

Washington, DC (Oct. 25, 2012)—Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, issued the following statement in response to Chairman Issa’s [letter](#) today alleging that Ansar al-Sharia claimed responsibility for the attack on the Benghazi compound. Press accounts today are [reportin](#)  
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the terrorist group denied responsibility for the attack the next day.

“Over and over again, Republicans have launched partisan accusations based on limited and inaccurate information, and in this case Chairman Issa disregarded conflicting reports that Ansar al-Sharia disavowed responsibility for the attack less than 24 hours later. It’s time to stop shamelessly politicizing this tragedy and let the independent investigation complete its work without interference.”

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