

Al-Sahab Video Features Bin Ladin, Al-Zawahiri, Others Discussing Afghanistan, Iraq

September 20, 2007

[Please note: Images may have been removed from this document. Page numbers have been added.]

Terrorism : Al-Sahab Video Features Bin Ladin, Al-Zawahiri, Others Discussing Afghanistan, Iraq On 20 September, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to a new 80-minute and 34-second video produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida organization, entitled "Power of Truth," featuring old recordings by Al-Qa'ida leaders Usama Bin Ladin and Ayman al-Zawahiri praising jihad in Afghanistan and Iraq. The video production also features compilations of old archival material on the September 11 attacks, statements by US and other western politicians and security experts on the structure and tactics of Al-Qa'ida, and video clips of attacks against western troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. The video, dated August-September 2007, also features some recent statements by Al-Zawahiri on the situation in Iraq and Afghanistan and the recent Red Mosque events in Pakistan.

A description of the video follows:

The video begins with a recording of the voice of Muhammad Ata, the leader of the group that carried out the September 11 attacks, ordering passengers on board the hijacked plane not to move. It then shows old footage of Peter Bergen, identified as a writer and journalist, talking about the planning for the September 11 attacks.

A recording of poetry with the voice of Shaykh Mahfuz Ould al-Walid, who is not further identified, praising the September 11 attacks against the background of video images of the aftermath of these attacks follows.

The video production then shows excerpts from a recent video statement by Ayman al-Zawahiri on the sixth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Al-Zawahiri says: "These days we are witnessing the passage of six years since the raids on New York and Washington, during which time the mujahid Muslim vanguards have destroyed the pride of the tyrannical Crusaders. Before elaborating on the raids on New York and Washington, I would like to offer my condolences and those of my brothers to the noble family of the lion of Islam, the martyr and son of a martyr as we see him, Mawlawi Abd-al-Rashid Ghazi, and to the Muslim nation in Pakistan and all lands of Islam. That hero, along with his male and female students, revealed the extent of the despicableness, lowliness, and treason of Musharraf and his forces, which do not deserve the honor of defending Pakistan because Pakistan is a Muslim land whereas the forces of Musharraf are hunting dogs under Bush's crucifix. Let the Pakistani Army know that the killing of Abd-al-Rashid Ghazi and his male and female students and the demolition of his mosque and two schools has soaked the history of the Pakistani Army in shame and despicableness which can only be washed away by retaliation against the killers of Abd-al-Rashid Ghazi and his students."

Al-Zawahiri then adds: "The bitter, regrettable truth is that the Zionist Crusade has been able to impose on the Pakistani Army a small group that worships its salaries instead of God and that will sell anything, including its religion and honor, for a few rupees. In contrast to that despicable group, Abd-al-Rashid Ghazi stood high to outline the path and offer his blood and the blood of his students as a sacrifice for the victory of Islam. Oh our Muslim nation, oh ulema and seekers of knowledge, here is another alim (scholar) falling as a martyr in defense of the

banner of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, whose Lord commanded him and says: 'Then fight in Allah's cause - Thou art held responsible only for thyself - and rouse the believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers; for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:84).

Al-Zawahiri continues: "My Muslim nation: Abd-al-Rashid Ghazi, Mullah Dadollah, Abdallah Azzam, Abu-Umar al-Sayf, Hammudah al-Uqlah, Abdallah al-Rashud, and those like them of the mujahid and steadfast ulema are the ones who deserve to be followed by you. As for the ulema of the palaces, the jurisprudents of begging, the brokers of retractions, the muftis who rule according to the school of thought of Elizabeth, and the ulema of the Marines, you must give them the status they deserve."

The video then shows old footage of Clint Van Zandt, identified as "terrorism expert with the FBI," on the structure and tactics of Al-Qa'ida.

Then the video cuts back to Al-Zawahiri who says: "What they claim to be the strongest power in the history of mankind is today being defeated in front of the Muslim vanguards of jihad six years after the two raids on New York and Washington. The Crusaders themselves have admitted their defeat in Afghanistan at the hands of the lions of the Taliban under the banner of the lion of Islam, our amir, the leader of the faithful, Mullah Muhammad Omar Mujahid, may God watch over him."

