

Jihadist Website Publishes Links to New Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi Speech

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Terrorism: Jihadist Website Publishes Links to New Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi Speech On 4 December, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website links to a new 46 minute and 12 second audio recording of a speech issued by Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi, leader of the Al-Qa'ida-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq, entitled "For the Scum Disappears Like Froth Cast Out." The speech was produced by the Al-Furqan Media Production Establishment, the media arm of The Islamic State of Iraq, and was copied from the Al-Fajr Media Center. The first 4 minutes and 42 seconds are excerpts of the speech itself amid Koranic verses and religious chants.

A translation of Al-Baghdadi's speech follows:

"God be praised. We laud Him, we beseech help from Him and ask His forgiveness; we seek God's protection against the evils and mischief of our souls and from the bad results of our deeds. Whoever is guided by God cannot be misled by anybody, and whoever is denied guidance will find nobody to guide him. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except God, the One, without any partner. And I bear witness that Muhammad is servant and His messenger. 'O ye who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a State of Islam' (Koranic verse, Al Imran, 3:102). 'O ye who believe! Fear Allah, and (always) say a word directed to the Right: That He may make your conduct whole and sound and forgive you your sins: He that obeys Allah and His Messenger, has already attained the highest achievement' (Koranic verses, Al-Ahzab (The Confederates), 33:70, 71).

"More than a year has passed since the establishment of the State of Islam in Iraq (The Islamic State of Iraq), which is undoubtedly a great achievement. The most difficult period in the history of establishing states has passed. In light of this, I would like to discuss several issues:

"First, I send greetings, thanks, and appreciation to our good tribes. They are really the greatest tribes. The one who praises them cannot numerate their virtues or good deeds. They are truly the best supporter, the noblest of descend, and the most of worthy of the noblest traits of character. They are the most courageous in the battle and the first to seek glory. They are the winners of glory who praise God. It is a great honor to them even if they only treat their guest generously. They supported their mujahidin sons around them until they defeated their enemies, repulsed their plots, and got sick of the attempts to drive a wedge among them. Thus, a ruse came to the mind of the occupiers, which can even shake one's serenity. They came up with a strange lie to the effect that the mujahidin came from foreign countries, as if the Americans were from the Al-Dulaym tribes. Regrettably, some of the nestling birds of secularism have promoted their lie. They came up with theories for their lies and hoisted their blind flag in the name of nationalism and patriotism. This is the same content of the Magus state.

"They said that Iraq's resources, particularly the water and oil resources, are the possession of the one who holds an Iraqi citizenship. So, how would it be if God's messenger, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, immigrated to our country? He, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, had actually immigrated to a land that was not his and settled in a house which was not his. So, are he and his companions legally allowed to share these resources? According to the logic of these people, the answer is no. So to say that he, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and his followers after him are worthy of leadership and sovereignty is like accomplishing the impossible. Why not, considering that they were the ones who said that Iraq is for all Iraqis

and its resources are the possession of all Iraqis. Yes, it is for every Iraqi even if he was one of the worshippers of the devil or of the Sabian Mandaean. For them, they all have equal rights, whether he is a Sunni Muslim or a Magus Rafidite (derogatory term for Shiites). So it does not matter for them whether this Iraqi worships our Glorious God or Satan. His right is preserved.

"Oh monotheists, our creed is that a Muslim is our brother, even if he is an Asian from the Philippines. The devil-worshiper is our enemy, even if he is a genuine Iraqi. Despite this, the immigrants (REFERENCE to non-Iraqi fighters) today in the Land of the Two Rivers (Iraq) have forsaken worldly pleasures and hastened to meet their God after sacrificing their money and blood, sometimes through martyrdom operations and at other times by throwing themselves onto the enemies to the extent that only 200 immigrants have remained in our beloved Iraq today. The amir of Al-Qa'ida, (Abu-Hamzah) Al-Muhajir, has publicly announced his pledge and obedience to this humble slave (Al-Baghdadi referring to himself). The organization (Al-Qa'ida) was officially dissolved in favor of the State of Islam, The Islamic State of Iraq. Today, they are its loyal soldiers and stout knights. So why are those people still repeating that the soldiers of the state are foreigners? They lied to you until you believed them, while you see with your own eyes that they are your sons and children of your sons.

