

## **Al-Qaeda's Pakistan Media Head Calls Bangladeshi Muslims to Revolt**

Ustadh Ahmad Farooq

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Ustadh Ahmad Farooq, al-Qaeda's head of media and preaching in Pakistan, urged Bangladeshi Muslims to revolt against their government and kill everyone who insults the Prophet Muhammad, reacting to recent incidents involving bloggers. Farooq's Urdu-language speech, titled, "Rebellion against Allah in the Land of Haji Shariatullah?," came in a 7 minute, 47 second audio produced by al-Qaeda's media arm, as-Sahab. As-Sahab provided an Urdu transcript and its English translation. According to reports, jihadists murdered a Bangladeshi blogger, Ahmad Rajab Haider, on February 15, 2013, for anti-Islamic posts on his blog. Jihadists also attacked another blogger for similar reasons on January 13. Farooq called upon Muslims to continue such actions against those who besmirch Islam and its sanctities, stating:

"By Allah, this is not a political tussle; it is a battle between disbelief and Islam. Many more cursed people like Ahmad Rajab Haider are roaming around alive. Their pens and tongues continue to spill venom against the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) and his Shariah. These wretched creatures that are worse than animals have no right to live. Targeting each one of them and killing them in the streets the way this cursed blogger was killed is an obligation imposed by the Shariah."

He argued that the Bangladeshi government's pursuit of those who killed Haider, and their protection of similar bloggers, is part of its alleged plan to eliminate Islam from the country and impose secularism. Bangladeshi Muslims, he declared, must rise in defense of their faith and oust government leaders, even at the risk of their lives. He said: "Start a nation-wide movement! Accept being shot in the chest and imprisoned, but don't return to your homes until this mischief ends and the blasphemers of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) are given exemplary punishments."

The video is available here:

[http://ent.siteintelgroup.com/images/video/2013/04/SITE\\_AS\\_AF\\_Bangladesh.mp4](http://ent.siteintelgroup.com/images/video/2013/04/SITE_AS_AF_Bangladesh.mp4)

Following is a copy of as-Sahab's English translation:

As-Sahab Presents

Rebellion against Allah in the Land of Haji Shariatullah...?

A Message from Ustadh Ahmad Farooq

(May Allah protect him)

To the People of Bangladesh

In the name of Allah. All praise belongs to Allah and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.

My beloved Muslim brothers in Bangladesh,  
Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!

I am honoured to address you at a time when the Muslims of Bengal are passing through a very critical stage of their history. Today, in the land of Haji Shariatullah and Titu Mir (may Allah have mercy on them), a decisive battle is being fought between disbelief and faith; secularism and Islam. The steps that this secular anti-Islam government- a proxy of foreigners- is taking are not for targeting specific personalities or outlawing specific organizations; rather this is a clear rebellion against Allah. A long series of efforts to remove even the last traces of Islam from this land with a golden Islamic history has entered its final phase.

The secular background of the establishment and the ruling party in Bangladesh is not hidden from anyone. From the early days of Bangladesh's independence, this wretched lot has made efforts to eliminate the call of the Quran and the Prophet's teachings from Bangladeshi society. Specially in the last few years, this ruling class has taken such steps one after another that are aimed at severing whatever link remains between the people and their religion. This started with the ban on all well-known Jihadi organizations in Bangladesh, the imprisonment of their leadership and their execution by hanging.

The phrase of 'faith in Allah' was removed from the country's constitution. The name of the country was changed from 'Islamic Republic' to 'People's Republic'. Demands were raised to declare working for the imposition of an Islamic system as rebellion against the constitution. Next, even the religious parties participating in the democratic game were not spared. Their leadership was sentenced to life in prison or handed out death sentences. But the matter did not stop here. It eventually reached such a point that even thinking about it causes one's hair to stand on end and the very mention of it makes the tongue tremble in fear.