It then shows Shaykh Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid meeting a Taliban leader, Mullah Mansur Dadollah. The video shows the two leaders, flanked by their fighters, sitting in an open space with Abu-al-Yazid making statements on the close ties between Taliban and Al-Qa'ida and commending Mullah Muhammad Omar for his support to Al-Qa'ida. The video also shows Mullah Mansur Dadollah speaking on the close ties between the two groups.

The video then shows Taliban attacks against foreign troops in Afghanistan and Afghan civilians talking about the NATO "attacks" against their villages.

The video then returns to Al-Zawahiri, who says: "And the coalition of the Crusaders has begun to fight the fight of the desperate and depressed by intensifying the bombing of civilians to discourage them from supporting the Taliban which is the same slide toward defeat into which the Russian communists fell before."

The video then features an old recording of Usama Bin Ladin talking about the situation in Iraq and criticizing Arab rulers for their helplessness to confront foreign influence in the area. In this recording, Bin Ladin says: "The greatest and most crucial and critical cause in the whole world today is this third world war which the Zionist-Crusader coalition has commenced against the Islamic nation, and its heat and flames are strongest in the Land of the Two Rivers. The mill of the world today is turning and its axis is Baghdad, the home of the caliphate. The whole world is today observing this war and observing the two opponents, the Islamic nation on one side and on the other side are America and its allies. So it is either ascent and glory or misery and disgrace."

Next the video shows clips of the "mujahidin" operations in Iraq against the background of a speech by President Bush in which he says: "Major combat operations in Iraq have ended in the battle of Iraq. The United States and our allies have prevailed."

After this, the video shows Richard Perle saying: "I realized better than most people what this war would involve. I think most people thought there would be tens of thousands of people killed and there would be a long and a very bloody war. I thought that it would be over in three weeks with very few people killed. And I was right."

It then shows another old recording of Usama Bin Ladin in which he criticizes the Arab rulers. This is followed by a recording of Abd-al-Bari Atwan, chief editor of the London-based Al-Quds al-Arabi newspaper, giving statements to a western journalist saying that Bin Ladin "was actually very keen to drag the Americans to the Middle East, where he can fight them on his own turf. When he went there to blow up the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, it seems that you played into his hands. It seems that he trapped you."

The video then shows Al-Zawahiri saying: "The Crusaders have admitted their defeat in Iraq at the hands of the mujahidin who have taken the battle of Islam to the heart of the Islamic world on the outskirts of Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem)."

It then shows old recording of US military officials speaking.

Next the video production shows clips of attacks against US troops in Iraq and excerpts from an old recording by Bin Ladin praising Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi for his jihad against the Americans in Iraq. Bin Ladin says: "Abu-Mus'ab, may God have mercy on him, went out after God had blessed him to found a base for the defense of religion and the recovery of Palestine, God willing, and after he had taken revenge on behalf of the weak and the oppressed there by slaying the Americans, the allies of the Jews, and stunning them, and after he had killed their men, split their structure, bled their funds, broken their unity, and humiliated their pride so much so that those both far and near and obedient and disobedient were emboldened. And so, he entered history through the widest of its doors and honored it, and led the world to the path of glory and defined it with resolve, determination, and defiance. Thus, his biography was immortalized along with the biographies of the greatest of the great."

The video then shows more old footage of statements given by President Bush and US journalists.

It then shows Al-Zawahiri again speaking about the "preemptive step" by the "mujahidin in Iraq," which is represented by the declaration of "The Islamic State of Iraq." Al-Zawahiri says: "They were so enlightened and sincere that they have united their ranks, first in the Mujahidin Shura Council, then in the mujahid steadfast state of Islam in order to foil the plans of the dealers in politics, hatchers of plots, and seekers of profits."

The video then features excerpts from recorded statements by Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi of The Islamic State of Iraq against the background of videos showing gunmen in Iraq brandishing rifles. It shows Shiite officials in Iraq with a narrator criticizing the Iraqi Government officials for not resisting the occupation.

It then shows Al-Zawahiri again saying: "Oh nation of Islam, what is hidden has been exposed, the secrets have been revealed, and the sun of truth has risen, and you now know who are your soldiers and sons who defend your religion and sanctities and who are those who stab you from behind in defense of the religion and interests of the Crusaders."

