

## **Abu-Yahya al-Libi Issues 'Iraq Between Victory, Conspiratorial Intrigues' Video**

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Terrorism: Abu-Yahya al-Libi Issues 'Iraq Between Victory, Conspiratorial Intrigues' Video On 22 March, a jihadist website posted links to a video produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization in which Abu-Yahya al-Libi gave a statement entitled "Iraq Between Indications of Victory and Conspiratorial Intrigues" in which he called on the jihadist groups to unite, extolled the virtues of jihad and The Islamic State of Iraq, and criticized the ruling family of Saudi Arabia.

A description of the video follows:

The 27-minute and 8-second video begins with the following text: "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Note! This item contains Koranic verses and prophetic Hadith and may not be aired accompanied by music. Complements of Al-Sahab Media Production (Organization), Safar 1428" followed by the title of the video, "Iraq Between Indications of Victory and Conspiratorial Intrigues" and this Koranic verse: "Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion - the one which He has chosen for them; and that He will change (their state), after the fear in which they (lived), to one of security and peace: 'They will worship Me (alone) and not associate aught with Me. 'If any do reject Faith after this, they are rebellious and wicked" (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:55), and the introduction of Abu-Yahya al-Libi as the speaker. The image appears of Abu-Yahya al-Libi in front of a brown background against which rests a rifle. He then reads a statement that is accompanied by English subtitles.

A transcription of the English subtitles follows:

"All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and prayers be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon his family, companions, and allies.

"Beloved brother Mujahideen in Iraq of honor and Baghdad of the Caliphate: Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings. Allah has honored you today in the place in which you are with the greatest thing with which He honors His believing slaves: the worship of Jihad, which you have successfully resurrected from the dead, and with which Allah raised your status, spread your fame, healed your chests, and pleased through you your brothers. He, Glorious and Exalted is He, has also favored you by giving you a large part to play in shaking the pillars of the modern-day 'Ad and contemporary Hubal for which tyrants East and West would fall to the ground kneeling and prostrating, and whose prestige you broke with your patience and whose arrogance you swept away with your resolve. It is as if I am with you as you demolish its fortresses which it built on the foundations of fantasies and seduction and as you rub its nose in the dirt and tear down the facade of its civilization which had tempted those both near and far. It is as if I am with you as you hold in your hands the steel pickaxes of faith with which you follow the example of your Prophet on the day of the Manifest Victory when he crushed those deaf stones erected around the Ka'aba while repeating, "And say: truth has arrived and falsehood has perished, for falsehood is bound to perish." (17:81)

"Here is the superstate - as its worshipers call it - beginning to ramble and roam among the

nations, to beg them, ask their help and intercede with them in the hope that they will stand by its side, after it has been weakened by wounds, bled by war, worn down by the successive disasters and consecutive blows, driven mad by the horror of the battle, and after "there appeared to them from Allah what they had never expected." (39:47) So, today, you truly are the people most deserving of the description given by Allah of those whom Allah honors with His expansive grace and pours upon them His prodigious favors when those who turn on their heels turn back in apostasy, "Allah will produce a people whom He will love as they will love Him; humble with the believers, mighty against the unbelievers, fighting in the way of Allah, and never fearing the blame of the blamer. That is the grace of Allah, which He bestows on whom He pleases. And Allah is greatly possessing of grace, All-Knowing." (5:54) And without a doubt, you, with the purity of your banner, straightness of your path and clarity of your goals, are a link connected to the successive caravans and battalions of faith from the time of our Prophet (peace be upon him) to the establishment of the Hour, as the truthful and trustworthy one informed us,

"A party from my Ummah will continue to be victorious on the truth, unharmed by those who betray them, until the decree of Allah comes while they are like that." (Hadith) So, rejoice at this Prophetic badge of honor which you have put on by the grace of Allah first and then by the grace of your reliance on your Lord, perseverance in your battle, and steadfastness in your creed, unconcerned by the campaigns of slander meant to dirty the face of this pure and shining Jihad, uninterested in the stabs of the empty-hearted ones into whose souls love of this life has crept, and never expecting to be joined by the hesitant waverers who have been terrified by the aggressive posturing of your enemy and his constant threats.

