

Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi Issues Audio Statement Regarding the Latest Gaza Attacks

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Terrorism: Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi Issues Audio Statement Regarding the Latest Gaza Attacks. On 10 January, a participant on a jihadist website posted an introductory statement and links to download a 15-minute, 46-second audio message by Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi, leader of the Al-Qa'ida-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), titled "The Believers Are But a Single Brotherhood." In the audio message, Al-Baghdadi outlines how Palestinians should counter Israel's operation in Gaza, and promises increased attacks on US forces in Iraq in retaliation for Gazans' plight. Al-Baghdadi proposes that "smart men" lead Palestinian expatriates into Gaza to fight alongside their brethren. He then asks soldiers in countries like Egypt to smuggle weapons into Gaza, or at least make the location of these weapons known to willing fighters. He urges Palestinians to unite and fight together, and reminds Palestinians all over the world of their "duty" to aid their brothers in Gaza. Finally, he chides "Palestinian organizations" for their inaction, and asks that weapons stored in Palestinian camps be used for fighting instead of military parades. Al-Baghdadi concludes by urging Muslims to target Jewish and US interests throughout the world, and promising more attacks against US forces in Iraq. A translation of the text statement follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

"Al-Furqan Media Production Establishment

"Presents:

"An urgent audio message from the Amir of the Believers
(Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi)

"Titled

"The Believers Are But a Single Brotherhood"
(Links)

"On you God, do we rely. And You are our cause.

"Oh God, Revealer of the book, Dispenser of the clouds, Defeater of the parties, crush the malicious rejectionists (Shi'ites), the Zionist Crusaders, and their allies. Oh God, make them and their weapons and equipment easy booty for the Muslims. Oh God, destroy them and shake them. Oh Lord, you are the one who helps us and assists us. With your power we move, and by your power we fight.

"God is great. 'But honor belongs to Allah and His messenger, and to the believers; but the hypocrites know not' (Koranic verse; Al-Munafiqun 63:8).

"Do not forget us in your supplications

"Your brothers at Al-Furqan Media Production Establishment

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The audio begins with a Koranic verse, then excerpts from the full length statement. A translation of the verse and excerpts follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

" '38. Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe: verily, Allah loveth not any that is a traitor to faith, or show ingratitude.

" '39. To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged;- and verily, Allah is most powerful for their aid;-

" '40. (They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right,- (for no cause) except that they say, "our Lord is Allah. Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure. Allah will certainly aid those who aid his (cause);- for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might, (able to enforce His Will)' (Koranic verse, Al-Hajii 22:38-40)

"Al-Furqan is pleased to present an audio message by the Amir of the Believers, Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi, may God protect him, titled "The Believers Are But a Single Brotherhood"

"God is great, God is great, God is great.

" 'Aiding the weak Muslims in Gaza is a duty for every Muslim, and a duty enforced by the Lord of the Earth and Sky. Letting them down and the failure to aid them and rid them of the injustice and unfairness, is a great sin and misdeed, and constitutes complicity in a crime whose shame will remain with every Muslim in his life, and after dying. Muslims, let aid for your brothers in Gaza create a spark to move forward to liberate the country from the tyranny of human beings.'

" 'The war has been declared against the weak in Gaza by the land of the entity (Israel), by the miserable Egypt, under the leadership of its tyrant, the non-blessed (derogatory reference to Egyptian president Husni Mubarak), who is an enemy of God and Muslims, and an ally of criminal Jews. Muslims, if there will not be a stand today against these traitor leaders, then when will it be?'

" 'Rebel against them, crush their thrones, remove their rule, and squash their tyranny and despotism. Use weapons and fighting to get rid of the dilemma of humiliation and life of shame.'

" 'And the solution that we see -- God willing -- is:

" 'First: we call on smart men to lead the angry masses in the neighboring streets and cities of

Palestine in order to storm the borders and join our people in Palestine in their jihad with all possible means, by seizing the weapons of the Border Guards, whose role is to protect the Jewish state.

" 'Second: we call on officers and conscripts of the Arab armies to smuggle weapons to Gaza or to give information about the weapons' magazines and depots to people that can smuggle them into Palestine.'

" 'Everyone should know that our battle with the Jews and their agents is not a battle of throats and shouts; it is a battle where blood flows like rivers and flesh is scattered like rocks.'

" 'As for our brothers in Palestine generally and Gaza specifically, it is a pressing obligation on those who fight to raise high the word of God and glorify their religion to unify their ranks under one banner.'

"Praise be to God, Lord of all creation, who said in His book: 'Fighting is prescribed for you, and ye dislike it. But it is possible that ye dislike a thing which is good for you, and that ye love a thing which is bad for you. But Allah knoweth, and ye know not' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara 2:216).

"Peace and prayers be upon the bringer of good news who said: "the matter is Islam, its contours are Prayers and its top is fighting in the cause of Allah (Jihad)." He also said: "One who died but did not fight in the way of Allah nor did he express any desire (or determination) for Jihad died the death of a hypocrite."

A translation of the audio follows:

"The brothers of apes and pigs and the worshipers of the tyrant pour firey lava on our people in Gaza. They killed women, they killed the elderly, and they knocked down houses on the heads of their owners, and then increased their tyranny, oppression, and recklessness and destroyed mosques -- houses of God. They do that before the view of all Muslims, and broadcast by all media outlets, so what did you do -- the nation of Islam?

"Did you not read God's saying 'And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? -- Men, women, and children, whose cry is:

"Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from thee one who will protect; and raise for us from thee one who will help!' (Koranic verse, Al-Nissa 4:75). And His saying 'The Believers are but a single Brotherhood' (Koranic verse, Al-Hajarat 49:10). And what do you do with His saying 'The Believers, men and women, are protectors one of another: they enjoin what is just' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawba 9:71).