The video then shows Bin Ladin saying: "We have seen (Iyad) Allawi's government come and go, yet the occupier did not leave, and then (Ibrahim) al-Ja'fari's government as well, but the occupier did not leave, and here is the traitorous, apostate (Nuri) al-Maliki's government taking the same line as the Al-Ja'fari's government because it is just another face of it. So, the conclusion is: It is not possible for such a large number of the sons of the south to participate with America and its allies in violating Al-Fallujah, Al-Ramadi, Ba'qubah, Mosul, Samarra, Al-Qa'im, and other cities and villages and then in exchange have their regions enjoy safety from harm and reaction. And I say to our Islamic nation: Despite the heroic operations which the mujahidin are carrying out against the Americans and their apostate agents, operations which have killed their men, dissipated their wealth, exacerbated their wounds, scattered their allies, broken their prestige, and revealed their shame, until they preferred returning home to the spoils, despite all that, the defenseless ones from the people of Islam in the Land of the Two Rivers are facing campaigns of annihilation at the hands of the gangs of hatred and treachery which deployed in all the sensitive spots in the former Al-Ja'fari government. They are present today in the current Al-Maliki's government."

The narrator then criticizes a statement by "butcher" (former Iraqi Interior Minister) Bayan Jabr (Sulagh) on "his forces' crimes against our people in Iraq" in which he says, "It happens everywhere in the world."

The video then shows Bin Ladin again in an old recording saying: "Thus, it is obligatory for the Muslims to reach out and relieve their brothers in the Land of the Two Rivers with money and men until they have lifted from them the oppression of the Crusaders and apostates, and I stress to our Muslim people in Iraq that they should know with certainty that there is no currying favor with the Crusaders and apostates, no half-solutions, and no way to salvation for them other than holding fast to the rope of God. And I stress that they should observe unity, beware of factionalism and disagreement, and cling to jihad. I tell them: Your swords are your fortresses, and beware of being fooled by the parties and groups which have entered and taken part in these governments, because the matter is serious. These governments and this political participation are nothing but attempts to deceive you. The swords of these people are dripping with your blood on a daily basis. Iron is only blunted by iron, and he who hopes to convince these apostates to refrain from fighting the people of Islam in Baghdad and its surroundings without a weapon is like a fool who tries to convince the wolves to stop preying on the sheep, which will never be."

The narrator then says: "As for the front of the Islamic Maghreb, it is the gateway of jihad facing the Crusader West in order to liberate the region's peoples from the sons of France and also to liberate the usurped Andalusia."

It then shows Al-Zawahiri saying: "The forces of jihad and steadfastness in the Maghreb of Islam joined the mujahid ranks to confront the new Crusade campaign under the noble and victorious banner of the messenger of God, may God's peace and blessing be upon him. So the hearts of the Caesars were pulled from their place and they began to plan for the creation of a new command for them in Africa."

The video then shows an old recording by Abu-Mus'ab Abd-al-Wadud reading a message to Usama Bin Ladin in which he says: "Our dear and precious shaykh and amir: I reassure you about the conditions of your troops and men in the land of steadfastness, Algeria, as their condition is going from good to better and they are enjoying the pleasure of living in the shade of the sword. They are steadfast on their covenant and perseverant on the path of jihad despite the world's conspiring against them and despite the alliance of the Crusaders and their apostate

agents from the soldiers of Musaylamah (a liar in early Islam claimed to be a prophet). So rest assured, oh our shaykh, for despite the tremendous disasters which afflicted the jihad in Algeria, including perversion, deviation, and global plotting, its ark today rests on the mountain. Our swords are unsheathed and our souls are carried on our shoulders, and we deem the expensive and the precious to be cheap in making God's word supreme. We also endure walking over thorns in defense of the desecrated religion and of the violated sanctities of our nation. By God, you shall not be attacked from our flank as long as there remains in us a pulsing vein and a blinking eye."

The video then shows Al-Zawahiri again saying: "Oh our Muslim nation in the Maghreb of steadfastness and jihad, restoring the Andalusia is a trust on the shoulders of the nation in general and on your shoulders in particular, and you will not be able to do that without first cleansing the Maghreb of Islam of the children of France and Spain who have come back again after your fathers and grandfathers sacrificed their blood cheaply in the cause of God to expel them. So be faithful to your religion and to the Sunnah of your Prophet, may God's peace be upon him, and to the blood of your fathers, and stand with your sons the mujahidin against the Crusaders and their children."