"Thus, my beloved brothers, it behooves you to be conscious of this great blessing which Allah has bestowed upon you and of whose people and place of descent Allah has made you and chosen your land to be its site, and to be the most eager of people to preserve, guard and defend it and pick its fruit through constant thanks, continuous remembrance, serious work and profound wisdom: "And (remember) when your Lord made it be known that if you are grateful, I will increase (my favors) to you; but if you show ingratitude, truly my punishment is terrible indeed." (14:7) And it behooves you to beware in every way of it being stolen from you after having reached where you are today, by neglecting it or becoming divided over it, or by pretending to forget it with the passing of time, because blessings are only stolen and favors are only lost through what the hands earn. "That is because Allah will never change a grace which He has bestowed on a people until they change what is in themselves, and that Allah is He who hears and knows." (8:53) It is one of Allah's trusts which He ordered you to discharge to its people. So take it firmly and don't squander it or allow anyone else - whoever he might be - to lost it or diminish it, for the eyes of Muslims all over the world continue to observe you and prepare for the day of the Greatest Victory and Establishment whose foundations and first bricks you have laid with the founding of the Islamic State of Iraq, which came out of the womb of pains, wounds, suffering and sacrifice for it to be - with Allah's help - a newborn starting out in this dark, tyrannical world, not with shouting, wailing, condemning and criticizing, but with "there is no god but Allah" and "Allah is the greatest" and the resonance of the word of faith and monotheism. How much the Ummah has been waiting for this day, to taste the sweetness of justice after having being fed lumps of oppression for so long, to enjoy the light of faith which it had been deprived of for all those years which it spent groping in dark tunnels full of misguided ideas, perverted schools of thought and diverse whims, and to have its chest to be freed of the nightmare which sat on it for many long years of repression, humiliation, disgrace, and total vassalage and shameful submission to the lowest and most despicable of creatures. So appreciate the value of the status which Allah has given you, then see what you will do next.

"Allah has promised those of you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will surely

grant them in the land inheritance (of power) as He granted it to those before them, and that He will establish in authority their religion which He has chosen for them, and that He will exchange their fear for security and peace. They worship Me (alone) and don't associate any with Me. And whoever rejects faith after that is rebellious and wicked." (24:55)

"Beloved Mujahid brothers: your state - or rather, our state and every Muslim's state - is a newborn which the world has long awaited with the passion of the lover and yearning of the repressed, and it is in dire need of serious attention, trustworthy care and complete maintenance in order for it to grow up with a pure character and not become Nazarene, Jewish, or Magian nor run off the path in any direction whatsoever. And this requires from all of you grueling effort, total wakefulness and diligent work with which the state will develop naturally and sequentially in a way appropriate to its strength and keeping in mind its ability and combining resolve and justice, tenderness and power, comprehension and realism, wisdom and sincerity, conviction and courage, and enjoining of good and forbidding of evil with adherence to its etiquettes, norms, fundamentals and jurisprudence: "Those who, if We establish them in the land, establish Salat and give Zakat, and enjoin right and forbid wrong, and with Allah rests the end of (all) affairs." (22:41) It also requires all sincere Mujahideen in Iraq to combine their efforts, close their ranks, and join forces to be a compact, cohesive rank and single hand with which the hearts of the true lovers are gladdened and the hearts of the jealous and hateful are enraged. And from here, I call on and urge my Mujahid brothers in the Helpers of the Sunnah group, the Islamic Army, the Mujahideen Army, and other Jihadi groups which continue to enjoy success and renown in fighting the Nazarene occupiers and their apostate hirelings: I invite both their leadership and members to the racing to goodness which the Quran calls for, encourages and orders, and in which lies the success of this world and the next: "And hold fast, all together, to the rope of Allah, and be not divided among yourselves And remember Allah's favor on you, for you were enemies and He joined your hearts in love, so that by His grace, you became brethren, and you were on the brink of the pit of fire, and He saved you from it. Thus Allah makes His signs clear to you, that you may be guided." (3:103) And I call on them to provide the best help possible in order to make this tremendous project, the Islamic State of Iraq, successful by their joining in heart and soul with their brothers in it and standing at their side to support it and strengthen its pillars. So just as unity is a legal obligation first and foremost, it is also a realistic demand and urgent need imposed by circumstances and required by the stage which the blessed Jihad in Iraq is passing through: "And obey Allah and his Messenger and fall into no disputes, lest you lose heart and your power depart. And persevere, for Allah is with those who persevere." (8:46) Sticks refuse to break when banded together But if they come apart, they break one by one. So rise above the causes of differences and division, overcome all the obstacles which stand between you and this lofty goal, and give precedence to the interest of your religion, demand of your Ummah and protection of your march. And I remind you of the statement of the legal expert of the Companions, Abdullah bin Mas'ud (with whom Allah was pleased), "What you dislike in unity is better than what you like in division."

"And here are your brothers in the Islamic State of Iraq (may Allah safeguard it) opening their hearts to you, holding out their hands, humbling themselves and continuing to address you as their beloved brothers about whom they are concerned, and knocking at every door in order to reach this noble goal of agreement and unity. And we call on them to continue this good conduct which they have shown towards you with advice, lenience, humility and flexibility. May Allah increase your guidance. So hurry, beloved once, to be with them as a fortified fortress with which the Shari'ah of Islam is established, under whose standard the people of monotheism are united, and which preserves the sacrifices of the heroes and the efforts of the sincere ones for you to receive through that the praise of the righteous reformers in this world and the highest of degrees in the next.

