AQIS Spokesman Identifies Jihad Against America Among Primary Goals
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Usama Mahmoud, the spokesman of the newly-created al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), identified that among the goals of the group is waging jihad against America and the “system of global disbelief,” and uprooting it, in order to establish Shariah-based governance. His audio speech followed that of al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in a 55 minute, 38 second video about the group’s establishment, which was produced by its as-Sahab Media Foundation and posted on jihadi forums on September 3, 2014. In his portion, Mahmoud indicated that AQIS was formed from the gathering of several jihadi groups that have a “long history in jihad and fighting,” and pledged allegiance to both Zawahiri and Afghan Taliban chief Mullah Muhammad Omar. He also spoke about its “basic goals,” noting jihad against America and beliefs such as democracy, secularism, and “usury-based capitalism”; applying the Shariah as a system of governance; supporting the Afghan Taliban, which he recognized as the “Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan,”; and establishing a Caliphate, thus implying its rejection of the Caliphate announced by the Islamic State (IS).

Mahmoud said about a Caliphate:

“Waging jihad so as to revive the Caliphate on the prophetic methodology... a Caliphate that holds the entire Ummah under its wings; a Caliphate that protects the souls of the Muslims and their money and honor; a Caliphate where the emirs are proud in their closeness to the honest scholars and follow their dictates; a Caliphate where the weak and strong are equal before a fair judiciary; a Caliphate where the Muslim farmers sow gold from its resources; a Caliphate where the Muslim traders invest their money, free of the shackles of usury and high taxes; a Caliphate where the Caliph inspects the situation of the poor and the workers in love and fear for them; a Caliphate in whose shadow even the disbelieving people of dhimma [non-Muslim citizens of an Islamic state] have a life of safety and security.”

The video is available here:
http://sitemultimedia.org/video/SITE_Sahab_Establishment_AQIS.mp4

Following is a translation of Usama Mahmoud’s portion:

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Renewing the Pledge of Allegiance and the Objectives of the Group

Statement from Ustadh Usama Mahmoud, may Allah Preserve Him, the Official Spokesman for Qaedaat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent
Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, the Supporter of the oppressed. Peace and blessings be upon the Imam of the Mujahideen, our master, Muhammad, and upon his family and all of his Companions. And thereafter:

Allah the Almighty said: “And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves, and remember Allah's Favor on you, for you were enemies one to another but He joined your hearts together, so that, by His Grace, you became brethren (in Islamic Faith), and you were on the brink of a pit of Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His Ayat (proofs, evidence, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.,) clear to you, that you may be guided.” [Al-Imran: 103]

And Allah the Almighty said: “And if they intend to deceive you, then verily, Allah is All-Sufficient for you. He it is Who has supported you with His Help and with the believers. * And He has united their (i.e. believers') hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have united their hearts, but Allah has united them. Certainly He is All-Mighty, All-Wise. * O Prophet! Allah is Sufficient for you and for the believers who follow you.” [Al-Anfal: 62-64]

And the Glorified and Exalted said: “Verily, Allah loves those who fight in His Cause in rows (ranks) as if they were a solid structure.” [As-Saff: 4]

O Muslim brothers everywhere: Peace be upon you, and Allah's mercy and blessings. We congratulate the Islamic Ummah in general and the Muslims of Pakistan, India, and the rest of the Indian subcontinent in particular for the creation of a new branch of Qaedat al-Jihad, named “Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent”. We ask our Protector, Glorified and Exalted be He, to grant it success in raising the word of Allah the Great and Almighty upon the method of the Book [Qur'an] and the Sunnah [traditions of the Prophet Muhammad].

This group was formed by the gathering of several jihadi groups that have a long history in jihad and fighting; groups that rose up to obey the command of Allah the Great and Almighty - “And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah (i.e. this Qur'an), and be not divided among yourselves” [From Al-Imran: 103] - so they united and came together and applied the directives of their beloved emir, Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah preserve him, on the ground. Thus, they came together and joined their ranks and formed one entity under the leadership of Sheikh 'Asim Umar, may Allah preserve him.

