

Forum Participant Releases 'Final Message' Address to Germany, Posts Video

Abu-Talha al-Almani

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A translation of the statement follows:

"Praise be to God. Prayers and peace be upon the seal of messengers, all his companions, and those who followed them to the Day of Judgment.

"I am pleased to introduce my new release, entitled 'The Final Message.' "This release is dedicated to the infidel country of Germany.

"This release talks about how the Crusader war started and how the cross worshipers from east to west gathered Under one banner when Bush raised the cross. It also talks about how the Americans, Europeans, and the Germans themselves admit that it is a religious war and how Germany got involved and passed laws that support participation in what they call the war on terrorism. Germany underestimated and completely anesthetized its people with this war in order to protect Germany.

"O Germans the operation will be carried out after the anesthetization, God willing, in a few days.

"Do not forget me in your sincere prayers." Your brother, Abu-Muhammad (TNQV)" A description of the video follows: The 28-minute 31-second starts with the following captions:

"TNQV presents: The Final Message." The video shows excerpts from speeches given by President Bush, Lieutenant General William Boykin, and other US officials talking about the war on terrorism. They described it as a "crusade" and a "religious war."

Then the video shows a portion of a message from Usama Bin Ladin talking about the war. He says: "The war is between us and the Jews." He threatens any country that supports the

Jews. He says: "You know that violations bring down their originators and that injustice has deadly consequences. Killing people is an enormous injustice, and this is precisely what your governments and soldiers are doing. They kill children, women, and the elderly, because Bush was angry with them, even though you know that they were in no way aggressive toward Europe. So why do you violate values that you consider sacred, such as justice and human rights? Not much longer, and the war in Afghanistan will be over. Then only we and you will be left. Then, whoever was done an injustice will revenge himself on that person who did him an injustice. In summary: We demand neither something unjust nor absurd, and it is certainly part of justice for you to stop your injustice and withdraw your soldiers. Those who learn a lesson from the mistakes committed by others is happy. Modest precautions are better than expensive follow-up care. Returning to truth is better than insisting on falsehood.

Then the video showed masked German insurgents. One of them appears, speaking in German with Arabic subtitles: "The European Union and all its allies who support the Americans: the mujahidin are on their way to you and, God willing, we will destroy you all. God will take you and we will be happy in participating in destroying you."

The video shows footage of Angela Merkel with a black circle hiding her face. It also shows footage of military soldiers and vehicles.

The video shows excerpts from a statement by Abu-Talha al-Almani. He says: "Why does Germany participate in the war against Afghanistan? The Afghan people did not do anything to the German people. The mujahidin did not do anything to the German people. If Al-Qa'ida wanted to target Germany for no reason, Muhammad Ata, may God have mercy on him, would have saved himself great effort and carried out his operation directly in Germany. The German government is deceiving its people. It uses excuses that are in fact just a means to justify its attack. Is it possible that those who want to defend their security as the third greatest country make reconstruction their main cause? Is it possible that those who want to defend their security to limit the military work, if they participated in it, in northern Afghanistan? Is it possible for those who want to defend their security to deliberately avoid southern Afghanistan? Is the German Government in Afghanistan really defending the security of its citizens? Mrs. Merkel, this is only lying. Germans were never threatened by the violation of the Afghan homogeneity or by the German Army, which was originally a defense army. Al-Qa'ida did not and does not have any interest in entering a conflict with Germany." Al-Almani was speaking in German with Arabic subtitles.