"My Mujahid brothers in Iraq: today, you are the spearheads, leaders of the caravan and on the frontlines, and so your victory - with the permission of Allah, the Strong and Wise - will be a crucial one, so escalate your campaign, strengthen your resolve, increase your zeal and gird up your loins, and protect the trust and lift yourselves and your efforts above nonsensical and insignificant things, abandon personal interests and beware of hidden desires, and know that your entire Ummah is behind you with hearts which hope for victory and await triumph, so don't disappoint or betray them, and demonstrate to them guidance, correctness and steadfastness on the path of Jihad and fighting and clarity of approach. So continue the march you began, and harvest what you have sown, and avoid the mazes which will only exhaust you.

"Beloved Mujahid brothers: your blessed Jihad, your great fight and your decisive battle isn't the Jihad of the Iraqi people alone, nor the Jihad of just a group or party: no, it is the Jihad of the entire Islamic Ummah. It's the Jihad of the truthful martyrs who presented for their religion, creed, and Shari'ah the most precious thing they possessed by giving their lives - and giving up oneself is the ultimate generosity - and presenting their skulls with generous hearts and satisfied souls, as the rows of martyrdom-seekers came one after another from every corner of the earth, racing to immerse themselves in the sea of death for the honor and happiness of their Ummah. So Iraq deserves to be proud of them and be awarded the title of "the land of martyrdom-seeking."

It is the Jihad of the confined captive who has swallowed lump after lump of humiliation, insult, suppression and severity at the hands of the worshipers of the Cross and their hirelings, in Abu Ghayb (Abu-Ghurayb), Guantanamo, Bagram, Jordan, the Arabian Peninsula and elsewhere, all the while patient, seeking his reward, and awaiting the day of your victory and hour of your success to receive the reward of his sacrifice in safety and jubilation, not in worry and fear. It is the Jihad of the homeless and scattered who have been burned and their villages destroyed by the bombs of Crusader hatred in Fallujah, Tal' Afar (Tall Afar), Qaim (Al-Qa'im) and elsewhere, and are waiting the day on which the earth is cleansed of the infidels' filth and their might is broken so that they can return to their homes and dwellings in security and confidence for their tragedies to turn into celebrations and their sadness to turn into happiness. It is the Jihad of the pure, chaste and sheltered women whose honor was attacked by the filthiest of creatures, for the sole reason that their religion is Islam and their creed is monotheism, and who place on your shoulders a trust which weighs heavily upon the unshakeable mountains: to take revenge for them and console them in their ordeal. It is the Jihad of the displaced fugitives of East and West for whom the earth has become narrow despite its spaciousness, and who find no refuge or shelter anywhere, as the hands of the infidels snatch them wherever they go. They look at you and their hearts long for the day of shelter and establishment on which the oppression, pursuit and displacement which almost never leaves them for so much as a second will be removed from them. It is the Jihad of the scholars who speak the truth, those who have exposed their honor to defamation and slander for your sake. They are defending you with their pens and tongues day and night, dispelling the misconceptions of the rumormongers and refuting the allegations of the liars, and bearing for that all manner of pain and hardship. It is the Jihad of the entire Muslim Ummah, which has been dominated by traitorous, evildoing scum and ruled by the lowliest of people from Senegal in the west to Indonesia in the east and burned by the fire of tyranny, oppression, repression, suppression of breath and imported and local laws of unbelief. They are searching for a wind of guidance with which to reinvigorate their miserable lives and restore their lost dignity. It is the Jihad of your brothers in the Holy Land which Allah has blessed, Palestine, where their trials, severity and suffering have reached an indescribable state, and where the grandsons of monkeys and swine continue to make them taste all types of torment, including displacement, eviction, detention and demolition that turns

the hair of boys white. They have placed their hope in (after Allah the Most High) your blessed Jihad for you to be their helpers who strengthen their hand and bolster them. So fear Allah in all of that.

