Al-Qai'ida in Arabian Peninsula Leader Urges Yemeni Tribes to Fight Government
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On 19 February, a jihadist website posted several links to a 20-minute 10-second audio message by Al-Qa'ida Organization in Arabian Peninsula leader, Abu-Basir Nasir al-Wuhayshi, entitled "They Plot and Plan, and God Plans Too." The title of this audio message is part of a Koranic verse. The statement is produced by the Sada al-Malahim Establishment for Media Production, and disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center. In the audio message, Al-Wuhayshi calls on the Yemeni tribes and the people of the Arabian Peninsula to use their arms to support Gaza. Al-Wuhayshi also calls on the Yemeni tribes to fight against the Yemeni Government. The statement also includes links to the Arabic transcript of Al-Wuhayshi's audio message.

A translation of the text statement follows:

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

"Sada al-Malahim Establishment for Media Production

"Presents:

"An audio message by amir of Al-Qa'ida Organization in Arabian Peninsula,

"Shaykh Nasir al-Wuhayshi; may God protect him,

"Titled

"'They Plot and Plan, and God Plans Too' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:30)

(Links)

"Do not forget us in you supplications

"Your brothers at the Sada al-Malahim Establishment for Media Production

"Source: Al-Fajr Media Center"

A translation and description of the audio message follows:

The audio message starts with a narrator, saying: "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

Then a recitation of a Koranic verse follows: "When the Believers saw the Confederate forces, they said: "This is what Allah and his Messenger had promised us, and Allah and His Messenger told us what was true." And it only added to their faith and their zeal in obedience' (Koranic verse; Al-Ahzab, 33:22). Then, a jihadist chant is played, urging Muslims and Arabs to take to arms to "destroy all Jews" and to "continue struggle". The narrator then introduces the audio message, of which excerpts are provided.
After Al-Wuhayshi's audio message, a poem entitled "Usama's Voice to the People of Gallantry" written by Abu-al-Bara and recited by a person named Abu-Khalid. The poem calls on all Arab tribes in the Arabian Peninsula to carry out jihad, and it mentions names of many Arab tribes in the Arabian Peninsula.

A translation of the audio message follows:

"Praise be to God alone, He granted victory to His servant, glorified His soldiers, and He alone defeated Al-Ahzab (the confederates from Arab tribes that fought Prophet Muhammad). Prayers and peace be upon the last of prophets, and upon his family and companions.

"Hence, my dear ummah, I would like to inform you about a day similar to the day of the Al-Ahzab battle, when they all pledged to infidelity, and planned to annihilate the Muslims in the abode of the Al-Ansar (Medina), the city of the God's messenger, God's prayer and peace be upon him. Thus, the confederates tried with their full army, and allies, assisted with the Jewish plots, but God 'turned back the Unbelievers for (all) their fury: no advantage did they gain; and enough is Allah for the believers in their fight' (Partial Koranic verse; Al-Ahzab, 33:25).

"Today is similar to yesterday, the confederates have gathered on the land of faith and wisdom as the Crusader French, British, and other foreigners have come to the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Aden, and besieged the peninsula of Islam (Arabian Peninsula) from the sea. The Al Salul rulers (derogatory reference to Al Su'ud) came with their hypocrites, topped by Muhammad Bin-Nayif (Saudi assistant interior minister), in addition to this trivial ruler Ali Abdallah Salih, who compulsorily opened his country for this flagrant occupation in a humiliating and way in order to gain their satisfaction, but they will not get satisfied with him.

"They use several flimsy pretexts, such as maritime piracy, and alleged saboteurs form land. The objective of this new Crusade is to establish the alleged Jewish state from the river to the sea, demolish Jerusalem, destroy the steadfast heroes in Gaza, and to completely control the peninsula of Islam. You should understand the dimensions of their plan and plot. By God, it is one war, in which they mastered deceit, and they were assisted by the traitors, as they did in Gaza and Baghdad. By God, agent Ali Abdallah Salih in Yemen is just like agent Abbas in Palestine, and Muhammad Bin-Nayif is just like Muhammad Dahlan, as they are part of this Crusade in order to complete the plan that has been schemed to prevent and isolate the Muslim people form supporting their brothers in Gaza, as they did in Egypt, Jordan, the land of the two holy mosques (Saudi Arabia), and others.

"This military campaign amassing in Ma'rib, Al-Jawf, Shabwah, Abyan, Sanaa, and Hadramawt, which they kept it away from the media, is just a step towards striking on the tribes and their sons with flimsy and false pretexts that are really aimed at breaking the dignity of the tribes, disarming them, controlling their land, and killing their sons in order to make it easy for mean agents and the Crusade to humiliate them. So, remain alert for that. The leaders of this Crusade from Al Salul and Al-Aswad al-Ansi (the latter is a derogatory reference to Ali Abdallah Salih) did not go to defend Gaza and to repel the harms against the children and women there, as you watched and are still watching. Rather, their compass went astray and they moved their armies, tanks, and aircraft to the tribes of Al-Ashraf, Abidah, Nihim, Jaham, Daham, Murad, Al-Awaliq, Ilah, Al-Awazil, Khawlan, Wailah, Al-Mayasir, Bilharith, and other tribes.