The following captions appeared in Arabic with German subtitles: "Why Germany in particular, in three threat messages, two from Abu-Talha and one from the Taliban? What is in Germany that does not exist in other countries? Why the threat warning only three times, not more or less? What does the number three mean for Al-Qa'ida? Since when does Taliban threaten external operations? It is the first time, is not it? Why does Abu-Talha's threat come in a tape that carries the name of Al-Qa'ida, not Al-Sahab, as you and I are used to? Why did he appear with a tie and red curtains, while he could have appeared in Western uniform without a tie? Why did he insist on the tie? Do all of you wear ties? What does surrounding the neck mean? What does the red color mean? In what do you and many governments use

the red color? What is the meaning of combining the red and surrounding the neck? Remember that there is random or without meaning for Al-Qa'ida. Have you ever heard that Al-Qa'ida threatens and identifies the place and the timing? Certainly, no. Then why this time? Why only 15 days, not more or less? Does the number 15 remind you of anything? Why did Shaykh Usama Bin Lad in appear in two tapes, one addressed to the US people and the others to the European people? Why did not he address a message to the German people, and this would have been more realistic and formed unprecedented support to the messages of Abu-Talha and the Taliban? Or would Usama delay his support for these threats? Were Bin Ladin's messages addressed to your Western people or his cells in your countries that you cannot protect? Were they orders from him to the cells to move? Finally, why did Al-Sahab production appear at this particular time and specifically under this address "The West and the Dark Tunnel"? Why the entire West, not only the United States or Europe? Why the tunnel? Does the tunnel and tunnels mean anything to you? Why the dark? Does that not remind you of darkening New York once and London another time since you started your war with Al-Qa'ida? The men are coming. They have weaved their shrouds and put their heads on their hands."

The video shows footage of various places in Germany. Then the following captions appear: "He who wants to live in security and peace should decide and choose quickly. The first choice is to embrace Islam and enjoy security." Then the video shows footage of German people who converted to Islam. They narrate the story of their conversion. They talk about their point of view about Islam and the Koran. The video shows footage of German people uttering the two testimonies and converting to Islam.

The video shows another excerpt from a statement by Abu-Talha al-Almani. He says: "As for Muslims in Germany, I say to them may God's peace, mercy, and blessing be upon you. By dear brothers, Al-Qa'ida is asking you stay away from anything that is not necessary in the two weeks following the elections. If the German people did not decide to withdraw their soldiers from Afghanistan, keep your children close to you during this period. I ask God to protect you, your children, and all the children. I say to the Muslim youth: my brothers in Islam, if jihad starts in Germany, let Al-Qa'ida work first. If there is a need to move to the next stage, we will inform you of what you can do to participate in jihad in Germany. The city of Kiel will remain safe, no matter how long the struggle in Germany is. I promise you that."

Then the following caption appears: "Or to practice their right of withdrawing all its country's troops from Muslim lands." The video shows footage of a news report from Al-Jazirah satellite channel about demonstrations in Germany against the war in Afghanistan, and the voice of a reporter appears commenting on the news. The commentator translates a speech given by a German official. He says: "In the German Parliament, there are talks about increasing the troops, not decreasing them. More soldiers mean longer occupation, more resistance, and more killed people.

The video shows another excerpt from a statement by Abu-Talha al-Almani. He says: "If the Germans chose peace, the mujahidin will also choose peace. With the exit of the last

German soldiers from Afghanistan, the last mujahid will be withdrawn from Germany. This is a promise by Al-Qa'ida. This is the Islamic tolerance that the West knows very well and praises very much. Now the German people can benefit from this tolerance and use the proper time. According to its constitution and the holy Koran, Al-Qa'ida is ready to disregard the Germans. It is up to you. What do the German people think about withdrawing its soldiers from Afghanistan and consequently giving a chance to peace and security in Germany and leaving Afghanistan's issue to the Afghan people? The German people could push the majority of the parties to withdraw the troops from Afghanistan."

The following captions appear in Arabic with German subtitles: "Or be a scapegoat for keeping its country's troops in our lands."

The video shows footage of the train bombing in Madrid in 2004. Then the video show the footage of London underground explosion in 2005.

The video shows footage of some men prostrating, while the voice of a man is heard in the background saying: "The mujahidin received the news of the battle with cries of 'God is Great and there is no god but God' and by prostrating to God in gratitude." The men start firing their guns intensively as a celebration of the news.

The video ends with the following caption: "'So wait (expectant); we too will wait with you' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:52). Do not forget me in your sincere prayers. Abu-Muhammad"

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