The video then discusses the Somali and the Chechen issues. It shows writer and journalist, Peter Bergen, speaking about this issue, along with excerpts of Al-Zawahiri's recorded statements on the situation in these two areas. Al-Zawahiri says: "The Crusader campaign attacked Mujahid Somalia through its agents, the Ethiopians and Ugandans, but the lions of Islam in Somalia confronted it and made an example out of it and gave it its fill of killing and death."

On the Chechen issue, Al-Zawahiri is shown again, this time saying: "Our brothers in Chechnya stood fast in a war which stretches over four and a half centuries against Russia in both its Crusader and communist forms. A multi-ringed blockade has been imposed on them, but despite all pressures, they have continued to defend Islam on its northern frontiers with an unwavering determination and strong defiance."

The video then shows recordings and video clips of Chechen commanders, followed by another old recording of Al-Zawahiri, in which he says: "So stand, oh nation of Islam, with your sons the mujahidin under the victorious banner of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and attack the defeated Crusader banner of Bush. Go forth, oh our nation, to the mujahidin, carry arms with the mujahidin, support, and defend them, and do not be intimidated by the power of America, for the two blessed raids revealed that it is a power made of iron and fire without faith, morals, or resolve. We have examined the American tyrant face to face and have found it a tyrant of lies, phoniness, and abundant capabilities which have no doctrine for which to fight. We have tried this so-called power and put its strength to the test in Tora Bora, Shah-i-Kot, Al-Fallujah, Ba'qubah, and Tall Afar. So what did we find? We found soldiers whose creed is a mix of perverted Christianity, greedy materialism, and running after lust and false values."

Next the video shows US citizens and soldiers criticizing the US involvement in Iraq. This is followed by Al-Zawahiri commenting on the "false Western values" saying: "These are values which they violate the most. These are human rights, freedom, fair and impartial rule, and equality, to the end of the series of American lies."

The video then shows US commentators criticizing "spying" on US citizens and US "involvement" in Iraq, saying only the big companies are profiting from this involvement.

It then shows an old recording of Bin Ladin talking about the "big profits" made by US companies in Iraq. He says: "Those who say that Al-Qa'ida has won against the administration in the White House or that the administration in the White House has lost in this war have not been precise because when one scrutinizes the results, one cannot say that Al-Qa'ida is the sole factor in achieving these spectacular gains. Rather, the policy of the White House that demands the opening of war fronts to keep their various corporations, whether those working in the field of arms, oil, or construction, has helped Al-Qa'ida to achieve enormous results. And so it has appeared to analysts and diplomats that we and the White House are playing as one team toward the economic goals of the United States, even if the intentions differ. It is true that this shows that Al-Qa'ida has profited, but on the other hand, it shows that the Bush administration has also profited, something of which anyone who looks at the size of the contracts acquired by the shady Bush administration-linked mega-corporations, like Halliburton and those like it, will be convinced. And it all shows that the real loser is you. It is the American people and their economy."

This is followed by Al-Zawahiri's recording in which he says: "Why should the American soldier makes sacrifices, when he knows that the concern of his commanders is luxury and shirking of responsibility, and the concern of his political leadership is making profit and amassing treasure?"

The video also features recordings by "martyr Hajj Malik al-Shahbaz," or Malcom X, on the US and western intervention in the world and people's resistance against them.

This is followed by another recording of Al-Zawahiri in which he says: "In Tora Bora, whose area under no circumstances exceeds one square mile, the Americans were certain that Shaykh Usama Bin Ladin, may God protect him, was present in the midst of his soldiers and aides, yet they did not have the courage to do anything other than surrounding the area with the gangs of hypocrites and bandits and carrying out heavy bombing. The Americans used heavy bombing because they always look for a cheap victory. As for when the battle requires fighting to death, then do not ask about their cowardice and backtracking. Why didn't the Americans go into Tora Bora when they had besieged and were bombing it to end their war against Al-Qa'ida six years ago? Or rather, to put the question in its real dimensions, why is what it claims to be the strongest power in the history of mankind being defeated in its confrontation with the mujahid vanguards of Islam? This is the question the Americans must ask themselves, their president, and their officers. In fact, this is the question which the Americans evade asking themselves, their president, and their officers. The Americans might be able to enter Kabul and Baghdad by bombing and destruction, but, by the grace of God, they are being defeated in Afghanistan and Iraq."