"Beloved Mujahid brothers: today, you are at a crossroads, as the signs of breakdown and indications of defeat of your occupying enemy have appeared on the military front, especially after his failed security plan, and his defeat - with Allah's permission - is close at hand. He has begun to wrestle with death and deal with its throes in search of a way out with which to save himself, even if it be like the eye of the needle, and he knows with certainty that he is destined to lose this battle. And the announcement of the old hag Britain, his biggest ally, about the withdrawal of some of her troops is only the beginning of the collapse and breakup which cannot be hidden by media blackouts and politicians' lies. Here is the declining enemy resorting to deceit, evasion, plotting, falsehood and slander, and running towards his lackeys in the region to extract him from the pickle in which he is drowning, and here are the threads of conspiracy beginning to be sown by their filthy hands and plotted by their devious minds. The government of Al Saud has enter(ed) the arena of conflict, not with its emaciated army which is too weak, flimsy and lowly to wage such battles, but by donning the cloak of concern for the Sunnis in Iraq, and eagerness to distinguish the fire of Rejectionists hatred, which is roasting and devouring them. This underhanded conspiracy is designed to trick anyone for whom Jihad is not a well-founded religion, stable doctrine, established act of worship and eternal methodology, for him to fall into the trap set for him and the plot to surround him from all sides. If not, then what's this Islamic zeal and doctrinal awareness that has moved the Al Saud government and its followers, the governments of the region, to defend the Sunnis in Iraq, even though we all know that the prison(s) of these states are choked with thousands of scholars, worshipers, students of knowledge, and Mujahideen, those with living jealousy, honest help and real loyalty towards their brothers from the people of the Sunnah. If these emaciated hireling governments are really serious about fighting Rejectionism and its people and stamping out their project in the region, why are they then combating the criminal Rejectionists in Iraq and opening the way for every speaker to explain the truth about them, expose their plans and issue fatwas against them even as the governments open the doors for the Rejectionists on the Arabian Peninsula and in the city of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him), where their polytheistic festivals and heretical holidays are celebrated under the protection and patronage of the agencies of the same Al Saud government?! Moreover, the Rejectionists hold the highest positions in those countries, and not just that, but anyone from who is sensed the least opposition or anger towards the Rejectionist tide in the Arabian Peninsula is arrested and tortured. And if you wish, ask any one of their prisons, and will tell you the real story. " Are your unbelievers better than those or have you an immunity (from punishment) in the sacred book? " (54:43). Those defending the people of the Sunnah in Iraq are the sincere Emigrants and Helpers who haven't made their Jihad a lowly commodity to be bought and sold in the markets of international interests nor subjected it to political deals which legalize it one year and prohibit it the next. They have ransomed the people of the Sunnah with their lives, defended them with all they have, and made the evildoing Rejectionists taste misfortune and swallow cups of sorrow and have torn them in every way, to give victory to the truth, not to claims of interests, and in accordance with the duty of loyalty, not the deceptions of misguidance and whims. These truthful Mujahideen will never allow anyone to make the slogan "Defense of the people of the Sunnah" an inroad through which the corrupters slip in to divert the Jihad from its course, or steal its fruits, or blur its cause, or make it a ball which the tyrants play with according to their whims and desires.

"This is why our Sunni brothers in beloved Iraq have no need for the filthy hands of the government of Al Saud to be extended to them; those hands which have never entered any one of the Muslims' causes without polluting, corrupting, and perverting it and misplacing its fruits,

as they have done in all contemporary fields of Jihad. Rather, our brothers are in need of the backing and aid of the Muslim peoples, with their bodies and wealth, with shelter and prayer, and with incitement. This is the help which they need, and it is the help which brings pure fruits and preserves lives, defends honor and paves the way for the purified Shari'ah, not the Shari'ah of Al Saud. These peoples are connected with the Sunnis in Iraq through faith-based loyalty and are trusted by them due to their innocence of the lying of politics, deception of interests and greasing of the media. Mujahid brothers in Iraq: be fully aware of what is being plotted against your Jihad and state. It isn't like these evildoers in whose territorial waters steamboats of destruction drop anchor and on whose land lie fortified military bases from which aircraft carrying death and devastation take off, and who, with unmatched generosity, spend billions of their wealth to support your enemies, it isn't like them to offer any advice, benefit or good thing to you and your peoples, however much they pretend to, without adding enough poison to exterminate you and sabotage your Jihad, which you would only discover when it's too late and regret is of no use. " O you who believe! If you obey the unbelievers, they will drive you back on your heels, and you will turn back losers. Nay, Allah is your protector, and He is the best of helpers." (5:149-150)

"So don't be drawn in by the flashy advertisements for Satan and his allies to trap you in their twisted, tangled and knotted nets, for I swear by Allah, to do so would be nothing but a flagrant betrayal of the blood of the martyrs, a gratuitous killing of the efforts of the loyal and honest ones and a useless, pointless waste of time, and worse than that would smooth the way for the trespassing usurper and his aides to establish himself once more and again control the necks of the people and thus start all over again. So the matter is extremely dangerous and isn't the simple thing which those who promote it, beautify it and advertise it make it out to be. There is no way to establishment and preservation of states other than Jihad in the Path of Allah and Jihad alone, and no way to expel trespassing, usurping occupier and crush his underlings other than taking up arms, using force and fighting while seeking help in Allah, relying on Him and constantly asking for his aid. This is the path, and anything else is from the whispers of Satan. Through it, the Shari'ah is established, the religion is preserved, the plots are foiled, the intrigues are revealed, the outsiders are exposed and the traitors are stamped out. So take this path and keep tightly to it, and Allah will be with you and won't let your work go to waste. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds."