

Announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham

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“Give good news to the believers”

The declaration of the Islamic State in Iraq and Al-Sham An audio speech for Amir Al-Muminin Abu Bakr Al-Hussaini

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(O you who believe! be careful of (your duty to) Allah with the care which is due to Him, and do not die unless you are Muslims -102- And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited, and remember the favor of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became brethren; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire, then He saved you from it, thus does Allah make clear to you His communications that you may follow the right way -103- And from among you there should be a party who invite to good and enjoin what is right and forbid the wrong, and these it is that shall be successful -104- And be not like those who became divided and disagreed after clear arguments had come to them, and these it is that shall have a grievous chastisement -105-) Surah Aal-e-Imran.

Then,

We send a glad tidings to the Islamic Ummah in the midst of the events which we were established in it and for it, Alhamdulillah and support and success is from Him, so I say seeking assistance from Allah Almighty:

Ascending from a lower level to a higher level is from the graces of Allah Almighty on the Jihadi groups, and it is a proof for their blessed work, as decline and retreat is a proof for a malady, we seek refuge with Allah.

And the high levels aren't so except by the grace of the level or levels that preceded it because it is the paver and grader, and this ascending is only thought by who is given a great deal of searching for the stances which please Allah Almighty so he goes to it quickly, and this ascending is only thought by who is given by Allah Almighty

farsightedness and knowledge of public interests and what the Ummah is waiting from the mujahidin for the sake Allah Almighty.

This ascending is only thought by whom Allah Almighty gave him the knowledge of the stances which enrage the Kuffar and apostates.

The Almighty says: "... nor do they tread a path which enrages the unbelievers, nor do they attain from the enemy what they attain, but a good work is written down to them on account of it; surely Allah does not waste the reward of the doers of good" 120 Surah At-Taubah.

The messenger peace and blessings of Allah be upon him was keen to enrage the polytheists of Mecca, so he kept the she-camel which he took as war booty in the (Ghazwah) of Badr to the sixth year after the blessed Hijrah, to take it to Mecca to slaughter it as an offering to Allah Almighty, and that she-camel was known to the people of Mecca that it was owned by Abu Jahl, Ibn Qayyim – rahimahullah – said in Zad Al-Ma'ad:

"And from the Fiqh benefits from the treaty of Hudaibiya is that the prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him offered among his offerings a camel that belonged to Abu Jahl which had a silver caryopsis in his nose to enrage the polytheists". End of his words rahimahullah.

This ascending, superiority and sublimation needs that we overcome our feelings and minds because it is a Sharia demand, and the Sharia has a priority over both of them.

The names of the Jihadi groups aren't names revealed from the sky or names of tribes or clans which cannot be abandoned or changed or replaced, rather they are names that were founded due to the legitimate necessity, and the supreme legitimate necessity permits to cancel and replace it with others to be at the level of growth and sublimity.

This ascending needs new names that carry the fragrant of Islam in its expansion and extending and spreading for the Ummah to carry the hope of returning.

New names to forget the previous names, despite our sympathy with it, and it was so in the jihad of Iraq, our previous sheikhs – may Allah Almighty accept him – Allah Almighty have assisted them to take the jihad forward, the mujahid sheikh Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi – may Allah accept him – Allah Almighty gave him success to inflict severe losses in the enemies of Allah Almighty from Kuffar and apostates, and beside that blessed work he worked to roundup whom he saw in them goodness, righteousness and sincerity in supporting the religion of Allah Almighty, so he declared in Iraq the name: "Al-Tawhid wa Al-Jihad", and the hearts got attached to that name, and the eyes looked at that group and its work, and the ears heard its news.

And after that group had a presence in the media and battlefield, the sheikh moved to a superior location and higher level and gave Baya'a to the mujahid Amir of Al- Qaeda Organization sheikh Osama bin Laden may Allah accept him.

And I have been told by who heard from the sheikh Abu Musab:

“When I gave Baya'a to sheikh Osama, I swear by Allah I didn't need from him money or weapons or men but I saw in him a symbol for the Ummah to support the religion of Allah Almighty so I became under his command”.

So the blessed Baya'a to Al-Qaeda Organization happened.

From the requirements of this transfer that changing of that name: “Al-Tawhid wa Al-Jihad” which jihad in Iraq was associated to it, and if it wasn't for seeking the pleasure of Allah Almighty and sublimation and superiority and enrages the enemies of Allah it was hard to give up the name “Al-Tawhid wa Al-Jihad” by who established it and belonged to it, since it was the name of the group established by sheikh Al-Zarqawi in the land of the Afghans in the mid-nineties of the past century.

