

Al-Sahab Media Production Releases Al-Zawahiri's 'Review of Events' Video

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Terrorism: Al-Sahab Media Production Releases Al-Zawahiri's 'Review of Events' Video On 16 December, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a message issued by the Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida Organization, announcing the release of a new video interview with Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al-Qa'ida's second in command, entitled "A Review of Events." In the 97-minute, 35-second video, Al-Zawahiri addressed various issues, including but not limited to the ongoing situation with Egypt, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Palestine, and Iran. He also called on the Ansar al-Islam Group, formerly the Ansar al-Sunnah Group, to fight under the banner of The Islamic State of Iraq. The video is in Arabic with English subtitles. The transcription of the English subtitles is published as received.

A transcription of the English subtitles of the interview follows:

(Al-Sahab) "In the name of Allah and all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the world and prayers and peace be on the messenger of Allah and on his family, companions, and allies.

"Muslim brothers everywhere peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings
"As-Sahab Foundation is pleased to today host Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri in its fourth conversation with him.

"We ask Allah to benefit us and the Muslims with this work and to make it sincerely for His Noble Face.

"To begin with peace by upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings, and we welcome you as a guest of As-Sahab Foundation."

(Al-Zawahiri) "And upon you be peace and the mercy of Allah and His blessings."

(Al-Sahab) "Noble Shaykh: we meet today for the fourth time, as events in the Islamic world accelerate at a critical pace and as the Islamic world witnesses transformations (that are) critical to its destiny and (its) future. If we were to ask you to mention the most important of these transformations, what would you say?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The most important and critical of these transformations - and Allah knows best - is the emergence of the Mujahid vanguard of the Muslim Ummah as a power imposing itself on the world stage as a result of the intensifying jihad awakening surging through the Islamic world, refusing humiliation, defending the honor of the Muslim Ummah and rejecting the methodologies of defeat and culture of backtracking. And the (those) groups of the Mujahid vanguard are now uniformly (continuously being) deployed and - by the grace of Allah - are coming together and uniting."

(Al-Sahab) "Perhaps the recent joining up of a number of the most important leaders of the Fighting Islamic Group in Libya with Qaida al-Jihad Group is one of the most important of these transformations."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Without doubt, especially if you add to that the important role played by the Fighting Islamic Group in Libya in inviting to the pure creed, the creed of finding honor in Allah alone and rejecting submission to anyone other than Him, and their role in defending the Muslim Ummah [Muslim community] with self and wealth, and not just in Libya, in fact, you almost can't find a field of Jihad in which their praiseworthy and - Allah permitting - divinely accepted traces are not present."

(Al-Sahab) "And what is the most important field in which this Mujahid vanguard is wrestling with the enemies of Islam?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Iraq is the most important of these fields."

(Al-Sahab) "Then this leads us to the topic of Iraq."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Go ahead."

(Al-Sahab) "To begin, what is your opinion about the condition of the Jihad in Iraq today?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The condition of the Iraqi Jihad, is - overall - excellent by the grace of Allah, and whatever pains are suffered are a must on the march of Jihad and the most recent reports which have come in from Iraq tell (announce good news) of an increase in the strength of the mujahideen and a deterioration in the Americans' conditions, despite their desperate attempts to deceive and mislead. And (it suffices) the decision of the British to flee is sufficient."

(Al-Sahab) "But the Americans have talked a lot about Al-Sahm al-Khariq and the statements of Petraeus and Crocker in which they repeatedly talked about the 'spectacular progress in al-Anbar' to the extent that the name of al-Anbar was repeated in the report more than 24 times, and their claims of 'depriving the mujahideen of ground' and the participation of the tribes and a number of armed factions with them in their campaign on the Islamic State of Iraq."

(Al-Zawahiri) "All of this is empty propaganda meant to cover up the American failure in Iraq, and the biggest evidence for that is that Petraeus, in his report to Congress, stated that he might be able to lower the number of his troops in Iraq to 100,000 soldiers during the coming summer while at the same time, the report emphasizes the unpreparedness of Iraqi forces and that the withdrawal of American forces now will lead to the collapse of Iraqi forces. All of these statements are nothing but blatant play on words. The apostate traitor forces which couldn't be readied in four years won't be readied during the next six months, and even if we were to assume the impossible which is that the Americans are able to ready those treasonous forces, so will those forces be resolute where the Americans failed with all their men and might? So these forces are doomed to defeat whether they have been readied or not."