"Aiding the weak Muslims in Gaza is a duty for every Muslim, and a duty enforced by the Lord of the Earth and Sky. Letting them down and the failure to aid them and rid them of the injustice and unfairness, is a great sin and misdeed, and constitutes complicity in a crime whose shame will remain with every Muslim in his life, and after dying. Muslims, let aid for your brothers in Gaza create a spark to move forward to liberate the country from the tyranny of human beings.

"Muslims, the rulers of the Islamic countries are traitors, infidels, sinners, liars, swindlers, and criminals. Where are the slogans of patriotism, Arabism, and nationalism while the war has been declared against the weak in Gaza by the land of the entity (Israel), by the miserable Egypt, under the leadership of its tyrant, the non-blessed (derogatory reference to Egyptian president

Husni Mubarak), who is an enemy of God and Muslims, and an ally of criminal Jews. Muslims, if there will not be a stand today against these traitor leaders, then when will it be? They betrayed your religion, stole your money, and here they are today, participating in the killing of your brothers and children.

"Rebel against them, crush their thrones, remove their rule, and squash their tyranny and despotism. Use weapons and fighting to get rid of the dilemma of humiliation and life of shame. What was taken by force cannot be retrieved by anything other than force. What was taken by military coups and false polytheistic elections cannot be restored by anything other than the firing of rifles. Honesty is honesty with God and self. Do you think that the rulers of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Arab Peninsula will rise up one day to defend the religion, land, and honor? The answer is known to every nursing child who felt the bitterness of humiliation and pain in the milk of his mother. For how long will we be silent?

"Muslims, let aiding your brothers in Gaza create a spark to move forward to liberate the country from the tyranny of human beings. The messenger of God, peace be upon him, said: 'The Hour will not come until the Romans camp at al-A'mash or Dabiq. An army, composed of the best people on earth at that time, will come out from Medina to meet them. When they have arranged themselves in ranks, the Romans will say, 'Do not stand between us and those who took prisoners from amongst us. Let us fight with them.' One-third will run away, and Allah will never forgive them. One-third will be killed, and they will be the best of martyrs in Allah's sight. One-third, who will never be subjected to trials or tribulations, will win.'

"This is how a Muslim should be; he does not let down his brother, and does not leave him to his enemy and put him in a situation of need. If God did not forgive those who escaped after fighting in this battle, what do you think the sin of those who did not fight will be? (The Prophet), peace be upon him, said: "support your brother whether he is unfair or being treated unfairly." And he said, peace be upon him: "A Muslim is the brother of a Muslim: he neither oppresses him nor does he fail him."

"We are a nation for each other like stacked buildings, just like the messenger of God described us and said: "A believer for another believer is like a building in which every part strengthens the others."

"And the solution that we see -- God willing -- is:

"First: we call on smart men to lead the angry masses in the neighboring streets and cities of Palestine in order to storm the borders and join our people in Palestine in their jihad with all possible means, by seizing the weapons of the Border Guards, whose role is to protect the Jewish state.

"Second: we call on officers and conscripts of the Arab armies to smuggle weapons to Gaza or to give information about the weapons' magazines and depots to people that can smuggle them into Palestine, or lead those who can seize the weapons to the storage places of weapons. These weapons should be smuggled to our people in Palestine, because the scene of the choppers in the sky hurts me, and such advanced weapons (as those used by Israel) are not necessary.

"These weapons should be used in killing every tyrant, whether big or small, who tries to stop our demonstrations of solidarity with our people in Gaza.

"Everyone should know that our battle with the Jews and their agents is not a battle of throats

and shouts; it is a battle where blood flows like rivers and flesh is scattered like rocks. God will not lift humiliation from upon us we give ourselves up readily for the cause of God, and implement the laws of God on His Earth.

"Third: As for our brothers in Palestine generally and Gaza specifically, it is a pressing obligation on those who fight to raise high the word of God and glorify their religion to unify their ranks under one banner, to abandon earthly pleasures, and to fight the enemy of God according to God's orders.

"If you do not unite now, when will you? Fear God and fight the enemy of God like God ordered you. The Great Almighty said 'Truly Allah loves those who fight in His Cause in battle array, as if they were a solid cemented structure' (Koranic verse, Al-Saaf 61:4).

"Fourth: Palestinians throughout the world have the duty to aid. Not one country is without (Palestinians) with military expertise and great education, which makes them capable of revenge. They have to target Jewish and American interests everywhere. They -- praise be to God -- do not lack experience or courage. They are more willing than others to aid their people.

"Fifth: Is it not time for the weapons stored in the warehouses of the Palestinian organizations to be used to revolt against the attacker, instead of the unending military parades in the camps? What day are they waiting for? Is there a hardship more than this hardship? Or are they to defend the leftovers of life that are given to them by the tyrant leaders in their countries? I warn Muslims, especially scholars, against confining the anger of the people to useless demonstrations, or placating them by collecting donations that will never reach their brothers, just as the Jews and Christians want. They kill us, and then tell their agents to receive our wounded and bury our dead. Therefore, they established what is called the Red Cross. As for us here in Iraq, we promise our people in Gaza that we will not let them down on the frontline of our fight against the Jews and their suppliers. We will increase our attacks against the American enemy, and we bring good news to our brothers in Palestine and Iraq that victory is near. God said 'So, verily, with every difficulty, there is relief' (Koranic verse, Al-Sharh 94:5).

"We see the end of the Jews and their agents near by the hands of the knights of monotheism and the holders of its banner.

"There is no God but God, God is great, God is great, God is great.

"God prevails over every issue, but many people do not know that.

"Your brother, Abu Umar Al-Baghdadi"