, along with [Abu Muslim al-Turkmani](#) - his counterpart in Iraq, he was viewed as a potential successor of ISIS leader [Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi](#).
- ❖ Al-Qaduli was believed to have travelled to Afghanistan in 1998 and trained with al-Qaeda. It was here he was said to have earned the trust and respect of Osama bin Laden.
- ❖ He returned from Afghanistan following the 2003 invasion of Iraq to the Sulaymaniyah province of Iraqi Kurdistan, where he was briefly a member of Ansar al-Islam.

- ❖ He pledged allegiance to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in 2004, joining Al-Qaeda in Iraq, overseeing the sharia authorities in northern Iraq and serving as al-Zarqawi's local leader in Mosul.
- ❖ Islamic State sources confirm that he was in charge of coordinating day-to-day military operations of the Islamic State in al-Sham.
- ❖ He was a gifted speaker and served as a Sharii, and while he was in al-Raqqah, he gave a series of recording lectures at al-Imam al-Nawawi Mosque, that summarize the Aqida of the Islamic State and break down the arguments of man-made constitutions and laws, parliaments, courts, and democratic norms like devolution of power and popular sovereignty in a coherent and unparalleled manner.
- ❖ During 2013, al-Qaduli sent messengers and held meetings with field commanders of various Syrian rebel groups, offering them money and weapons to switch allegiance to ISIS.
- ❖ Al-Qaduli is rumoured to have favoured reconciliation with al-Qaeda and its Syrian affiliate Al-Nusra Front, after al-Qaeda cut off ties with ISIS in early 2014.

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