

Al-Qaeda Draws Awareness to Drought in Somalia, Urges Muslims to Provide Support
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Al-Qaeda (AQ) drew awareness to the drought in Somalia in the 13th issue of its al-Nafeer bulletin, and urged Muslims to provide support and distinguish their brethren from their foes.

The group's as-Sahab Media Foundation posted the bulletin on its Telegram channel on March 26, 2017. Noting the efforts by its branch in Somalia, the Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement, in providing relief to Somali families afflicted by the drought, AQ remarked that Western countries and those of "invading African forces" have not provided anything. It also claimed that it is due to Ethiopian constructing dams and reservoirs on the Shabelle River that Somali Muslims are experiencing the drought. It added: "Our Muslim brothers: hasten to aid your brothers in need everywhere, and implement the fundamental of the single Ummah entity by being concerned and helping out your brothers."

Following is a translation of the bulletin:

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"By no means shall you attain Allah's Reward, unless you spend (in Allah's Cause) of that which you love; and whatever of good you spend, Allah knows it well." [Al-Imran, 92]

At the same time the land of Somalia is experiencing drought, its people have not received from the Western countries and from the invading African forces a single bite of food to relieve their hunger, or a single drop of water to quench their thirst. And they are the ones who came along claiming that they are there to save the poor population and lift it from the below-poverty situation to a decent level where people would live secure and content.

In the meantime, we find the mujahideen of the Shabaab al-Mujahideen Movement, who are being accused by the agent apostate government and the invading hostile Crusader forces of being radical extremists and imposing themselves on the people, every now and then announcing campaigns for the relief of the general Muslim population who are affected by the drought. They managed to extend water supplies to the areas affected by the drought in southern and central Somalia in the regions of Mudug, Hiran, Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle, Bay, Bakool, and Jedo. And in the area of distribution of nutritional relief, we find the Movement in the regions of Galguduud and Mudug in central Somalia, distributing nutritional relief to thousands of the families that are affected by the drought.

In the Islamic Lower Shabelle province, the Movement distributed nutritional relief to hundreds of the families in the city of Koniyo Baru, and the villages surrounding its outskirts amongst others, and the Movement is still making every effort to extend the relief supplies to all the affected areas.

Our honorable brothers of Somalia: it is in the time of hardships where claims appear, and identified as either truths or lies. You have witnessed by yourselves the honesty and faithfulness of your brothers the mujahideen when the hardship of drought struck you over the past few years and this year as well. The agent government still throws itself in the open arms of the invading countries, and it is because of them that your catastrophes increase; like from Ethiopia, that has negatively affected you by building their dams and reservoirs along the Shabelle River, becoming the main reason behind the drought.

Our Muslim brothers: hasten to aid your brothers in need everywhere, and implement the fundamental of the single Ummah entity by being concerned and helping out your brothers.

As Sheikh Usama said, may Allah have mercy on him, who loved his Ummah always:

“It is of utmost importance to reiterate that one of our deadliest defects and the reason for the delay and lack of the relief supplies is igniting the limited killer spirit of patriotism at the expense of the spirit of the single Ummah entity. The financial recourses that exist in the Arabian Peninsula belong to all Muslims. The oil of the Muslims belongs to all Muslims. But what happens in reality is that some is spent unrightfully and recklessly without any supervision, while many Muslims fall victim to floods, poverty, famine, hunger, and ignorance, and actually end up dying, and there is no power or strength except from Allah!!”

Some of the efforts of the mujahideen to relieve their brothers in Somalia:

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