"To the German government

"Release "Um-Sayf-Allah al-Ansariyah" and We Release Your Prisoners

"'And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? - Men, women, and children, whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from the one who will protect; and raise for us from the one who will help!,' [Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:75].

"The tragedy that Muslim sister Um-Sayf-Allah al-Ansariyah (Felis Lowitz) is experiencing in crusader Germany's prisons has reached our attention, and the reliable news which speaks about her being subjected to very poor treatment like being forced to removed her headscarf, having her dignity insulted with insults and beatings, and being deprived of the most basic rights, saddened us just as it did every free Muslim. These are multiple injustices which are practiced by state that claims to respect human rights against a vulnerable woman whose only sin is that she supported the just causes of her Muslim nation.

"Out of our support for vulnerable to the Muslims in the East and West, and in order for us to defend the oppressed we inform the German state of the following:

"1.We inform you that your citizen "Edgar Fritz Raupach" is being held captive by the Mujahidin of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.

- "2. We demand that you release sister "Um-Sayf-Allah al-Ansariyah" (Felis Lowitz) [Name as received], to compensate her materially for the damages suffered as a result of your iniquities, and then grant her the freedom to choose to remain or to seek political asylum in the country that preserves her rights and dignity, and in return we will release your citizen.
- "3. We remind you that proper conduct for negotiating the case of this captive demands haste and not disregard in order to preserve his life, and in this regard it would behoove you to consider the last lesson that was taught to Britain by the mujahidin when the reckless behavior of its government and its wrongful conduct in the issue of negotiation resulted in the killing of the British and Italian captives.
- "4. This statement is accompanied by a recorded plea by your captive in which he requests that you preserve his life.

"Finally, we call on the captive's family, his friends, and German public opinion to move quickly to pressure the German government to induce it to end the suffering of the oppressed Muslim sister, whose release will be the only guarantee of preserving the life of your captive and bringing him back to you free."

Description of the video and the transcribed English follows.

The video opens with a title screen reading "In the name of God the compassionate, the merciful; al-Qa'ida in the Lands of the Islamic Maghreb; al-Andalus for Media Production; Sunday, 25 Rabi al-Thani 1433 Hijri Corresponding to: 18 March 2012 AD"

On screen text then appears, first in English then Arabic reading "Save My Life" Appeal of the German prisoner to his government.



Still from video with Arabic text reading A plea from the German captive to his country: "Rescue me... save my life"

The captive then appears kneeling before two armed masked men and a white flag with the Arabic text "There is no God but God". He first speaks in German, then makes the following statement in English.

"My name is Edgar Fritz Raubach. I am from Germany, my town is Bad Mergentheim, the district is Main-Tauber, and my state is Baden-Wurttemberg

"I am working in Nigeria as a [audio indistinct] supervisor for Dantata Sawoe here in Kano-- Kano state. I beg my government that they now save my life. These people here, the mujahidin, will kill me here. I beg my government to save my life-- my life is in your hands now. I beg you, if not they will kill me here."