The hearts that associated with that name for the sake of Allah responded to that blessed expansion from the circle of Iraq to be associated to the global jihad circle, and jihad in Iraq became associated to the supreme new name “Qaeda Al-Jihad Organization in Mesopotamia” when sheikh Abu Musab – may Allah accept him - gave Baya'a to Al-Qaeda Organization knew how much this Baya'a will cost Ahli Sunnah in Iraq and how much will it cost his mujahid sons and brothers but pleasing Allah Almighty was above all human assessments so Allah sufficed him the needs of the people.

Our mother Aisha may Allah be pleased with it said: “I heard the messenger of Allah peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said: “Whoever seeks Allah's pleasure by the people's wrath, Allah will suffice him from the people. And who ever seeks the people's pleasure by Allah's wrath, Allah will entrust him to the people”. (Narrated by Tirmidhi rahimahullah)

But the high spirits was still searching to ascend the jihad to the places where Allah Almighty loves to gain his contentment and enrage His enemies, so the sheikh extended his hand to the working groups in the arena which hold the Aqeeda of Ahli Sunnah wa Al-Jamā'ah, and he conditioned on them not to leave the arms no matter what the nature of the Taguti government that will be formed until Allah decides between us and them with the truth or we are killed before that.

And the Amirs of those groups responded to the call of the sheikh and there was an agreement, and there was a determination so there was a new formation and new name “Mujahideen Shura Council” and the group abandoned its name “Al- Qaeda Organization” which terrorized the enemies of Allah Almighty which has a global resonance and is associated to the name of the mujahid sheikh Osama bin Laden may Allah accept him also the other groups gave up its names may Allah give them the best

reward for the Muslims and unite the ranks of the for the sake of Allah Almighty and for His sake they are fighting. And the way of continuing the ascending of the group for the mujahid sheikh Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi was interrupted when he Allah Almighty graced him with martyrdom after he had infused the methodology of superiority for the pleasure of Allah Almighty in the hearts of whom he left from commanders and Amirs so they resumed the march on his blessed footsteps so the mujahid sheikh declared Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi and his war minister the mujahid sheikh Abu Hamza Al-Misri Al-Mujahir may Allah Almighty accept them a new stage and blessed step and with the assistance of their brothers and the support of the good sons of the tribes and its sheikhs so the result of that was the Islamic State of Iraq Alhamdulillah.

After that the name of Mujahideen Shura Council faded away and disappeared. So it is the vision of the senior sheikhs who are concerned of uniting the ranks of the mujahidin and inflicting severe losses in the enemies of the religion to raise the clear Tawhid and like that are the high spirits seek to expand to the arenas of the land of Islam to clash with the enemies of Allah Almighty so let the sheikh Al- Zarqawi be tranquil in his grave since the road which he walked in and set its features and guided to it those who came after him walked in it and we are following their tracks Allah willing. We have been left by who preceded us from our sheikhs on a road which we can only walk on their blessed footsteps since they have drawn for us a way that doesn't recognize borders and sketched for us a methodology that doesn't belong to a nation or race and its journey of ascending doesn't stop, as for Iraq they have continued the journey of ascending by their declaration of the Islamic State and as for Al-Sham they have formed cells that are limited for preparation and aid waiting for a chance to continue the journey of ascending which has to continue, so when the situation in Al-Sham reached to the shedding of blood and violating honors, and people of Al-Sham called for help and the people of earth abandoned them we were obliged to rise up to support them so we assigned Al-Golani who is one of our soldiers with a group of our sons and pushed them from Iraq to Al-Sham to meet with our cells in Al-Sham and set for them the plans and drew for them the policy of work and supplied them with half of what is in the treasury every month and supplied them with men who became experienced from the battlefields from Muhajirin and Ansar so they did well next to their brothers from the ardent sons of Al-Sham, and the influence of the Islamic State expended to Al-Sham and we didn't declare that for security reasons for the people to see the reality of the State away from the distortion, forgery and fabrication of the media and time has come to declare before the people of Al- Sham and the whole world that Jabhat Al-Nusra is only an expansion for the Islamic State of Iraq and part of it and we are determined after making Istikhara of Allah Almighty and consulting whom we trust in his religion and wisdom to continue in the journey of ascending of the group by passing all that will be said since the pleasure of Allah is above everything, and no matter what happens to us because of that so we declare keeping our trust in Allah abolishing the name of the Islamic State of Iraq and abolishing the name of Jabhat Al-Nusra, and joining them under one name "The Islamic State in Iraq and Al-Sham" and also uniting the banner which is the banner of the Islamic State the banner of the Khilafah Insha'Allah, Allah Almighty: (Is not Allah sufficient for His servant? And they seek to frighten you with those besides Him; and whomsoever Allah makes err, there is no guide for him) 36 Surah Az-Zumar, Jabir ibn Abdullah may

Allah be pleased with him said: "A group of people from my Ummah will continue to fight in obedience to the Command of Allah, remaining dominant over their enemies. Those who will oppose them shall not do them any harm. They will remain in this condition until the Hour overtakes them". Narrated by Imam Muslim rahimhullah.