In this country where millions invoke the name of the Prophet (peace be upon him), a cursed, despicable and ill-meaning person used extremely filthy and vulgar language, beyond the pale of imagination, against the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), Khadeeja the Great (may Allah be pleased with her), the mother of the believers, Ayesha the Truthful, and the pure Companions of the Prophet (peace be upon him). This cursed blogger maligned the Chosen Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him), who is the tranquility of our hearts and the serenity of our eyes. He insulted him, presented him as a central figure in his vulgar writings, and leaving all his lower animal instincts unbridled, turned his pen, void of any shame or decency, against him. May the curse of Allah be upon him and may Allah shower with His Mercy those youth who brought tranquility to the hearts of the believers by sending this cursed man to death.

My dear brothers in Bangladesh!

By Allah, this is not a political tussle; it is a battle between disbelief and Islam. Many more cursed people like Ahmad Rajab Haider are roaming around alive. Their pens and tongues continue to spill venom against the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) and his Shariah. These wretched creatures that are worse than animals have no right to live. Targeting each one of them and killing them in the streets the way this cursed blogger was killed is an obligation imposed by the Shariah.

My dear brothers,

This is a war between disbelief and Islam. The government imposed on you is standing in the ranks of disbelief. It protects those who dare to commit blasphemy against the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him). It riddles with bullets the chests of protestors demonstrating to express their love for the Prophet (peace be upon him). The critical nature of this situation demands that the religious segments of the country should put all their differences aside and unite in defense of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) and his honour. They should create tremendous public pressure for the overthrow of this government that is an enemy of Islam.

I would request the honourable people of Bangladesh, who have unbound love for their religion and their Prophet (peace be upon him), that this is not the time to sit in their homes. It is time to come out. This is the time to send this message with your actions that the land which offered blood for the movement of Sayyid Ahmad Shaheed (may Allah have mercy on him), whose scholars ignited the flame of the Jihad of 1857, whose people made life miserable for the British for two hundred years, the land where the Faraizi movement originated...this land will never tolerate the presence of blasphemers of the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him) on its soil... and neither will it break its link with its long and glorious Islamic history to embrace the atheistic and heretical creed of secularism.

Therefore, Rise! Start a nation-wide movement! Accept being shot in the chest and imprisoned, but don't return to your homes until this mischief ends and the blasphemers of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) are given exemplary punishments. Do not turn back until all obstacles in the way of openly inviting people to the religion and struggling for the enforcement of Shariah in the country are removed and this government which backs the blasphemers is toppled. Bengal was the land of Islam in the past and its future is also Islam. Any attempt to take this region or its people on a different course shall end in utter failure, by the permission of Allah.

I would also appeal to the scholars of Bangladesh and the callers of religion that they should assume their position of leadership. Scholars are the real leadership of Muslim society. It is the responsibility of the scholars to provide guidance in all individual and collective affairs of life. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the righteous scholars of this country to revive the examples of Imam Abu Hanifa and Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal. They must speak the word of truth and be ready to offer sacrifices for its sake. After blasphemy against the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), can there be any room still left to ponder, pause and reflect, prepare far-fetched long term plans, waver or hesitate?

This is the time to prove one's faith and express unconditional love for the Prophet (peace be upon him). Rise! Awake the nation from its slumber with Friday sermons and speeches in mosques and madrassahs. Give them the lesson of sticking firmly to the Quran and taking guidance from the Sunnah. Rise and make this nation understand with words of wisdom and kindness that its success in this world and the Hereafter lies in the complete implementation of Shariah alone. Following Shariah in the individual life and implementing it at the state level is the only solution for all problems faced by the people. Rise and wage a battle of enjoining good and forbidding evil; a battle of calling people to religion to liberate Bangladesh from the control of proxies of disbelievers and the dominance of secular beliefs and ideologies. May Allah be

your Protector and Helper! May Allah guide the sincere people of this society to gather around you! May Allah bless your actions! Ameen.

And our last prayer is that all praise belongs to Allah and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.