Al-Zawahiri adds: "The Americans are able to bomb, burn, and destroy, but they are the first to flee when the fighters fight for faith and in the cause of God. This is the difference between the nation of faith, monotheism, and martyrdom and the nation of falseness, lust, and phoniness. Thus, the secret of our strength is our faith, which, whenever we hold firm to it, are victorious, and whenever we retract from it, we are defeated. From here comes the danger of the culture of compromises, methodology of withdrawal, and the policy of panting after gains, because it is a culture, methodology, and policy which pulls us toward defeat and deprives us of victory. The six years following the blessed raids have uncovered where the flaws are in our ranks. There are parties which have only understood Islamic action to be agreeing with the wishes of the tyrants, keeping in line with what the senior criminals of this world permit, traveling to conferences, appearing on TV, being lax in religion according to desire, and benefiting from positions, salaries, visas, residence permits, and citizenship, and acting as the government's middlemen to

put pressure on the prisoners to recant. These parties were shocked by the earthquake of September 11th. Thus, they began to execute the will of the senior criminals by helping the oppressor against the oppressed, empowering the butcher over the victim, apologizing to the tyrannical dictators, the senior criminals, and cursing the youth of martyrdom, the mujahidin."

He says: "These parties have repeated the same lies of the Crusade, describing the war of mujahidin in defense of Islam and Muslims as terrorism and pretending to forget the rivers of blood which the Crusaders and Jews have made in our countries for centuries. These parties have agreed with Bush, the liar, who said that there is nothing to justify the raids on New York and Washington and with Blair, the toady, who said that the London bombings have no connection to their crimes in Iraq."

This is followed by statements by a former CIA official, Bush, Rumsfeld, Cheney, and others on the war on Iraq and the story of the weapons of mass destruction.

The video then shows archived footage of Bin Ladin pointing to a map and discussing the influence of the former Soviet Union in Iraq followed by a former CIA analyst saying that Saddam Husayn and Bin Ladin were "enemies" and that Bin Ladin considered Saddam a "socialist infidel."

The video then shows Thomas Kean, head of the investigation committee into the September 11 incidents, saying that there is "no relationship whatsoever between Iraq and the attack on September 11th."

The video then shows Al-Zawahiri saying: "The Americans and the British then walked behind the liar and his lackey, as if they were blind, into the abyss. On the sixth anniversary of the two raids, Bush will stand and call on the Americans not to withdraw their troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. My advice to the Americans is that they not ask him when will the troops return, but rather, they should ask him how many of the troops will return? And when Shaykh Usama Bin Ladin offered the Crusaders a truce so they could get out of the lands of Islam and so all could enjoy security and so we could devote ourselves to building our countries, which have been destroyed by the fires of the Crusaders, they told him you are a terrorist, and we do not negotiate with terrorists. And the ulema of the Marines kept silent. These backtracking parties have committed all of these mistakes because the mujahidin adopt an Islam which those parties do not know and do not desire or want, the Islam of the prophet, may God's peace and blessing be upon him, and his companions, with whom God was pleased and their followers, may God have mercy on them. It is the Islam and jihad and martyrdom, purity of belief, and enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong. It is the Islam of confronting tyrants, thieves, and traitors. It is the Islam of motivating the nation to carry its arms and wage jihad in the path of its religion and in defense of its sanctities. It is the Islam which doesn't know currying favor with the thieving rulers or endearing oneself to America's slave boys or flattering the Crusader West. It is the Islam of speaking the truth, disloyalty to the tyrants, and sacrificing everything dear for the sake of lifting oppression from the oppressed and liberating the lands of the Muslims."

Abdallah al-Nafisi, Kuwaiti professor, is then shown speaking at a symposium on the importance of jihad in Islam.

The video then shows an old video recording of Bin Ladin in which he criticizes the Gulf countries for relying on the United States to defend them. He says: "God willing, they (Americans) will leave the Gulf under the strikes of the mujahidin."

Al-Zawahiri is then shown saying: "I say to the Muslims in America and the West that when you join the Crusader troops to fight your Muslim brothers, based on the lies of the ulema of marines, you will lose this life and the hereafter."

