

Al-Qa'ida Leader in Land of Islamic Maghreb Addresses Message, Threatens Strikes

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Terrorism: Jihadist Website Posts Al-Qa'ida in Islamic Maghreb Amir Audio Message on Gaza. On 15 January, a Jihadist website posted several links to a 15-minute 28-second audio message by Abou Moussab Abdelouadoud, amir of Al-Qa'ida Organization in the Land of Islamic Maghreb (AQLIM), entitled "Gaza: Between the Hammer of Jews and Crusaders and the Anvil of Apostates." In the message, Abdelouadoud urges Muslims "to fight and aid their brothers in Gaza," criticizes Arab governments, and calls for strikes "against Western interests everywhere." The following is a translation of the message:

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Praise be to God who says: "Jews and Christians will not approve of you unless you follow their religion," (Koran, The Cow: 2: 120). Prayers and peace be upon God's messenger who said: "You will fight the Jews. You will be invested with power over them, so that when one of them hides behind a stone, the stone will say: 'O worshipper of God. There is a Jew behind me therefore kill him'."

My Muslim brothers in Islam's Maghreb in particular, and in Muslim countries in general, peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you. I address to you this message after the end of the second week of the continuing crimes of bombardment and extermination to which your brothers in kinfolk in the Gaza Strip are being subjected amid international collusion and a clear betrayal by apostate Arab regimes, including the agent Algerian regime and the traitorous Mauritanian regime. I wanted in this regime to address four messages:

The first message is addressed to my Muslim brothers in Algeria. I say to them: The traitorous role of the puppet Mubarak regime in Egypt is not much different from the traitorous role of the regime of (Abdelaziz) Bouteflika and his aides in Algeria, a regime that has so often bragged about, dissembled, and marketed a false slogan in which it fraudulently claimed that it supports Palestine, right or wrong. Today events have demonstrated that this regime is not only betraying and abandoning the Gaza Strip, but it is also preventing you from crying and grieving for your dead in Gaza. The side that is closing the crossings in Rafah and whose dogs are assailing with truncheons the Egyptian people to prevent them going to the support of their brothers is no less vile and villainous than those who are preventing Muslims in Algeria from even demonstrating peacefully, and their dogs are assailing with truncheons Muslim young men whose zeal and fervor drove them to the streets of Kouba, Bachdjarrah and El Harrach (Algiers neighborhoods) on Friday, and whose repressive measures are every time arresting honorable, free, and sincere young men who were moved by their chivalry and Islamic fraternity and supported their brothers with the least they could do (the message is interrupted by a 102-seconds video clip and audio of Algerian demonstrators protesting against the attacks on Gaza and against their regime. The video is captioned: "Shots of Algiers demonstrations that were repressed by the apostates.") (Abdelouadoud continues) He who shakes hands with (Tzipi) Livni in Egypt is not more criminal than he who shook hands with the butcher (Ehud) Baraq (a still shot of Bouteflika talking to Baraq is shown) who is now slaughtering our brothers in the Gaza Strip. He is Bouteflika, the beloved of the Jew Enrico Macias (Jewish singer born in the Algerian city of Constantine whose planned visits to Algeria were blocked by Islamist and ultra-nationalist circles led by Abdelaziz Belkhadem, former foreign minister and prime minister and current leader of the National Liberation Front; a still shot of the musician is carried), that rancorous person who a few days ago led a march in support of the slaughter of our brothers in the Gaza

Strip. He is Bouteflika and his generals who appointed a Jew (a still shot of a man in uniform is shown) as an advisor in their accursed government. The faces vary (a still shot of Mubarak and Olmert) and the betrayal is one; the countries differ and the agency is the same.

O my Muslim brothers in Algeria. I call on you to rise in support of your brothers in the Gaza Strip (still shots of scenes from Gaza Strip are carried) with your lives and money, and to proceed from your mosques to the streets and continue your marches and protests undaunted by the invalid decisions that ban demonstrations only when they are in support of Gaza, while they welcome and call for demonstrations if they are marketed in support of an accursed third term in office. I call on you to rally in your protests around those who are sincere and stand firm and who do not trade in the Palestine cause, and whose hands have not been soiled by partaking in a regime that has betrayed God, His messenger, and Muslim causes. I call on you to wage campaigns for strikes that do not end until the unjust aggression on your brothers end, so that you exert pressure on this regime which is colluding by its silence, and that is the least you can do.

