Al-Jazirah TV Carries Usama Bin Ladin Audio Statement on Sep 11 Anniversary
Osama bin Laden
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[FBIS Translated Text] Those youths inflicted heavy moral and material losses on the enemy. They also confused the enemy's hostile schemes. Documents have shown that this aggression to occupy and divide the region had been preplanned six months ahead of the two conquests [the New York and Washington attacks]. The confusion caused to the enemy was sufficient to make people wake up from their slumber and rise for jihad for the sake of God.

I had the honor of knowing these men. One is honored by knowing such men. God has honored them and enabled them to champion the cause of Islam. I do not see them except as seeds that God planted in His faith and used in His obedience. May God bless them. These are my forefathers; Get me men like them if we are to meet again, O Jarir. [a line of poetry]

He who wants to learn faithfulness, honesty, generosity, and courage to support religion from contemporary persons, then he must draw lessons from Sa'id al-Ghamidi, Muhammad Ata, Khalid al-Mihdar, Ziyad al-Jarrah, Marwan al-Shihhi, and their brothers, may God have mercy on them. These persons learned from the traditions of our prophet Muhammad, May God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon him, who is the most honest, courageous, and generous man. He, may God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon him, said: You will never find me to be stingy, a coward, or a liar.

These traits are necessary for upholding the faith. Whoever is denied these traits cannot champion or uphold the faith.

Here, I say to those who do not enjoy some of these characteristics and who failed to carry out jihad: He who is not convinced of killing should go away and not influence those who are convinced [of killing]. I say to them: He who fears climbing mountains will always live among holes. [verses of poetry]

This faithful youth and his brothers are young. Man is judged by the tiniest parts of his body; that is, his heart and tongue [saying by Prophet Muhammad]. However, they are men with big brains and great resolve. They repeatedly protected their sanity and minds from being trampled under foot or exposed to danger by the deception of the agent governments and their institutions, which paint vice as virtue and vice versa, falsehood as right, and enemies as friends. This is because these young men are true believers, and believers are not bitten twice from the same hole, as our prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, says.

Those youths knew that the road to eternal damnation is the obstruction of the shar'iah [Islamic
law], and even some of its rulings." They refuse to bootlick even princes and ulema over this. They believe that the integrity of the shari'ah enjoys precedence over the safety of men regardless of how great they are. In God's faith, people are treated as equals. They are guided by the saying of the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, which says: By God, if Fatimah Bint-Muhammad were to steal, I would chop off her hand. These young men have understood the meaning of the phrase "There is no God but God, which is the core of Islam. It must prevail over our actions, and guide us in all aspects of our life. Because the facts on the ground are otherwise -- as a matter of fact, the rulers' whims and their legislation prevail over people's actions, even though they permit people to perform some rituals -- these young men knew that the rulers were in the wrong. As a matter of fact, they are apostates, even if they perform prayers, fast, and claim to be Muslims. These young men refused to stay behind and engage in unimportant things. They set out on jihad and hastened to uphold the cause of God and the call for monotheism: There is no God but God. Muhammad is the prophet of God. They engaged in jihad against the infidels. Their condition is like that of Mu'az Bin-al-Jamuh when he asked Abd-al-Rahman Bin-Awf, may they both achieve God's satisfaction, the following question: O uncle, do you know Abu-Jahl [Amr Bin-Hisham, archenemy of Prophet Muhammad and Islam in the early years of Islam]? Bin-Awf said: Yes. What for, my nephew? Bin-al-Jamuh said: I have been told that he called the messenger of God names. By God, if I see him, I will engage him in a fight until the one who is predestined to die before the other is killed. This is honesty, and this is faith.

Each and every matter has its own reality. The reality of this hero, Sa'id al-Ghamidi and his brothers, is that they showed the truthfulness of their faith by offering themselves and their souls for the sake of God. Thus, they gained a status that greatly angered the infidels, and will continue to anger them for a long time, God willing. This happened when they opted for practical applications and drastic solutions to champion the cause of the faith and shunned the unjust atheistic solutions -- the solutions offered by the United Nations, the atheistic parliaments, and the tyrannical rulers, who turned themselves into Gods who legislate and shun God's rulings.

Moreover, they did not pay attention to the futile solutions, the solutions of the prevaricators, the Arabs of the desert who failed to join the mujahidin who were preoccupied with their money and kindred and who were deceived by themselves to the effect that they have been busy [preparing for jihad] for dozens of years. There is a difference between he who views the fields of preparation and the arenas of jihad as a hardship, separation of fathers and sons, and risking one's life and money, thus Satan will prevent him from continuing on the road to jihad and force him not to go to jihad along with those who failed to join the mujahidin. And he who views the arenas of jihad as being the market of Paradise, whose doors are open, thus he fears that they will be closed to him if he is late for an hour or that God is not pleased with him, and so, He will make him lag behind.

God says: And if they had intended to march out, certainly, they would have made some preparation for it; but Allah was averse to their being sent forth, so He made them lag behind, and it was said to them: "Sit you among those who sit (at home)." [Koranic verse] If he does not respond to God's order and fails to go to jihad by obeying the Arabs of the desert who failed to join the mujahidin, God will come in between him and his heart, and thus he will stray from the
right path and be of the sinful ones. God says: O you who believe! Answer Allah (by obeying Him) and His Messenger when he calls you to that which will give you life, and know that Allah comes in between a person and his heart (i.e. He prevents an evil person to decide anything). And verily, to Him you shall all be gathered. [Koranic verse]

God also says: Say: If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your kindred, the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, and the dwellings in which you delight are dearer to you than Allah and His Messenger, and striving hard and fighting in His cause, then wait until Allah brings about His decision (torment). And Allah guides not the people who are Al-Fasiqun (the rebellious, disobedient to Allah). [Koranic verse]

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