(Here the tape shows soldiers and someone shouting out: "Go, go, go!" A loud noise of weapons being fired is heard. Then a commentator says: "They are serving in an army which has lost its balance, and the chief of its staff is the one admitting this. As for regaining the lost balance, it requires, in the opinion of General George Casey, three to four years and major resources." Here a picture of two American generals is seen. A picture of four generals is seen on the screen too. The commentator continues: "Casey commanded American forces in Iraq before being replaced in the position by David Petraeus, so he knows what he's talking about. But what does it mean for the American army to lose its balance?" Here the film appears to show a funeral of a soldier. Later an American general is seen talking to an audience of officers and soldiers. "The head of

the American ground forces doesn't hide the fact that the military intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq is connected to this matter, and it appears that the Iraqi experiment in particular is the worst for an army for which -- most likely -- the plan to decrease its forces starting in July of next year won't do much to save it.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "So we can summarize the situation in the following: first, defeated American forces groaning from the daily hemorrhage of daily losses and looking for a way out, with their government under massive public pressure to pull them out. Second, unprepared treasonous traitor forces whom the Americans have decided to abandon to meet their fate. And third, treasonous tribal militias whose biggest thief has been eliminated: Abd al-Sattar Abu Risha, whose extraordinary powers the Americans have used to extol, and who they claimed was the one protecting them and that they would transfer his experiment to other areas by releasing rivers of bribe-money to flood the pockets of the traitors, in order to buy an imaginary victory in Iraq and delude the tax-payers at home into thinking that they actually achieved something. So if we were to borrow the mathematical expression, we are looking at a cubic failure for America in Iraq. And however much the massive American propaganda machine tries to deceive its people, the facts are more powerful than its entire media, uglier than all of its tricks, and worse than all of its deceptions."

(Next the video shows General Sanchez, former commander of the American forces in Iraq, who says: "Our forces continue to wage a desperate struggle in Iraq without any noticeable effort being made to craft a strategy for achieving victory in that war-torn country or in the greater struggle with extremism. This administration made unrealistic and catastrophically optimistic plans for war. This administration failed to properly employ and schedule its political, economic and military power. The best we can do is to distance ourselves from defeat, and the administration, Congress and State Department must recognize this failure.")

(Al-Sahab) "But Petraeus and Crocker repeated more than once in their addresses that the Americans have been able to 'deprive the mujahideen of ground.' Isn't this an achievement on their part?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Isn't his the same failure which occurred previously in Al-Qa'im, Samarra, Al-Fallujah, Tall Afar and other cities, after which the mujahideen always return?"

(The video shows General Ghanim Al-Qurashi in an exclusive video that Al-Furqan obtained from the General Security Institution in the Islamic State. General Ghanim Al-Qurashi says: "As we discussed previously, in the 7000 area there is a headquarters of the Islamic State. In it is a Shari'ah court and a Finance Ministry headquarters." Next the commentator says: "As for the aircraft, they find the squadrons of air defense in wait for them as soon as they circle above any position." A video clip then shows firing and it is heard in the background and a caption reads: "A booby-trap for American airplanes, Bihriz - Anas Ibn al-Nadhar Sector." Songs are heard along with shots being fired and a voice calling: "God is great, God is great, God is great. Three helicopters are seen trying to escape attacks. The commentator says: "And the result was that the Americans' hands were amputated and hung in the province's streets (photo shows a hand showing a cut arm of a human being).")

(Al-Zawahiri) "The repeating of these deceptive phrases means one of two things: wither the American administration is lying outrageously through Petraeus and Crocker, or the Americans haven't learned anything from four years of losses in the attack-and-retreat war in Iraq, and moreover, didn't learn anything from their defeat in Vietnam."

(Al-Sahab) "Or perhaps it means both things at once?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Perhaps, if you don't know, that is unfortunate. And if you know, then that's even worse."

(Al-Sahab) "So the remaining hope for the Americans is in readying the apostate forces to cover the withdrawal of their forces?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "This is like Satan's hopes for Paradise."

(The video then claims to show an "Al-Furqan exclusive": "Hidden critical situation of what is the so-called Ministry of Interior and Defense in the government of Al-Maliki as stated by the apostate Ghanim al-Qurashi: "Destroyed vehicles...how many vehicles? 850 vehicles have been destroyed in the district. Everyone who leaves work takes his weapon and equipment. No one has given us any weapons and the new recruits where can I find weapons for them? I don't have factories to make weapons for those I send on military missions. Where can I find weapons? Answer me! There are no support weapons, there are no vehicles, there is no equipment, nothing." The commentator adds: "In addition, the elements of the police and army, who have long tasted the flavor of death at the hands of the mujahideen, have today begun to flee from their accursed jobs, which usually end with a Mujahidi's bullet in the head." Then the video shows men kneeling with their hands tied behind their backs and a gunman shoots at the head of one of them who instantly falls dead.")

(Al-Qurashi) "And no one wants to join. Before they would join up for work, before an administrative order was issued. Now the administrative order is given and no one wants to sign up for work. But why should he volunteer when he is frightened? This has meaning: this is part of the terrorism."

(Al-Zawahiri) "And this proves the correctness of the mujahideen's methodology in targeting these apostate forces from the outset, and proves the misguidance of the religion-and-life-destroying Fatwas which encouraged the Muslims to join these forces and thereby contradict the doctrine of loyalty and disloyalty by seeking to make successful the Crusaders' plot - which the mujahideen have destroyed, by the grace of Allah. I announced - by the grace of Allah - about two years ago that Islam is victorious in Iraq, and I announced a year before that - by the grace of Allah - that the exit of the Americans from Iraq is only a matter of time. And today, I give the good news to the Muslim Ummah in Iraq and all homelands of Islam - relying on Allah, hoping for His grace and desiring His aid - that the conspiracies of the Americans and their temptations are on their way to disappearance and defeat."