I address the second message to those who still have a grain of faith among the Algerian army, police, and gendarmes. I say to them: Until when will you use your weapons and your aircraft against your compatriots? Until when? Are you not ashamed before God that the strafing of your helicopters today in Jijel, Boumerdes and Tizi Ouzou (in Algeria) over our heads coincides with Israel's bombardment of our brothers in the Gaza Strip? Are you not ashamed that the Jews and Christians are safe from you while the mujahidin who are opposing the Jewish-Crusader alliance are not safe from you? Is there not among you a man who like Lembarek Boumaarafi (the army officer who was found guilty of assassinating former President Mohamed Boudiaf in June 1992 in the eastern city of Annaba) takes an honorable stand and shoots those who have for so long fought God, His messenger, and the oppressed among your compatriots?

When we fight you today it is because that you stand between us and the agents of the Jews and the Crusaders who sold Palestine and did not go to its support. Indeed they are preventing us from going to its support, for they have become the first line of defense for the interests of the unbelievers in our country, and have left you to be the fuel of a war that is waged against the Muslim nation. Reconsider, for perhaps your repentance will be sincere and God will accept it. I address my third message to my Muslim brothers in the Islamic Maghreb, and especially our kinfolk and beloved in Mauritania, the people of jihad who are standing fast. I say to them: Today is the day of supporting your brothers. Cleansing Mauritania of the Israeli flag that is fluttering in its sky, dealing a blow to the Jews, and closing their embassy is a debt we owe, and we will strive with all our strength until we pay that debt or die while fulfilling it. In fulfilling this promise we will call on God's help first, and then we will call on the help of our kinfolk in Mauritania who have rejected this betrayal from the first day it was announced, and persistently called for correcting the situation at every opportunity. However, those who are wielding power over free and honorable people have met all those calls with indifference and derision.

O sons of our nation in Mauritania. This is the time of jihad and making sacrifices in order to achieve that objective. Peaceful marches are no longer sufficient by themselves to make the Mauritanian State to heed the voice of justice and reason. The maintenance and continuation of this relationship (with Israel) does not harm you alone but it also harms Islam and all Muslims. That is why we call on you to wash this shame that has befallen it, and we urge you to end this disgraceful relationship in support of your brothers in the Gaza Strip. We mobilize and spur you to wage jihad and to strike at Western interests everywhere, for Almighty God has ordered us to retaliate, and He said: "Whoever commits aggression against you, retaliate against him in the same measure as he committed against you," (Koran, The Cow: 2: 194).

O our kinfolk in the Muslim Maghreb in general. The interests of Jews and Crusaders are widespread in your country, and your brothers are appealing for your help. Extend your hands to the mujahidin and coordinate with them in order to strike at Jewish and Crusader interests in our country, without mercy or compassion. Select the targets carefully, and provide your brothers with information. Plan calmly, and resort to secrecy and discretion. Rely on God, and do not consult with anyone when striking at those who killed the prophets and those who worship the Cross who are allied to crush us without mercy and compassion.

I address my last message to my Muslim and mujahidin brothers in the Gaza Strip. Almighty God said: "O believers, bear in patience, be steadfast in the fight, keep to your battle stations and fear God - perhaps you will prevail," (Koran, House of Imran: 4: 200). The Almighty said: "If a battle wound touches you, so has a like wound touched the enemy. These are days We alternate among mankind, that God may know those who truly believe and may receive some of you as martyrs - God loves not those who do wrong," (Koran, House of Imran: 3: 140). O you against whom the entire world has ganged, O you who apostate rulers who are our fellow countrymen have helped to kill you, we from here in Algeria, from the peaks of the mountains from where our fathers proceeded to repulse the French occupiers and from which we continue our fight to repulse their sons and satraps, we say you to you: Our hearts boil at your calamity. By God, I and our soldiers are honored to be on your side now, and we are prepared to sacrifice our lives and shed our blood for you. We fight the enemies of God and His messenger, and we are prepared to defend our sisters, mothers, and children. The sons of France and the Jews who are our fellow countrymen whose bombardment of us today coincides with the Jews' bombardment of you have left us no option other than to fight them in order to reach you. Have confidence that, God willing, your fight is the same fight as that of the mujahidin from Afghanistan to the Islamic Maghreb, and that we are coming with God's help to smash the barriers of treason which stand between us and you. Be confident that we will not spare any effort, God willing, to help you by striking at the pillars of the satanic alliance of Jews, Christians, and apostates. All of them have colluded against the place to which our prophet, may God's prayers and peace be upon him, made his night journey (Jerusalem).

O Almighty God, enable the mujahidin to strike at the Jews and Christians and their apostate agents. O God, they sold Jerusalem, backed your enemies, prevented the oppressed among your worshippers from giving them support, even by chanting and demonstrating. O God destroy them all. O God help your mujahidin worshippers in the Gaza Strip, and be with them and not against them. O God, give them calm, protect them, heal their wounded, and alleviate their suffering. Our last prayer is praise be to God, Lord of the universe.