May Allah reward Sheikh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, Sheikh Attiya Allah, Sheikh Abu Yahya, Ustadh Hassan Gul, commander Badr Mansour, and Ustadh Faydh Umar Aqdas, may Allah have mercy on them, and others from among our sheikhs and professors, may Allah reward them well, whose efforts, dedication, and sacrifice culminated in this unity... and whose directives and guidance laid the intellectual and practical foundations of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent! We ask Allah the Great and Almighty to grant this group steady footsteps on the blessed path that has shown its landmarks with its blood - the path of the renewer of jihad, Sheikh Abdullah Azzam, may Allah have mercy on him, and the martyr of the Ummah, Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him. Amen!

We cannot forget in our supplications the martyred leaders under whose blessed care the tree of jihad was raised in this region, led by Ustadh Amjad Farouqi, Sheikh Ilyas Kashmiri, Ustadh...
'Adnan, commander Abdul Hadi Faysal, Sheikh Ahsan Aziz, and Dr. Arshad Wahid... may Allah have mercy on all of them.

In this moment of joy, the images of our martyrs and imprisoned ones go through our heads and so the sincerest prayers for them flow from our heart... those people whom through their blood and sacrifices, the sun of Jihad rose in this region as bright white. O Allah! Approve of all of them! O Allah! Grant us success in Your mercy to release our imprisoned brothers... and place our martyrs in Your Paradise with the prophets, truthful ones, and the righteous.

We take this opportunity to clarify some of the basic goals of Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent:

First: Waging jihad against America and the system of global disbelief that grew under its sponsorship, and seeking to uproot this system, and raising the word of Tawhid [monotheism] in the centers of disbelief and tyranny... This is the unjust system that sabotaged the empowerment of the Shariah of Allah in civilization by destroying the Ottoman Caliphate. This is the system that paved the way for the Jews to take over the first of the two Qiblahs [direction to which a Muslim faces for prayer], and strengthened the foothold of America and its henchmen in the Land of the Two Holy Mosques [Saudi Arabia]. This is the system that secured the hegemony of the disbelievers on the lands of the Muslims in Bosnia, Chechnya, Kashmir, and Burma, and empowered the sovereignty of usury-based capitalism on the lives of people. This is the system that put upon the worshipers of Allah a political system built on non-religious, democratic, secular principles, and weakened the Islamic creed and corrupted the Muslim society. And because of this system, apostate, traitor armies were put upon the Islamic lands and the rulers hostile to Islam.

Second: Seeking to apply the Shariah and revive the Muslim society, and choosing the best way of the Book and the Sunnah to do this, and atop the list is fighting in the cause of Allah.

Third: Seeking to liberate all the occupied Muslim lands and freeing the frustrated people of the Indian Subcontinent in particular, and inciting the Ummah of Muhammad, Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, to do this, and sacrificing all that is precious and cheap for this divine aim, and not to acknowledge any law or treaty that takes away the rights of the Muslim peoples or prevents them from fulfilling the obligation of jihad.

Fourth: Waging jihad so as to revive the Caliphate on the prophetic methodology... a Caliphate that holds the entire Ummah under its wings; a Caliphate that protects the souls of the Muslims and their money and honor; a Caliphate where the emirs are proud in their closeness to the honest scholars and follow their dictates; a Caliphate where the weak and strong are equal before a fair judiciary; a Caliphate where the Muslim farmers sow gold from its resources; a Caliphate where the Muslim traders invest their money, free of the shackles of usury and high taxes; a Caliphate where the Caliph inspects the situation of the poor and the workers in love and fear for them; a Caliphate in whose shadow even the disbelieving people of dhimma [non-Muslim citizens of an Islamic state] have a life of safety and security.
Fifth: Supporting the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan... that which is the hope of the Ummah to revive the Caliphate on the level of the whole Islamic world, and repulsing the arrows directed at it with our chests, and supporting the Emirate and strengthening it with every available method.