The video then shows "brother Abu-Abdallah," apparently a British Muslim, speaking in English in an interview about the Muslims' "right" to "take up arms against the West." He also voices support for the September 11 attacks.

Al-Zawahiri is then shown saying: "I do not want to comment on the victims of the retractions, upon whom severe pressure has been applied and who the government has taken to a stage of despair and made them think that there is no way to deliverance from prison except by retracting and compromising. Rather, I want to expose the criminals in the Saudi, Egyptian, and Libyan regimes, who flay our sons and daughters in the slaughterhouse of torture in order to extract information from them and then continue to pressure them and lead them to despair until they agree to go back on their principles under circumstances about which only God knows. We must expose the butcher before we debate the skinned victim."

Al-Zawahiri then says: "The crusader US Administration is practicing in our detention centers the harshest and meanest forms of torture, in addition to the worst brainwashing methods and psychological warfare. It then causes headache to us by chattering about human rights."

The narrator in the video then speaks about the "plots" of "apostate" Arab and Islamic leaders against "usurped Palestine."

Abd-al-Bari Atwan, chief editor of the London-based Al-Quds al-Arabi, is then shown making statements in an interview in which he criticizes the Sharm al-Shaykh summits.

Al-Zawahiri then criticizes the "politicians of bargains who forgot the area of Palestine, relinquished four-fifths of it in Mecca's palaces, blessed Friedman-Abdallah initiative, and called for establishing a bi-national state for the Jews and Palestinians after their weakness made them give up the slogan: Jihad Is Our Way."

He then says: "America and Israel today are seeking to establish a misshapen Palestinian state and appoint Mahmud Abbas over it to besiege the mujahidin. The problem is not in Mahmud Abbas but is in the politicians of bargaining who recognized him as president, gave him the right to negotiate in the name of the Palestinians, and signed with him the Mecca agreement on abandoning Palestine, although they are the people most aware of the history of Mahmud Abbas, the treachery of Mahmud Abbas, and treason of Mahmud Abbas. And then today they say we are coming to terms and talking with Mahmud Abbas. About what? Is it about the remaining fifth of Palestine or about returning him to his headquarters in Gaza? The Muslim nation must support the mujahidin in Palestine so that they continue their jihad and so that they will not be besieged by the concessions of the politicians of bargaining."

Al-Zawahiri then says that the Islamic nation cannot achieve victory as long as it "recognizes Husni Mubarak, (Abdallah) Bin-Sa'ud, Bouteflika, (Abdallah) Bin-Husayn, and Ali Abdallah Salih as rulers." He adds: "Ali Abdallah Salih was so genius that he claimed that the members of Al-Qa'ida are agents of America and Israel. The problem does not lie in this thing, but rather in those turbaned and bearded clerics who pledged allegiance to this thing and recognized him as a ruler of Muslims in Yemen." He calls on the people of Yemen to carry weapons to face the

"Crusader-Zionist campaign and its supporters" and to support "those who carry weapons against Crusaders, Jews, and their aides."

The narrator then says that the rulers of Sudan allowed the UN forces to "invade" Darfur after "giving up southern Sudan to the Crusaders and their allies."

Bin Ladin then says in a recorded statement: "The south will remain an integral part of the land of Islam, even if wars go on for decades to come. America was not content with all this sedition and these crimes. It moved to sow other sedition, chief among which is that of western Sudan. It exploited some differences among the sons of tribes and triggered a fierce war among them that would burn everything as an introduction to sending Crusader troops to occupy the area and steal its oil under the cover of protecting peace there. It is a continuing Zionist-Crusader war against the Muslims. In this regard, I call on the mujahidin and their helpers in general and those in Sudan and its environs, including the Arabian Peninsula, in particular, to prepare all that is necessary to wage a long-term war against the Crusader thieves in the west of Sudan. Our goal is clear; namely, to defend Islam and its people and land, and not to defend the Khartoum government, even if our interests overlap. Our differences with it are great, and it is enough that it failed to apply the Shari'ah and relinquished the south. I encourage the mujahidin to acquaint themselves with the land and tribes of Darfur Province and its vicinity, for it has been said, the one who knows a land kills it, and the land kills the one ignorant of it."

Al-Zawahiri then criticizes the Sudanese president for accepting UN Security Council Resolution 1769.

The video ends with footage of the September 11 attacks and Usama Bin Ladin riding a horse.