"We certainly know that infidelity, with all its sects, will be pleased if the organization (Al-Qa'ida) and the other blessed organizations that form the State of Islam restore their individual names and if the name of the State (of Islam) disappears. This is what their agents said. They have also promoted another lie, which is that those foreigners are Persians. By God, I ask you: Don't you recall that when (Muhammad Baqir) al-Hakim came (when he arrived in Iraq after the fall of Saddam) with his men and equipment like a pharaoh in his procession he was faced by the oldest immigrant, the one who has served the longest time in jihad and the closest in kin to the amir, taking into consideration that he was his uncle and the father of his wife, may God have mercy on her soul, the courageous hero, Abu-Usayd, who said I will do it with the help of God and then blew himself up in the procession of the enemy of God. He tore him to pieces along with scores of his regiment.

"By God, is the one who did this and those who ordered him were agents of the Persians? Where are your minds? Is the one who crushed the backbone of the Magus Rafidites of the Al-Mahdi Army and the treacherous gang (Badr Corps) was an agent of the Persians? If you insist on lies, then this means that the Al-Mahdi Army and the treacherous gang are free Iraqis and not agents of Iran. We did this when most of the salafi and nationalist factions stood idly by. In fact, they stabbed us by all means. All of a sudden, they became the ones who fight the Persians and the State (of Islam) and its soldiers are agents. They tried to promote their lie through every news media. They themselves who today want to settle the Magus Persians and the worshippers of Satan and the crosses in the countries of Islam after they were promised to share in governance. Thus, we have found them after Amman and Riyadh with the godfather of Zionism in the region, (Egyptian President Muhammad Husni) Mubarak, and side by side once again with the Al-Mahdi Army. "If an enemy inflicts injustice on me, the cover will be exposed after search," "Don't you see that the land is full of the graves of our faithful people?"

(verses of poetry)

"They said in their political program that among their objectives are to return the displaced to their residential areas, compensate them for the material and moral damage inflicted on them, and secure the necessary protection for them. These are general terms, which necessitate the return of the Azidi, the worshippers of Satan to the city of Mosul. Blood money for anyone whom we killed during the time of war in retaliation of our honor will be paid several times as much as

a moral compensation. It is not only this, but anyone who attacks them will be fought and his blood will be allowed even if he was a mujahid in the cause of God. 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Koranic verse, Al Imran, 3:173).

"Persisting on treason, they have dropped a necessary religious duty, which is jihad al-talab (it is akin to preemptive jihad or going out on jihad in the countries of the infidels without having been attacked first, as distinct from jihad al-daf, which is mandatory when Muslims are attacked inside their countries). They said in their infamous political program that among their objectives is to establish good relations with the world states based on mutual interests. jihad al-talab is to go to fight the apostate infidels in their own countries to uphold the word of God and so that 'until there is no more Tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqarah (The Cow), 2:193). Al-Shawkani said in his Book, 'Al-Sayl al-Jarrar': 'Invading the infidels, fighting them, and forcing them to embrace Islam, pay jizya (head tax on free non-Muslims under Muslim rule), or otherwise be killed, is a religious necessity. What was said about treating them gently or leaving them if they abandon fighting is superseded based on unanimity among Muslims.' They even went against their (Saudi) Shaykh Salman al-Awdah who criticized the ideology of communism and secularism when he said: 'Loyalty to the infidels has become a kind of establishing normal relations with the big powers, and exchanging interests, benefits, and expertise with them, and abandoning Jihad has become compliance with the UN charters and a concern about good neighborliness and relations with states.'

"Second, Almighty 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 (The Pilgrimage), 22:39). Oh servants of God, you should know that the nation's scholars are unanimous that Jihad against the American occupier, after it has occupied our land, violated our honor, seized our money has become an individual duty. In fact, adherents of Al-Shafi'i (founder of one of the four orthodox Islamic schools of theology) and others, like in the Book 'Rawdat al-Talibin,' said: 'If the infidels landed on a waste land or a mountain in the land of Islam even far from urban areas, jihad against them will become an individual duty.' So, how would the case be after they have captured Baghdad?