Sixth: Establishing a Muslim society where the hand of the unjust is dealt with; where the oppressed is supported even if he is a disbeliever; where it is easy to promote virtue and difficult to commit vice; where the women enjoy respect and appreciation; where boys lay down the wing of humility for their parents; and where the homes and families have rest and reassurance.

O our hurt Ummah! The mujahideen seek to bring the worshipers away from worshiping worshipers to worshiping the Lord of the worshipers, and to get them out of the injustice of the religions and regimes and their restriction, to the openness of Islam and its mercy and blessings.

My good brothers, this is a call to fulfill an obligation, a call that invites to perform the obligation of jihad, ignoring differences of creed and side arguments. Heeding this call and participating in this jihad not only guarantees comfort and dignity in this world, but also gives tidings of the success of the future as well, meaning the Paradise of the Lord of the Worlds after leaving this fleeting earth. Allah the Most High and Mighty said: “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.” [Al-Anfal: 24]

On this occasion, the mujahideen of “Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent” renew their pledge of allegiance to their good emir Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah preserve him, and through him they renew their pledge of allegiance to the Emir of the Believers Mullah Muhammad Omar Mujahid, may Allah support him. Here we confirm to our emir, the Emir of the Believers, that we believe that defending the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is the worthiest of our duties, and with the strength of Allah, we will not wane in sacrifice so as to preserve it and support it with all that we possess.

On this occasion, we say to the mujahideen all over the world, and especially to the lions of Allah in all the different branches of Qaedat al-Jihad: Our brothers and beloved in Allah, your mujahideen brothers in the Indian Subcontinent are with you in this blessed journey with their souls and bodies so as to revive the Caliphate and liberate the holy lands. You are from us and we are from you. We love you in Allah, and our prayers are with you. Your victory is our victory, and your pains hurt us. We wish and hope that you will not prevent us from your good calls and advice and guidance, may Allah dignify you.

On this occasion, we confirm to our good scholars and callers to our good religion that we are your sons and students. The effect of the Qur'an and the Sunnah for which you expend effort in putting it in the hearts of the people day and night, is the same effort for which we do jihad, so as to see it applied in the fields of politics, justice, economy, and society. Defending you and supporting you is the worthiest of our duties, and serving you is happiness for us. Restoring the sovereignty of the Shariah science upon society is the first of the steps to correct the path in our belief. We require your guidance. We are waiting to join you in the convoy of jihad, and we ask from you support and prayers.
On this occasion, we say to our mujahideen brothers in Pakistan that the jihad we waged under the slogan of “Either Shariah or Martyrdom” by the command of the martyr of the Ummah, Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him, after that great sacrifice given by the martyrs of Lal Masjid [Red Mosque], we will continue it with more determination and insistence, Allah permitting, for it is the only path that leads to that divine goal for which millions of Muslims in the Indian Subcontinent sacrificed when Pakistan was formed, namely, to establish a state on the basis of ‘there is no god but Allah,’ and it is the gateway to invading India about which our Prophet, Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, spoke, and it is the defensive line of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

And on this occasion, we extend a hand of sincerity and cooperation on goodness to all the jihadi groups in the field, and we confirm to them that our relationship is built on love, brotherhood, cooperation in righteousness, and fearing Allah. You will find, Allah willing, that Qaedat al-Jihad in the Indian Subcontinent is a reason in strengthening you and supporting you, by the grace of Allah the Almighty.

O Allah, give our peoples the spring of Islam, and give this region the shade of Shariah and safety!

O Allah, reform the state of your worshipers who came out to the fields of jihad to raise Your word, and comfort the Ummah of Your Prophet, and for fear for the sanctity of the Muslims!

O Allah, make them steadfast on righteousness and support them, and with Your mujahideen worshipers, break the back of those who sabotaged Your Shariah on this earth and sought to spread secularism, corruption, and injustice! Amen, then Amen!

“Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error, our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us (Jews and Christians); our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Pardon us and grant us Forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Maula (Patron, Supporter and Protector, etc.) and give us victory over the disbelieving people.” [From Al-Baqarah: 286]

May the peace and prayers of Allah the Almighty be upon the best of His creation, Muhammad, and upon his family and all of his Companions.

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