

## **Bin Ladin Addresses Message on 60th Anniversary of 'Israeli Occupation State'** May 18, 2008

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**Terrorism: Bin Ladin Addresses Message on 60th Anniversary of Creation of 'Israeli Occupation State'** On 16 May, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to a 9 minute 38 second audio message by Usama Bin Ladin, leader of Al-Qa'ida Organization, produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida. The message is entitled: "Reasons of Conflict on the 60th Anniversary of the Creation of the Israeli Occupation State." A translation of the audio message follows:

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

"To all western nations: Peace be upon the one who follows the righteous path. My talk to you addresses the main root of the conflict between our civilization and your civilization; namely, the Palestine question.

The conflict is escalating due to your current policies. I would like to stress here that the Palestine question is my nation's central issue. It was, therefore, a key factor that has, since childhood, provided me and the free 19 men (refers to the 19 hijackers responsible for the 11 September attacks) with an overwhelming feeling of the need to support those who are done injustice and to punish the unjust Jews and those supporting them. Your injustice against us was continued during the incidents in Lebanon and the other incidents. This is why the incidents of the 11th (of September), together with the developments preceding and following them took place.

"I draw your attention here and tell you: There is a precious opportunity before the equitable among you and those who wish to know the truth of the Palestine. The Jews, with the participation of Western leaders, are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the inception of their state. This celebration bears many significant meanings. I will be briefly talking about three of these.

"First, this event clearly shows that the State of Israel did not have any existence 60 years ago. It rather, was created in Palestine, which has been usurped by force of arms. This proves our claim that Palestine is our land and that the Israelis are occupying invaders who must be fought.

"Second, this event shows that most of your media outlets have abandoned objectivity and professionalism as regards this issue and other similar issues. Those in charge of these media have been misleading you for 60 years now. They have distorted the facts in such a way that portrays the Israelis, who have occupied and invaded our land, as victims, while they have unjustly depicted the Palestinians, who have been done injustice and who have been demanding to regain their land, as executioners and terrorists.

"Here appears the dangerousness of the major news media, which play a role that is similar to that of magicians in falsifying facts and creating a misled public opinion that enables them to drive the western nations to an unjust war against us without right as it was clear in the invasion of Iraq after they disseminated the lies of the leader of the White House and those with him. The strength of the Zionist lobby in your media also became clear as it portrayed matters contrary to the reality in the service of the Israelis.

"Third, the fact that Western leaders joined the Jews in this celebration confirms that the West supports this unfair Jewish occupation of our land and that they stand on the side of the Israelis against us. They have translated this on the ground by sending their troops to South Lebanon in support of the Jews.

"Western politicians still live with the mentality of the Medieval Ages. They oppress others by occupying their land, killing their free men, and plundering their resources. This is what Bush and Blair confirmed and made clear by invading Iraq also to steal its oil and humiliate its people.

"If Britain had enabled the Jews to occupy Palestine through the Balfour Declaration, and if the United Nations had decided to give the Jews most of Palestine, these decisions have no value and do not concern us. This is because he who does not own gave to the one who does not deserve. And, isn't the United Nations only one of your tools, and the peace talks, which began 60 years ago and have not ended, only to deceive the fools, and Bush's promises for a state in the real sense of the word are only useless, while Jihad is a duty to liberate the whole of Palestine. "We understand that those with ill souls are inclined to encroach on other people's rights and unjustly seize their property by deception or armed robbery. When these people reach power, the disaster grows and redoubles by as much as the difference between the power of the state and the power of armed robbers.

"As for our case today, hateful terrorism and armed robbery are perpetuated by the leader of the most powerful military machine ever. The disaster is, therefore, not limited to a certain country or region. Rather, it is a global disaster. Despite the tremendous ordeals and catastrophes inflicted upon us by your wars, we will always remain patient in wars and will always prove faithful when fighting the aggressors. But what really makes one sick is the fact that -- after all the killing, damage, looting, thefts, and vileness-- your politicians come forward to talk about values. This, indeed, is unbearable.

"Do not combine between two injustices. If you insist on looting and plundering, you will find what will stop you. Show some modesty and stop lying by speaking about values. I will cite examples from the Palestinian reality so as to further clarify the issue and show the fallacy of you values. The adoption of double-standards on a single issue is typical of your politicians. You classify the Palestinian organizations as terrorist, and they were punished and boycotted. On the other hand, when the Israelis committed murder against civilians, including women and children, whether by bobby-trapped cars as happened in Yafo, Haifa and elsewhere; or worst than that when Zionist organizations set up massacres for Palestinian villagers to terrorize them, expel them, and plunder their lands. What was your stand? This is shown by your dealing with Begin.

"Who was Begin? He was the leader of one of these oppressive Zionist organizations. Begin was the perpetrator of the Dayr Yasin massacre. Begin was the one who gorged out the bellies of pregnant women in the Dayr Yasin massacre. Is there a more sordid and atrocious terrorism? Was this not the peak of crime and decadence? Can any man kill a woman villager, who does not know fighting and has nothing with it, let alone gorge out her belly while she was pregnant? The sight of such a horrible crime is unimaginable and unbelievable, were they not confirmed by documents. In fact, some Israelis take pride in it, saying were it not for the Dayr Yasin massacre the Palestinians would not have fled from their land and left it for us.

"What is the West's stand on Begin? Instead of being punished for those crimes, he was recognized as prime minister. They were not satisfied with that, but also granted him the Nobel

Prize. What oppression and what injustice! How cheap was the blood of the innocent! What severity and savagery!

"The massacres have never stopped since Dayr Yasin. Today, we behold the Gaza massacre, which is being committed right under the nose of the whole world. A million and a half people are under a dark blockade. They are dying slowly due to malnutrition and scarcity of medicine. Not only that, your politicians have forced the ruler of Egypt to tighten the siege on them so as to strangle the weak, most of whom are women and children.

"Tell me what is the difference between your values in your modern paganism (jahiliyatukum al-mu'asirah) and the values of Haman in the first jahiiyah while he supported the pharaoh in killing the Israelites in Egypt.

"In conclusion, those defending their children and taking a stand against the unfair policy of the pharaoh should not be blamed. God willing, we will keep fighting the Israelis and their allies in defense of the right and to bring justice to those who have been done injustice. We will not give up a single inch of Palestine, God willing, as long as there is still on earth a single devout Muslim breathing. And remember, you reap what you sow. Peace be upon those who follow the righteous path."