In New Audio, Abu-Yahya al-Libi Calls on Shaykh To Physically Be With Mujahidin

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On 11 July, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a message from the Al-Fajr Media Establishment in which the latter announced the release of an audio by Abu-Yahya al-Libi, titled, "A Message to One of the Shaykhs." In the 8-minute 56-second audio, Al-Libi urged a certain scholar/cleric to heed the call and make himself physically present with the mujahidin on the battlefield and to assist them with encouragement and fatwas, as well as advice. It was not very clear if the call was to all pro-jihad scholars or to a specific one, since no names were mentioned and the language is not specific. Although the voice sounds close to that of Abu-Yahya al-Libi, it is difficult to confirm it, especially because such videos and audios by Abu-Yahya al-Libi are usually produced by Al-Sahab and released by Al-Fajr Media, whereas this one did not mention Al-Sahab Media -- the media division of the Al-Qa'ida of Jihad Organization. To listen to audio, click here.

A translation of the Al-Fajr message follows:

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

"The Al-Fajr Media Center presents:

"An audio message titled 'A Message to One of the Shaykhs...,' by respected Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi, may God protect him.

"To download (several links provided)

"Remember us in your best prayers

"Source: The Al-Fajr Media Center."

A translation of Al-Libi's audio statement follows:

"I seek refuge with God from the accursed Satan;

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

"Praise belongs only to God, and prayers and peace be upon the last prophet.

"Thereafter, to the respected scholar shaykh, may God protect him and raise his rank and may He join him with the prophets, the saints, the martyrs, and the righteous, for there are no better companions that this.

"May peace and the mercy and blessings of God be with you."
"Your eminence is aware of the great happenings being experienced by the Islamic Ummah. These events are blowing from East and West and have become clear with the unjust crusade that was led by the protector of nonbelief, the mother of evil, and the defender of the Jewish state, America. It freely moved its hands to corrupt the countries and the people. It destroyed the houses over its occupants' heads, blew up the mosques with their worshippers, and committed major transgressions and shameful acts, which the media promoted until it reached even the virgins under their veils. It became a widely know subject, about which it was openly boasting without hesitation. Its scandals and missiles continued with the help of their hirelings from among the country's agents from among our people, who spoke our language and bear our names.

"Confronted with these great armies, which possess the strongest military armory and the most recent equipment, and with this coalition of parties from every creed and every faith, the young Muslim men, the lions of monotheism and the death-defying men, rose up for the sake of the faith with nothing to their names except their faith in their God. They stood barefoot, naked, poor, weak, and disheveled, scattered and homeless, with the hands of the nonbelievers snatching them and the eyes of the traitors following them in every place and in every home. However, they continued with firm determination, unshakable certainty, and unchangeable faith to defend the religion with everything they have. They were the secure fence of their Ummah and the well-fortified shield of their faith. With their deeds, they pleased every faithful person, and angered every hypocrite apostate.

"They were the shining jewel in the forehead of this black era, and the bright moon in its dark sky.

(Al-Libi quotes the following verses from a poem)

"Youth who find their green fields in devotional gardens,

"For Allah they gather and for Allah they offer,

"If you look at them, you would think that they have come from eternity or are on their trip to eternity;

"They are the ones who establish justice. If they disappear, justice also disappears.

"On their faces ran the most precious stars and shone the abundant season;

"The reins refuse but their palms, and the horses do not charge unless they ride them.'

"After the success given by Almighty God and His guidance in correcting the views, stabilizing the hearts and the feet, signs of victory have begun to appear to every Muslim. The sun of Islam began to rise slowly, while the armies of evil began to fumble in the quagmire of calamities that have begun to befall them, by the grace, strength, and power of God. Their admission of defeat and profession of downfall are heard almost every day, as they stray and look for a way out of these successive calamities. Praise and gratitude be to God. One can truly feel the saying of God, the Generous and the Giver, 'Remember when ye were a small (band), despised throughout the land, and afraid that men might despoil and kidnap you; But He provided safe asylum for you, strengthened you with His aid, and gave you Good things for sustenance: that ye might be grateful.' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal 8:26)
"By the grace of Almighty God, the mujahidin in Afghanistan have realized successive victories and continuous conquests. They are now much better than they were before. They are now targeting the Christian and apostate enemies in the heart of their centers, with martyrdom and sudden attacks and with wide-ranging forced entries, tight ambushes, and concentrated shelling. By the grace of God, the mujahidin are patient and enduring, industrious and diligent. They are determined to turn this winter into hell for the infidels, in which they will not enjoy a quiet, peaceful, and warm winter. The mujahidin will do everything in their power to bear the hardships of cold weather to continue with their operations to prevent the infidels from reorganizing themselves and restructuring their falling ranks.

"Anyway, the mujahidin's conditions are improving, and the signs of conquest and empowerment are being felt by everyone. We wanted to share these good signs with our dear shaykh, may Almighty God protect him and raise him, since we have learned of his sincere desire to know the news of the mujahidin, to learn about their situation, and to care about their concerns, following the saying of our prophet, prayers and peace be upon him: 'The example of the believers in their mutual kindness, compassion, and sympathy is like one body. If one limb is afflicted, the whole body responds to it with restlessness and fever.' (Hadith) We ask God to bless you and bless your knowledge and your life.

"However, our dear shaykh, may God grant you success and may He lift you and raise your rank, we do not hide from you that what the mujahidin in the jihad arena are missing most is a shortage, if not a lack, in the number of sincere and active scholars who were supposed to be side by side with their children, so that they could learn from them, benefit from their literature, take guidance from them, and abide by their fatwas.

"There is no doubt that the mujahidin, by the grace of God alone, trust people like you who proclaim the truth, and they love you and respect you. You might not know the impact of your words on their hearts when they hear some of your support or advice. Imagine if you were by their side, if they could see you and you could see them, and if they could hear your advice directly from you. By God, our dear shaykh, you shall find in the jihad arenas, among your children and your loved ones, what you have not seen or heard of the high regard, reverence, and respect. By God, and I swear by God again, you shall witness the divine unfolding of understanding, knowledge, and clear-sightedness -- multiple times more than those that were granted to you by God.

"Our dear shaykh, may God multiply your blessings, and may He raise your rank in both worlds (this life and the hereafter), the jihad arena is filled with great battles and significant issues, most of which are urgent, and cannot wait. The mujahidin are in dire need of unwavering scholars like you, to whom their affairs can be entrusted. We believe that you are suitable for this and every good thing. At least we should consult you, refer to you, and ask for your guidance and enlightenment with your fatwas in such matters that might befall us. May God grant you more distinction and may He protect you and use you to exasperate His enemies, the enemies of the religion, He is the All-Hearing and All-Knowing.

"Peace and mercy and blessings of God be with you.

"Your humble son, Abu-Yahya al-Libi"