"Shaykh al-Islam Ibn-Taymiyah, may God have mercy on him, said: 'Al-Daf fighting, which is the most important means of protecting sanctity and religion, is unanimously an individual duty. Confronting the assaulting enemy, which oppresses life and religion, is the most important duty after faith. It has no conditions, but it is performed as much as possible.' He also said: 'Anyone who cannot perform jihad physically but can do this with his money, he then should perform jihad with his money.' Based on this, anyone who bears witness that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger, should perform jihad against these infidels with his hand, tongue, and money, as much as he can. Those who stay behind, based on an excuse should take care of the families and money of the mujahidin, as the people of knowledge said. So, any capable person who does not perform jihad is a sinful person based on the unanimous opinion of the nation's scholars. Let our honorable people know that the religious scholars have issued fatwas (formal religious rulings) to the effect that anyone who helps those people in any way, small or big and on any pretext, is an apostate and an infidel. Almighty God says: 'O ye who believe! take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust' (Koranic verse, Al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread), 5:51).

"(Imam) Al-Qurtubi said: 'Anyone who is loyal to them, meaning supports them against the Muslims, is from them.' Almighty God explained to us that the one who does so will be judged

like them. Shaykh Ahmad al-Shakir, may God have mercy on him, said in His Book 'Kalimatu Haqq': 'Cooperating with the English (foreigners) in any field and on any level, small or big, is a defiant apostasy and flagrant infidelity for which no excuse shall be accepted, that shall not be misinterpreted, and its punishment no one can escape through foolish fanaticism, stupid policy, or courtesy that is akin to hypocrisy. This applies to individuals, governments, and leaders. They are all alike in apostasy and infidelity.'

"Shaykh Muhammad Bin-Abd-al-Wahhab, may God have mercy on him, said: 'One of the 10 violations of Islam is the eighth violation, which is supporting the polytheists and helping them against Muslims.' Shaykh Humud al-Shu'aybi, may God have mercy on him, said: 'Supporting the infidels against Muslims and helping them against Muslims is infidelity which takes one out of the religion of Islam based on the reliable statements of the scholars of the nation in the old and modern history.'

"Oh nation of Islam, tribes of the honorable Sunnis, Almighty God says: 'Those who believe, and adopt exile, and fight for the Faith, in the cause of Allah as well as those who give (them) asylum and aid,- these are (all) in very truth the Believers: for them is the forgiveness of sins and a provision most generous' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War), 8:74). This means those who gave asylum and aid to the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and those who migrated with him (from Mecca to Medina), and supported them and the religion of God. These are the true believers in God and His Messenger. Based on this, we Muslims should support each other, particularly when our land is occupied, our honor is violated, and our religion and life are oppressed. Almighty God says: 'The Unbelievers are protectors, one of another: Unless ye do this, (protect each other), there would be tumult and oppression on earth, and great mischief' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War), 8:73).

"Oh servants of God, do not sell out your life in the hereafter for a handful of money. Oh servants of God, the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, said: 'The thing that I fear for you the most are the pleasures of life.' The messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, fears for us of a life that provides us with legal things, so how would it be, oh servants of God, if it provides us with illegal things and from the money of collaboration and treason?

"Third, we tell those who level false and baseless accusations against the State of Islam, claiming that we are the reason behind the loss of what they called the popular incubator and that our heinous acts, as they described them, provided a justification for those awakening (councils) and say: Oh people, is every mass apostasy an inevitable reaction to a flaw in leadership and administration, in approach and conduct, the lack of wisdom and the fiqh (Islamic jurisprudence) of da'wah (Islamic call), or misbehavior with the people, particularly their seniors and dignitaries? We tell these people: Be patient, for after the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, died, many Arabs became apostates and controlled entire areas. In fact, they mobilized armies against him, may God's peace and blessing be upon him. Some of the leaders of the apostates were well-known companions, and, in fact, of the few knights who repented after his death, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and praise be to God, fell martyrs, as we believe and God is their judge. Among those was Tulayhah Bin-Khuwaylid al-Asadi, who became an apostate during the life of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, as Ibn-Abd-al-Barr and others said. Al-Dhahabi, may God's mercy be upon him, described him as the courageous hero, the companion of the Messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and the one whose courage is an example. He embraced Islam in the year (words indistinct) and then he became an apostate and thus was unjust to himself. He became an apostate and fought with him after the death of the messenger

of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, people from Bani Asad, Tamim, and Ghatafan (names of tribes in early Islam). U'yaynah Bin-Husn pledged allegiance to him as leader of Fuzarah (name of a tribe).