"Just few days ago, these traitors were banned from attending the absurd summit conference, and they came with aircraft and artillery. The trivial ruler (Ali Abdallah Salih) came to justify his
ugly deeds in besieging you, and to accuse your notables, with all people watching and hearing, that they are hypocrites and flatterers, so till when will you put up with this?

"He is stealing your oil and gas, and in return you get nothing but reminders of his generosity as well as his harms. He wants to take your weapons, control your land, and do to you what the Jews are doing to Gaza. This happens while you still have the weapons, so what will happen when you are disarmed, and tight control and humiliation are imposed on you? So, what do you think he will do to you?

"O proud tribes, which God honored by making them support His religion, and history wrote chapters about your brilliant pictures of manhood and heroism: Your brothers in Gaza are fighting with stones, and you have seen their steadfastness and persistence in war. You have the equipment and weapons, and your zeal was never taken from you. You are known for your keenness for supporting Islam, so may God reward you for this. This is your day, so fight against them before they control you tomorrow. Fight against them as one man, fight for your religion and your good qualities, help those who seek your protection, and return these bright chapters of support and jihad.

"Do not turn your back on the ummah of Islam; do not turn your back on the ummah of Islam (repeated as heard.) By God, its eyes are fixed upon you; its hopes are relying on you. You are the only ones in the peninsula of Islam who possess the weapons. Support the oppressed, and assist the distressed. Your brothers in Gaza wait impatiently for you. Rescue them; prevent their killing, and lift their siege.

"Your ancestors were the ones who conquered Palestine, the Levant, and Iraq; whose armies reached the gates of France and the borders of China. Your sons depicted the greatest images of heroism in Baghdad, Kabul, the Caucasus, the Balkans, and elsewhere. They have had the glory and the honor of destroying the United States.


"O mujahidin in Yemen, the land of faith and wisdom.

"I swear by God, this is a holy war that erupted in your land, and in your peninsula, to which you were led and chosen by God, so that Islam spreads from where it started, and revive the old days of conquests. You will then move forward hurriedly to the bosom of Jerusalem. The Messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'You will invade the Arabian Peninsula and God will grant it. Then Persia and God will grant it. Then you shall invade Europe and God will grant it. Then you shall attack the Anti-Christ and God shall let you conquer him.'

"The Messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, endowed you with an army that comes out from your land saying: 'Out of Aden-Abyan will come out twelve thousand; they will give victory to God and His messenger. They are the best of the people living in the period between my time and theirs.'

"Get prepared for the war, and persevere in patience and constancy, and be steadfast, as there is no victory without war and sacrifices. Promise one another to die on the land of the peninsula of Islam, as it is the honor of this life and the Hereafter. You have irrigated the land of the two
rivers (Iraq) with your blood, as well as you did on the plains of Khorasan, the mountains of the Caucasus, the land of Somalia, and the Balkans. You should sacrifice your blood to defend your religion, your land, and your sanctities which were desecrated by the traitors.

"Get prepared with anti-tank mines, explosive charges, explosive belts, snipers, well-planned ambushes, and daring assaults. Let the initiative be yours, especially the city dwellers, whose role is significant and great.

"If you defeat this campaign, there will not be much left for you to overcome and conquer. You are about to defeat the confederates, and conquer them, instead of them conquering us.

"As for you, O oppressive soldiers, who attack your own kinfolks, tribes, and own people, where have your sense of reason and conscience gone? You kill your own people for the sake of the Jews and the Christians. Why do you not reconsider and direct your tanks and planes, by which you terrify women and children and terrorize the people, towards the Jews, the murderers of women and children in Gaza and Palestine?

"Why have the criminal Jews been spared by you, while your people have not? It is the greatest wrongdoing to see the vessels of the Christians passing through your waters, with the consent of your rulers, to kill Muslims in Gaza and Baghdad. This happens before your very eyes, and you are even their protectors.

"Go back to your Arab zeal and chivalry. The betraying rulers will not benefit you tomorrow, when you stand before God.

"Finally, I appeal to the descendants of the companions in Najd, Al-Hijaz, and our people in the Gulf. Lend a hand to your brothers, the sons of the tribes in the Yemen of faith. They are fighting for your religion and your sanctities. They seek to reach Gaza and Palestine. Islam was sent to you, and jihad was the first duty imposed upon you. You are the guardians and protectors of Islam; it has spread by your fighting and conquests. The responsibility of defending Islam and its people is upon your shoulders, and the liberation of Jerusalem and the rescue of Gaza is entrusted to you. If the betraying rulers sell it and do not act, you will have no excuse before God. You ought to abide by the obligations of Islam and jihad. If you fail to do so today, when will you? Restore the obligation of fighting and bring back the memories of Al-Qadissiyah and Al-Yarmuk (Battles), and the glories of Hittin (Battle).

"'In any case, there is no help except from Allah.' (Partial Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:126).

"Praise be to God, Lord of all creation."