

Jihadist Website Posts Bin Ladin's Message to Europeans on War in Afghanistan

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Terrorism: Al-Sahab Media Releases Bin Ladin's Message To People of Europe On 30 November, a participant in a jihadist website posts several links to an audio recording issued by Usama Bin Ladin entitled "A Message to the People of Europe" produced by the Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida Organization. The 5-minute and 2-second audio recording plays while a still image of Bin Ladin appears. English subtitles of the audio message appear on the screen as Bin Ladin speaks. Portions of Usama Bin Ladin's audio message were broadcast on Al-Jazirah Satellite Channel on 29 November, and filed as GMP20071129635003 and GMP20071129635005.

Following is the full text of Bin Ladin's audio message:

"Praise be to God, who did not create human beings for nothing, and did not leave them in vain, but rather created them to worship Him. Intelligent people have obeyed him while the miserable ones disobeyed Him.

"My message is to the peoples of the countries that are allied with America in invading Afghanistan, and I single out Europe. Peace be upon those who follow guidance. As for what follows: It is no secret to you that the Afghans had suffered a great deal for two decades at the hands of the Russians and their Communist agents. However, they remained patient, fought, held their ground, and achieved victory, with the help of God. But before their wounds healed and their sorrows ended, your unjust governments invaded them unlawfully and without thinking about, or contemplating, Bush's claim that this invasion is a response to the 11 (September) events, while the truth is what I have said before: That the Manhattan events were a response to the killing by the US-Israeli alliance of our people in Palestine and Lebanon, and that I am responsible for them. I assert that all the Afghans--government and people--had no knowledge at all of these events. America knows this. It captured some of the Taliban ministers and interrogated them, and they learned about this. This is why the Taliban government had previously asked America to produce evidence of the truth of its claim before the invasion, but it did not produce any evidence and just insisted on the invasion, with Europe following it in this. Europe had no choice but to follow it. Your participation in this war is sufficient to prove this.

This is in addition to giving US soldiers immunity against trial before European courts.

Therefore, this speech of mine is addressed to you, and not to your politicians. It is no longer a secret that Blair, Brown, Berlusconi, Aznar, Sarkozy and those with him, and people like them, like to sit in the shade of the White House. There is no big difference to be noted between them and many leaders of Third World countries.

"To sum up, in this war you committed two unjust things. The first thing is that this war was launched against the Afghans unlawfully, and you did not produce one piece of evidence to court. In addition, you destroyed the camps of Al Qa'ida, killed some of its members, and captured others, most of whom were from Pakistan. What is the Afghan's guilt to continue this unjust war against them? Their only guilt is that they are Muslims--something which shows the great grudge the Crusaders harbor against Islam and its people. The second thing is that in this war you have not abided by war ethics and principles. Most of your victims, as a result of bombing, are women and children. This is deliberate. You know that our women do not fight,

but you target them even on joyous occasions, based on prior knowledge and determination, so as to break the morale of the mujahidin. However, this will do you no good. We are steadfast and will continue, with the grace of God, praise be to Him, to take revenge on the unjust ones and expel the occupying invaders. I have witnessed similar incidents, and they continue to take place on a daily basis. Hospitals are full of innocent people. People who commit such things have no faith, ethics human nature, or shame. For your information, the Afghan people are a religious Muslim people, who are courageous, noble, proud, and zealous, and who reject humiliation and submission to invaders. Their history is full steadfastness and victories. They fought Britain during its glorious days and defeated it with God's favor. They also fought the Russians during their glorious days and defeated them with God's favor. The Afghan people are currently fighting America and its agents under the command of Mulla Omar, the emir of believers, may God watch over him, and under the leadership of Haj Mansur Dadollah, the knight of the battlefield. I pray that God will grant them victory and resolve.

"In conclusion, I remind you that the US expansion is receding, thanks be to God. They will leave for their country, beyond the Atlantic, and let the neighbors settle their differences with each other. So it is better for you to stand against your politicians, who are flocking to the White House, and to work hard to remove the injustice done to wronged people. Justice is right, injustice means suffering, and heeding the truth is the trait of people who have sound thinking. Peace be upon those who follow guidance."