"Al-Aswad al-Ansi also became an apostate in his life, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and imposed his authority on the people of Yemen. Well-known knights pledged allegiance to him until he entered Sanaa and killed Badhan, the envoy of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and married his wife, Al-Murzubanah. He took control of the situation there and the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, was very sad as a result of this until he was killed by a blessed man from a blessed house, as Fayruz al-Daylami said. The messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, was pleased with his murder and although he was very ill, he went out to inform the people of the news. This happened two days before he died. Musaylamah al-Kadhhab also claimed that he was the partner of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, in his message, wrote him on this and sent him envoys and Al-Yamamah reneged with him. This is the picture of the mass apostasy that hit the Muslim ranks and continued for some time until the death of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him. Following his death, however, Al-Khattabi, as in Muslim's explanation of Al-Nawawi, said in his description of the situation of Islam: 'God was not worshipped on earth except in three mosques: the Mecca Mosque, the Medina Mosque, and the Abd-al-Qays in Bahrain, in a village called Juwathah.'

"In his Book 'Al-Fath,' Al-Hafiz quoted Al-Qadi and others as saying on the groups of apostasy: 'The people of apostasy were of three groups; a group that went back to the worship of idols; a group that followed Musaylamah and Al-Aswad al-Ansi; and a third group that continued with Islam but refused to pay alms and claimed that it was valid only during the time of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him.' So, did the one who worshipped idols after he worshipped God do this because he was pained by the death of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him? You will be astonished to know that some Arabs followed a female who claimed to be a prophet at a time when they had no respect for the female, and in fact, they used to bury her (the female) alive out of fear of shame. Sijah Bint-al-Harith Bin-Suwayd claimed to a prophet and mobilized armies to fight Islam and Muslims until the number of soldiers in her army reached 40,000, as in the Book 'The History of Baghdad.' These soldiers were led by the dignitaries of Bani-Tamim, like Al-Zibriqan Bin-Badr, Umar Bin-al-Ahtam, and Utarid Bin-Hajib. So, were the apostasy of the past and that of today the result of mistakes? If we admit that we make mistakes, does this mean that the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, and his honorable companions made mistakes or do the heads of today's tribes have a better and stronger faith and way than those of the heads and tribes of the past? 'Glory to Allah. This is a most serious slander!' (Koranic verse, Al-Nur (The Light), 24:16)

"Among the reasons for today's apostasy and that of the past are the following:

"First: The fanaticism of the pre-Islamic paganism (tribal loyalties). The author of the Book 'Al-Wafi' said that when fighting escalated and death began to harvest the heads of his men, Tulayhah al-Asadi said, summarizing the reason for his apostasy: 'Fight for your noble descent, and as for religion, there is no religion.' He then was defeated and sought refuge with the Christians in Al-Sham (present Syria). This is exactly what those who followed his example do today.

"Second: Money. In Ibn-Hibban's 'Al-Thiqat,' Qurrah Bin-Hubayrah, the leader of Bani-Amir, told Amr Bin-al-Ass: 'Forget about alms for the Arabs will not obey you if they have to pay tax.' Amr became angry and informed Abu-Bakr (the first caliph in Islam), as included in the history

of Ibn-Khaldun and Al-Thiqat for Ibn-Hibban. He said: 'If you insist on taking their money, the Arabs will not agree with you on this and will not wait long before fighting you on this to take what you have in hand.' Musaylamah wrote the Messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and said: 'We own half of the land and Quraysh has the other half but they aggress.'

"Third: False and distorted news. The effect of promoting false and distorted news is very serious on the faint-hearted ones. One might stand fast in battles and wars and in front of the myrmidons of prisons and jails, but they cannot stand fast in front of the promotion of false and distorted news that is presented as knowledge and advice. A'ishah (the prophet's wife), may God be pleased with her, as in Al-Mustadrak and other books, said: 'When God took the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, for a journey by night to Al-Aqsa Mosque, the people began to talk about this. Some people of those who had earlier believed in him have reneged. They informed Abu-Bakr of this and asked him: What do you think of your friend (the prophet) who claims that he had a journey by night to Bayt al-Maqdis? He said: Did he say this? They said yes. He said: If he said this then he says the truth.' Al-Tabari says in Al-Tahdhib: 'Many people have reneged after they embraced Islam. It was said that some people from Quraysh prepared to go to Abu-Bakr to exploit this event. They began to foment sedition among all people by spreading false news until many simple-minded people believed them. The polytheists had the great hope to the point where they hoped for the apostasy of the senior companions of the prophet who had a strong faith.'

"Today's news media, the space channels, the press, and the trumpets of the agents, writers, and poets, are launching the most hideous disinformation campaign Islam has been exposed to since the start of the mission of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him. They aim their spears and arrows at the so-called world jihadist salafi movement, focusing on the heart of its home and the center of its strength. The most dangerous against them and against the state of the sons of Zion is the State of Islam in the Land of Two Rivers. They hoist the flag of Bal'am Bin-Ba'ura when he said after he reneged: 'I have now lost life in this world and the hereafter. I have nothing left other than plotting and tricks. So I will plot against you.' Almighty God says: 'Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe: Verily, Allah loveth not any that is a traitor to faith, or show ingratitude' (Koranic verse, Al-Hajj (The Pilgrimage), 22:38).

"Nation of Islam, nation of glory and dignity: The soldiers of the State of Islam are today fighting an enemy that has 1 million soldiers, according to their official statements. Half of these soldiers are waging a direct war on the State of Islam. The American soldiers in Iraq number over 300,000. They have said this many times, most recently was what Jewish journalist, Simon Hersh, said in a program on Al-Jazirah satellite channel. The official figure of the US Army's soldiers is more than 160,000 and the companies of the privatization of war have about 180,000 soldiers. This is in addition to thousands of Koreans, Polish, Australians, and others. The number of soldiers of the Safavi armies is 300,000 policemen and 280,000 in the National Guard. Add to the list more than 70,000 agents of the awakening councils and several thousands of the traitors of the so-called honest resistance.

"Nation of Islam: We are fighting one of the fiercest and longest battles of Islam today, in which there have been many sacrifices and distinct ranks and in which your sons have proven that they are truly the soldiers of God and knights of Islam. We give you glad tidings today about the situation of the State of Islam in Iraq. Praise be to God, it is going from good to better, contrary to what the enemies of God are trying to show to the world to influence the mujahidin by saying that districts are falling into the hands of the apostates, including the traitorous agents and relapsing, defeated ones. I can say that the apostasy of some tribal chieftains and those allied

with them is almost confined to some tribes of Al-Dulaym and a faction from Al-Jubur. I say some. Otherwise, who killed (Abd-al-Sattar) al-Rishawi. It was one of his cousins who shed his blood to please God, show loyalty to the religion of God, and disavow false gods. It is enough honor to the AL-Jubur that Muharib al-Juburi is one of them. He is one of the founders of the State of Islam. The State of Islam has the upper hand. In Kirkuk, the lions of the state stood with its honorable tribes in the face of the criminal acts of the secular Peshmerga, which covet the genuine monotheist Arabs. They have disrupted their plans and foiled their plots. The State of Islam then had the word there after our weak presence before the declaration of the state.

"As for the Salah al-Din Province, its sons have truly proven that they are really the remnants of the knights of Al-Mu'tasim in Samarra. They had the pride of Saladin in Tikrit, Bayji, Al-Ishaqi, Yathrib, and Al-Dulu'iyah. As for the glorious Diyala, may God bless it, its soldiers, and tribes, the word is for God and His religion all over the province. The occupier captured only two small pockets in the city of Ba'qubah, due to the collusion of the HAMAS of Iraq and the Islamic Party. As for the lions of the north in Ninawa, Tall Afar, and Al-Jazirah, you can say whatever you like about them. They are truly the inheritors of martyr Nur-al-Din. I believe that they will come back again. God willing, they will break the iron chains of Jerusalem. The enemy admits that the State of Islam has the rule in the province. As for the pearl of Iraq, the center of scholars, and the homeland of the honest ones, Baghdad, I bear witness that its lions are more deeply rooted than mountains and stronger than iron. Their operations exhaust the enemy and disrupt its plans until it resorted to a group of agents and exaggerated their size in the media to show that they are in control and have authority.

"Praise be to God, the apostasy of the heads of tribes in Al-Anbar has stopped after they realized the lies of the occupier and the despicableness of agents. Treason is confined to Al-Ramadi and the areas around it. Operations in it are continuing despite the media blackout. As for the tribes of the cities of the western region, they are worthy of praise, and may God greet their honest lions. In the southern provinces, our spearheads are killing the Rawafid. They (our men) are truly the solid rock that crushed the dreams of Rawafid in changing the belt of Baghdad from a pure Sunni into a wicked Rafidite. In fact, they have advanced and seized their land and homes. They have purged the land of their filth. May God bless them.

"In light of this, we announce the formation of Al-Siddiq Corps to fight every apostate and heretic one. This comes following the promising and great operations its brigades have carried out during its experimental period in the raid of the martyr of the nation. Thus, God granted us success in chopping the heads of apostasy in a short time, beginning with Abu-Rughal (Abd-al-Sattar) al-Rishawi, passing through agent Al-Juburi, liar Al-Tamimi, the perishing Al-Shammari, and ending with Abu-Bilal, the efficient element of HAMAS in Al-Anbar, Salah al-Din, Mosul, and Al-Fallujah. May God's curse be upon them all.

"Oh Al-Siddiq brigades, take the same position of (Abu-Bakr) al-Siddiq in protecting the religion of God. Ibn-Kathir, may God have mercy on him, said: 'After him, meaning the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, the one who managed the affairs of Muslims was his minister, true friend, and Caliph Abu-Bakr, may God be pleased with him. Religion bowed down and had almost perished, but Almighty God consolidated it by him. He laid the foundations, consolidated the pillars, forced the defectors to come back to religion, and brought apostates back to Islam.'

"You should know that God shows us how to perform jihad when he said: 'O ye who believe! fight the unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you' (Koranic verse, Al-Tauba (The Repentance), 9:123). Al-Qurtubi, may God have mercy on him, said: 'Glory be to

God who showed them how to perform Jihad and that they should begin with the closest ones. This is why the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, began with the Arabs.'

"Oh soldiers of God and supporters of Shari'ah, eradicate this malignant virus and purge the land of it. God, the Almighty, and the Glorious, says: 'And let them find firmness in you.' This means toughness, strength, and resolve. Tear them to pieces, destroy their homes, burn their gear, and target their trade and property. Do not show softness to them because you will be violating the order of your Lord and waste the blood of your brothers. Thabit Bin-Qays, the preacher of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, when he saw that the Muslims were retreating in the war against apostates, wore two white garments and used them as a coffin and said: 'Oh God, I disavow what those polytheists did and I apologize to you for what they did.' He then said: 'We wouldn't have done this with the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him. What an evil thing you accustomed your fellows to!' In his book 'Al-Fath,' Al-Hafiz said: 'He has the strength of Thabit Bin-Qays, the soundness of his faith and intention, the going to war, incitement to it, and reprimanding the one who flees.' So, oh soldiers of God, show resolve and toughness in fighting them, and follow the example of the venerable companion when he wore the white garments. Attack them as the companion of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, Al-Bara Bin-Malik, did in the garden of death.

"You should know that the pillars of this religion are faith, immigration, and jihad. Allegiance, immigration, and jihad would not have been accomplished had the Muslims not disavowed their tribal loyalties in favor of loyalty to religion. The pledge of allegiance was on making sacrifices. At the time, the Arabs were governed by tribal norms and habits, which did not prevent Al-Faruq (Umar Bin-al-Khattab, the second caliph in Islam), from saying: 'I see that you enable us against them, enable Ali against Aqil to decapitate him, enable Hamzah against Al-Abbas to decapitate him, and enable me against someone as Umar's share to decapitate him, so that God will know that there is no tenderness in our hearts toward the polytheists.'

"You should know that in intensifying your operations against those criminals and in putting them on the list of your priorities there are benefits, which include:

"First: To keep our control on the areas God allowed us to conquer and to avoid wasting the efforts and blood of your brothers who began to jubilate after seizing every spot from the state after they (the government) used to say that we are in control of nothing.

"Second: To avoid having fanatical enthusiasm to the tribe, which is conjured up by material gains out of ambition for a false worldly life or prestige. The liar of Banu Hanifah (Musaylamah) used to say that he was better than the truthful one of Mudar (Mudar is obviously counted in Muslim tradition among the highly praised ancestors of the prophet, and Banu Hanifah were known as the strongest group of apostates with whom Musaylamah, the one who claimed to be a prophet, was affiliated). "Third: To protect the Sunnis from the wickedness and immorality of the awakening councils. They have spread vice, violated honor, and stole money. Above all this, they have forced the people to fight with them and to join their apostasy.

"Fourth: To eradicate the traitors and mercenaries who protected the one who occupied the land and usurped honor, and to bring Jihad back on track in order to cut the head of the snake, the American occupier and the Magian (Persian) intruder.

"Fifth: To unite all Muslim ranks after they were attracted by whims and divided by the traitors and agents, and to restore prestige to the scholars and chieftains. Shaykh al-Islam Ibn-Taymiyah, may God have mercy on him, said: '(Abu-Bakr) al-Siddiq and all other companions of the prophet began fighting the apostates before fighting the infidels of the people of the book, especially since jihad against those ones is a means to safeguard what was conquered of the land of Muslims and to allow those who wanted to deviate from it to come back to it.

"Based on this, we announce a raid that will end on 20 Muharram (on or around 28 January 2008) named after the leader of martyrs, Abu-Umar al-Kurdi who was tested but was patient, and who was sentenced to death during the era of the defunct Ba'th and who was executed by the agents and apostates in the government of Rawafid (derogatory term for Shiites) and with the signature of the enemy of God, Tariq al-Hashimi. This raid will primarily use explosives and booby-trapped cars. Its targets are the agents from the apostates and awakening (councils) of the holders of the phosphoric sashes, the distinguished dress, and anyone who fights with the occupier. I say this for sure, and regardless of what was in the past, that in this raid, I urge every mujahid in the Land of Two Rivers, whose hope is in God and the hereafter, particularly the soldiers of the flag of there is no god but Allah, the soldiers of the State of Islam, to detonate at least three explosive charges before the end of the raid to include hand grenades, traps during day and night, and the peak of work and its dearest and most precious part; namely, the martyrdom operations.

"So, let anyone who promised himself of or planned to carry out a martyrdom operation be concerned about having his raid during these days. The one who is still hesitant and needs to be urged by those in charge or the leaders of Jihad, here we are to urge and help. So friend of God, set out to carry out the martyrdom operation. By God, it is the most grievous and most effective on our enemy. With the martyrdom operation, you can startle our enemies, increase their trembling, destroy their ambitions, and cut their offspring. They, as they themselves said, cannot prevent a man who wants to die in the cause of God. Their equipment, checkpoints, or the strength of their deployment can do nothing to prevent them (martyrdom operations). Anyone who is still not jubilant over this and needs further zeal can at least break into enemy positions in straits and mountain paths to turn their homes and hearts into fire and destruction, or wait for their vehicles with thermal bombs and hand grenades. Were you and every monotheist not pleased by watching the heroes while planting their explosive charges under the vehicles of the enemy in broad daylight? "'The one who died and relaxed is not dead, but the dead is the living dead, the dead is the one who lives humiliated, worried, and hopeless.'

(verses of poetry)

"The one who cannot detonate an explosive charge or a booby-trapped car should at least kill three apostates for every explosive charge during the raid by any method he deems fit and through which he implores God for victory.

"Oh soldiers of God and holders of the banner of monotheism, bear in mind that this is the last card of the occupier and its henchmen. We have trust in God and we are certain that it is a losing and defeated card, whose holders have only reaped bitterness, lowliness, and disgrace in life in this world, and will burn in Hell and stay in an evil place in the hereafter. Have hope and be cheerful for we are optimistic that the One who knows all, the Powerful, will grant victory to the banner of there is no god but Allah and will open out to it all kinds of blessings exactly as He opened it to (Abu-Bakr) al-Siddiq after the end of the war against apostates. God is great. 'O ye who believe! When ye meet a force, be firm, and call Allah in remembrance much (and often); that ye may prosper: And obey Allah and His Messenger. and fall into no disputes, lest ye lose

heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: For Allah is with those who patiently persevere' (Al-Anfal (The Spoils of War), 8:45, 46). 'And Allah hath full power and control over His affairs; but most among mankind know it not' (Koranic verse, Yusuf, 12:21).

"Your brother, Abu-Umar al-Qurashi al-Baghdadi"