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# Boubaker Al-Hakim, the jihadist who wants to put France in fire and blood

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TERRORISM - al-Hakim Boubaker is one of the most dangerous terrorists in the world. Born on August 1, 1983 in Paris, in a Tunisian family of five children, he carries dual French and Tunisian nationality. He now abandoned his surname to intervene under his "nom de guerre" Abu Muqatil. Mentor Kouachi brothers the assassins of 12 people at the headquarters of Charlie Hebdo, January 7, 2015, he is also the inspiration for the killing of Bardo, who killed 22 people, including four French tourists on 18 March following. He publicly threatened today to France to fire and sword, before "selling women and children on the markets of the Islamic State", referred to by its Arabic acronym Daech.

Hakim has a long history with Syria. He went to Damascus in July 2002 formally to study Arabic. In fact, it is taken over by the services of "intelligence" of Bashar al-Assad, the very dreaded moukhabarates, who control the infiltration of foreign militants in neighboring Iraq. Cooperation is so close between Assad and political policies of Saddam Hussein, as the two dictatorships are concerned about the invasion plans of Iraq by the United States. Hakim is staying illegally in Iraq, before returning to France in January 2003.

When the Bush administration in March 2003 triggered its campaign against Saddam Hussein Hakim is back in Iraq. It even takes advantage of interviews with RTL and LCI to invite its "19th arrondissement mates" come join him there to wage jihad against America. He joined the "legion" that the Iraqi despot has mobilized to face the invaders. But the Saddam regime quickly collapsed under the blows of the United States. Hakim, always supported by the Syrian and Iraqi moukhabarates, goes underground, returned to Syria, and from there flew to Paris in May 2003.

The aura of military subjugates young activist members of what will soon become "the industry Buttes Chaumont". Around Farid Benyettou, self-proclaimed imam, the same age as Hakim, this group organizes transfers of "voluntary" area to jihadist strongholds in Iraq. From March to August 2004, al-Hakim Boubaker stays Fallujah, the stronghold of Abu Musab Zarqawi, head of the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida. The fighting with US troops are fierce and French activists, little seasoned, suffered heavy losses (the brother of al-Hakim Boubaker, Redouane, was killed in a US bombing in July 2004).

Hakim was arrested by the Syrian moukhabarates after returning from Fallujah in Damascus, probably because he did not pay the rigor pot of wine to his case officers. He is deported to France, where he joined in preventive detention, and Farid Benyettou Kouachi Sharif, arrested in January 2005, on the eve of their departure for Damascus. In March 2008, Hakim was sentenced to seven years in prison for six against and three Benyettou Kouachi. Released in January 2011, he left France to Tunisia, where a popular uprising has swept the dictatorship of Ben Ali. The amnesty involves expanding Seifallah Ben Hassine, aka Abu Iyad, former head of the "volunteers" in Tunisian Al Qaeda.

Hakim is at the service of Abu Iyad: he organized the army and clandestine branch of its "Partisans of Sharia" (Ansar al-Sharia), largely responsible for the attack against the embassy of the United States to Tunis, September 14, 2012, where four rioters are killed. Yet it is the democratic transition itself, conducted under the auspices of a predominantly Islamist government, Hakim and his minions want to sabotage. On 6 February 2013, they murder the progressive lawyer Chokri Belaid. On 25 July, is Hakim himself empty the magazine of his gun MP Mohammed Brahmi, elected from left to the Constituent Assembly. These two murders widen the gap between Islamists and progressives, but the mediation of the main union allows to renew a "national dialogue" which concludes with the adoption of a new Constitution in January 2014 and the formation of a technocratic government.

Al-Hakim Boubaker, frustrated by his failure to destabilize the young Tunisian democracy, come to Syria to contribute, in its own words, the "revival of the caliphate." It becomes to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who proclaimed "Caliph Ibrahim" in Mosul in July 2014, a key man in the propaganda and recruitment in Europe and North Africa. The following December, he <u>claims</u> on behalf of Daech assassinations of Belaid and Brahmi. He is now at the forefront of a coordinated terrorist campaign between Europe and North Africa, Charlie Hebdo in Bardo.

The Tunisian authorities have struck a blow against a unit of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), 28 March 2015: new jihadists, including their leader, an Algerian national, Lokman Abu Sakhr, are killed in an ambush by the armed forces in the governorate of Gafsa. The President and the Tunisian government, anxious to reassure their opinion and their foreign partners, on the eve of a big march against terrorism, say the removed jihadist commando was responsible for the attack on the Bardo.

This is but a white lie. In the tussle between Al-Qaeda and Daech on all the "land of jihad" is indeed Daech which resulted in its Libya camps, the two killers Bardo, before assigning their target and Mission . Beyond these organizational disputes, it is important to understand that the assassins of liberty are the same in Paris and Tunis, and that the response to this unprecedented threat must be coordinated between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

Daech just dedicated the latest issue of its online magazine, Dabiq, <u>its expansion in Africa</u>, with Tunisia Mosque of Kairouan in coverage. Boubaker Al-Hakim places on this occasion a meeting centered on the notion of tawahhush, which can be translated as "savagery" or "barbarism." A jihadist literature already exists on the "savagery of management", which intends to sow terror in the enemy camp by acts of barbarism literally staggering.

Hakim said that the assassination of Belaid and Brahmi were specifically designed for this purpose, also continued in the killing of Bardo. But it was France that Hakim attack with violence, urging his followers to learn from Kouachi brothers and enjoy the ease of acquisition of weapons in Europe: "Kill anyone LA- All infidels. low are targets. Do not bother looking for hard targets. Kill who you can among the infidels."

These despicable threats were from the northeast of Syria, where Hakim does not hide being an operational managers of the terrorist campaign of Daech, well beyond the borders of his "caliphate". Hakim has no such threat from a French suburb, since a European prison or any place of worship. It is certainly legitimate to invest in the integration into the radicalization and the consolidation of an Islam of France. But none of these long-term process does protect us from Boubaker Al-Hakim and his disciples.

It was from Syria that the jihadist monster proliferates, it is Syria that it can be overthrown before it's too late. We can not afford to wait for the next attack, then scroll to protest against terrorism. al-Hakim Boubaker and his ilk believe us unable to regain the initiative and come treat the jihadist threat at source, ie in Syria, in collaboration with the revolutionary fighting Daech consistently. Hopefully Hakim is mistaken, because, otherwise, more attacks are inevitable.

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