With this declaration the name of Islamic State of Iraq and the name of Jabhat Al- Nusra will fade away Allah willing and disappear in our dealings and they will be part of the history of our blessed jihad as the previous and we in the same time extend our wide hands and open our arms and hearts to the factions doing jihad for the sake of Allah Almighty and the proud tribes in the beloved land of Al-Sham to make the word of Allah the most high and that the people and land be ruled by the laws of Allah Almighty without anyone other than Allah having any share in the rule, the Almighty says: (And fight with them until there is no more persecution and religion should be only for Allah) 39 Surah Al-Anfal, so welcome to who agrees with us to not to leave the arms until we rule with the Sharia of Allah Almighty and who will be responsible for that Insha'Allah on the Al-Sham side from this group our sons from the sons of the Al-Sham who sold their souls to Allah Almighty next to their brothers the Muhajirin for the sake of Allah and the matter isn't for who preceded but who is sincere so who combined both of them has gained what serves the religion of Allah, as for you our people in Iraq and Al- Sham we put on you this responsibility and you are worthy to carry that to defend the religion of your Lord and the Sunnah of your prophet and the honors of the Muslims and their money and blood, as for the sincere Ulema we ask for your support to the religion and call you to join us hasn't time come to dust you're your feet with the soil of the land of jihad for the sake of Allah? Hasn't time come for you to hear the sound of the bullets over your heads? I swear by Allah you will find that fear for the sake of Allah is better from the comfortable bed which you sleep in.

As for you our people in beloved Al-Sham do not be like the butterfly that goes to the fire following its colleagues since you have experienced dictatorship and injustice for long years so beware from replacing these years of injustice by the injustice of democracy and the people of Iraq have preceded to it and it have been implemented in Egypt, Tunisia and Libya so look at their condition and what have become of them and beware that you be stung from the hole which the Muslims in those countries have been stung, Abu Hurayrah may Allah be pleased with him narrated that the prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said: "A believer should not be stung twice from the same hole", do not make democracy the cost for the thousands who were killed from you, do not make democracy the cost for the carnage that are under the ruins of the homes that were demolished over the women, children and elderly, do not make democracy the cost for displacement from homes and living in tents , do not make democracy the cost for the honors of our girls and women that were violated since I swear by Allah it is the worst cost and the worst gain and beware O' people of Al-Sham from corruption, and from corruption is to be ruled by man-made laws after all these sacrifices, IbnTaymiyyah Rahimahullah said in the Fatawa: "Who implements on earth other than the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His messenger then he has spread corruption on earth" so do not accept corruption because in your reform is the proof for the goodness of the Ummah of Islam as the most truthful have said in the Hadith narrated by Al-Tayalisi in his Musnad

from Muawiya may Allah be pleased with him that the messenger of Allah peace and blessings of Allah be upon him said : "When the inhabitants of Ash-Sham become corrupt, then there is no good for you", so beware O' people of Al-Sham that the Ummah of Mohammed peace and blessings of Allah be upon him be defeated from your side, since the clouds is about to disappear from the skies of our dear Ummah for the bright sun of Islam to rise carrying warmth, safety, security, pride and well-off life for every Muslim and Muslima and every boy and girl because all of them have a right in the treasury of the Muslims.

So my sons Muhajirin and Ansar from the sons of the State of Islam I advise you to be good to the people of Al-Sham and Iraq. O' Allah bring together the hearts of the Muhajirin and Ansar as you have brought together the Sahabah of your prophet, O' Allah make those who make Hijrah to Iraq and Al-Sham from those who followed the Muhajirin in goodness, O' Allah make the people of Iraq and Al-Sham from those who followed the Ansar in goodness, O'Allah accept our dead among the martyrs and heal our wounded quickly, O' Allah release the Muslims from captivity, O' Allah shelter their displaced. O' Allah give us a good end by martyrdom for your sake and do not make our calamity in our religion and use us in obeying you and we seek refuge with your Noble Face our Lord that you replace us, Our Lord, pour down upon us patience, and make our steps firm and assist us against the unbelieving people, Amin, O' Lord of the worlds.

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