

GIMF Condemns Arab Government 'Betrayal' in Gaza Violence, Calls for Unity

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Terrorism: GIMF Condemns Arab Government 'Betrayal' in Gaza Violence, Calls for Unity On 27 December, a jihadist website posted a statement issued by the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) attributed to "Asad al-Jihad 2," entitled "O, People of Palestine! Who is Your Enemy, and Who is Your Friend?!" The statement says that the "crimes of the Jews" in Gaza are carried out with the "support" and "betrayal" of Arab governments, and advises the people of Gaza not to be "fooled" by Iran and Hizballah who "exploit the events so as to publicize their sectarian project." It calls on Muslims to support the people of Gaza, urging the "struggling groups" in Gaza to unite and "seek inspiration in the jihad of your brothers in the Al-Qa'ida Organization." The statement, dated 27 December 2008, is attributed to the Informative Media Division of the Global Islamic Media Front.

A translation of the statement follows:

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

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"Following the crimes of the Jews in Gaza.

"O, People of Palestine! Who is Your Enemy, and Who is Your Friend?! By Asad al-Jihad 2

"Praise be to God, the One and Only god. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, and his family, companions, and all who follow his path:

"God says: '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' (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj, 22:39).

"Today, 27 December 2008, we have all witnessed, with absolute grief, the crimes of the Jews -- on them should be God's curse -- against the righteous and proud worshippers of God in the Gaza of Hashim (where the grave of the prophet's grandfather is located), and present them as a souvenir to the defeated, overpowered Crusaders -- on them should be God's curse -- on the day of their alleged celebrations.

"Such transgression came out of total Arab and international support. The Arab states that assume the largest share of this betrayal are the governments of Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt, from where the war was declared.

"Mahmud Abbas and his government 'rejoiced at the misfortune of the people killed in Gaza,' and said that what happened was the result of 'senseless acts!' They meant that the Jews had the right to do what they did, and that the people of Gaza were the ones to blame!

"The fire-worshipper Iran, together with the party of evil (Hizballah), played a role in deceiving the people of Gaza, who know well what they did to them!

"I herein pronounce my position in this war, and state that I stand with the people of monotheism in Gaza, without exception. I am backing and supporting all the mujahidin from HAMAS, the Army of Islam, the Al-Ummah Army, and the rest of the combatant groups.

"I advise the struggling groups in Gaza to preserve their mujahidin, leaderships and cadres, and to unite in the face of a Jewish invasion until later. I call on the mujahidin to get revenge on the Jews, and demand that a response should take place (only) after uniting efforts until peace is restored, so we can let the Jews know how big the surprise will be! Seek inspiration in the jihad of your brothers in the Al-Qa'ida Organization in the wars you lead.

"I believe that what has happened and is happening in the Gaza of Hashim will cause a significant change to happen in the region, particularly in Egypt.

"O people of Gaza! You need to know that you are suffering only because your strength and faith have increased, which has made the Jewish enemy and its supporter Arab governments helpless and desperate to break your willpower and determination. Together, they carried out the most horrible crimes against you, and that was the last solution they had to hand - may the curse of God be on them. How far from the truth are they! They sought to surrender to their dictates and acts of humiliation. I want to tell these enemies: You have been disappointed, and your striving has been frustrated. Truly, we learn to be steadfast from the people of Palestine in general, and the people of Gaza in particular.

"O, people of Gaza! Hold fast by the religion of God and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, peace and prayers be upon him and his household. This is your deliverance in this world and the Hereafter. I advise you all, groups and individuals, and remind you of my Lord Almighty, saying: 'O ye who believe! Fear Allah and be with those who are true (in word and deed)' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah, 9:119).

"This ordeal has been immense, but it - God permits - will grow weaker. Do not be fooled or deceived by the Arab 'governments,' which will meet and be kind and send you 'coffins!' Then, they will come back, and will curse you, fight you, and get together to kill you! These governments do not only betray and besiege you, but also prevent your supporters from reaching you.

"Do not be fooled by the fire-worshipper Iran and the party of the devil (Hizballah), which want to exploit the events so as to publicize their sectarian projects. More importantly, do not be fooled by the enemy on the inside, represented by Mahmud Abbas, his government, and their followers.

"Be assured that your (true) brothers and your friends are the Muslim masses in both the east and the west, led by the mujahidin in the Al-Qa'ida Organization and other groups that fight for the sake of God. Those who suffer with your suffering, support you, sacrifice their lives and property, and wash their hands of their governments. You will get from them what will delight you, Almighty God willing!

"I remind my brothers, the supporters of the mujahidin and people of nobility and graciousness, to support our people in Gaza and not to heed to designations. Now is not the time to even scores, but it is the time for support and sacrifice.

"I also want to tell our people in Gaza something that Usama Bin Ladin, may God protect him, said when addressing our people in Palestine: 'I swear by God, we will support you, even if we have to crawl on all fours, or taste what was tasted by Hamzah Bin Abd-al-Muttalib.'

"O, Lord! Grant them patience, hold their feet firm, and support them against the infidels.

"By Asad al-Jihad 2, spearhead of the mujahidin

"29 Dhu-al-Hijjah 1429, corresponding to 27 December 2008

"Our last prayer is, praise be to God, Lord of all creation.

"Do not forget us in your best supplications

"Your brothers in the Informative Media Division

"Global Islamic Media Front."