(Al-Sahab) "What conspiracies and temptations do you mean exactly?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "I mean by that the money that has been paid out to traitors like the deceased Abu Risha and other armed organizations in exchange for them stirring up strife between the Muslims and calling to tribal bias towards the mujahideen's retaliation against the spies I mean by that what the Americans have acknowledged in terms of the participation of armed factions with them in their war against the mujahideen and against the Islamic State of Iraq (may Allah protect it). And I mean by that the money that is being paid out by neighboring states under American supervision for the purpose of sending the Jihad off course and turning it into a mere expulsion of the Americans or agreement with the Americans on arrangements for their departure, in exchange for the non-establishment of the Islamic State in Iraq. "

(Al-Sahab) "But some claim that the Islamic State of Iraq is the one who stirred up the fighting between it and some of the factions, and accuse it of having killed innocent people and spilled blood?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "This is an allegation (accusation), and an allegation (accusation) requires proof. Also, the State declared its readiness to redress every grievance."

(Al-Sahab) "Does this mean that you exonerate the State of the charges leveled against it?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "I am unable to exonerate or condemn any party in a case whose two sides I have not heard. However, I do declare the State innocent of having a methodology which deems the blood of innocents to be lawful and attacks sanctities, and that's due to what I know about the most important of its leaders and what I know about its methodology. And then, have we forgotten what the State was accused of in Al-Amiriyah, and after which it became clear that the 'Revolutionaries of al-Amiriyah' were agents of the Americans, and a picture appeared of their leader receiving payments from General Petraeus, and his organization disowned him? And also, if we were to hypothesize that what the State has been accused of is true, then is the State the only one who has made mistakes? And has the State refused to be judged according to Shari'ah? And moreover, and more critical and important than all of that, are these incidents which the State and other Jihadi groups are accused of on the same level as what the State announced regarding the falling of some parties into blatant treason, allegiance to the Americans and fighting with them against the Muslim mujahideen?"

(Al-Sahab) "Do you mean by that the 'Revolutionaries of al-Anbar'?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "No. The 'Revolutionaries of Anbar' is a well-known, notorious case, more obvious than the midday sun. Rather, what I mean is what many have acknowledged regarding the participation of groups and factions in fighting alongside the Americans against the Islamic State of Iraq, among them Shaykh Muhammad Bashar al-Faydi, who has made a number of statements in this regard, most recent of which was in his conversation on the al-Baghdadiyyah channel, Sunday, November 4 th, and also, Dr. Muthanna Harith al-Dari."

(Here the video shows Dr. Muthanna Harith al-Dari saying: "Regrettably, some of the tribal Shaykhs - who are very, very few in number the opposite of what is being reported - and some other parties claiming to be 'resistance' who were marketed in this framework isolated themselves, and some of the operations which took place between some of the factions and al-Qaida Organization were employed as being these factions aligning themselves with the occupation forces and cooperating with them. It may have been the judgment of some factions that they are small and weak and can't defend themselves, and so they made a pact with the government forces to repel the organization in that area. We say that this behavior is not right. And this is a mistake and not permissible, and it was temporary judgment in certain areas, and it has now ended, by the grace of Allah, and it was committed by parties who don't play a large part in the resistance.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "...in addition to the serious accusations made by the Islamic State of Iraq against specific parties, accusations which require reflection, research (pictures of blindfolded men led by individuals are shown) and exposure of the traitors and treason."

(Here a picture is shown of individuals and one man slaughtering another who is lying on the floor.)

(Al-Zawahiri) "Looking into this issue is much more important than looking into the problems which occur between the mujahideen - despite our emphasizing that they shouldn't be neglected or taken lightly - because this issue means the presence of treasonous hypocrites in the ranks of the mujahideen working and fighting for the Americans. Thus, I advise the good people among the mujahideen and others who seek to unify the ranks of the mujahideen to look into this serious matter before anything else, and if it becomes apparent to them that some group is involved in these crimes, then let them expose it and explain its crimes to the Muslim Ummah, in order to ruin the plans and plotting of the Americans. This is one of the things which must be confronted swiftly and decisively. The Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He) says, 'O Prophet! Strive hard against the disbelievers and the Hypocrites, and be harsh against them. Their abode is Hell, and an evil destination it is' (9:73) (Koranic verse; Al-Muzzamil 9: 73). And I advise my brothers the mujahideen to put an end to this scourge of sedition and eradicate this treasonous group from Iraq of the Caliphate and Jihad. The Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He) says, 'If the Hypocrites and those in whose hearts is a disease and those who cause agitation in the City by spreading false rumors do not desist, We shall, surely, urge you on against them; then they will only dwell therein as your neighbors for a little while. They are accursed. Wherever they are found they will be seized and killed' (33:60-61) (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab 33:60-61). And I also call on all Muslims to stop supporting the armed groups which have cooperated with the Americans against the Muslims and mujahideen. And I warn those individuals from among the armed factions who have been involved in cooperating with the occupation against the mujahideen that history is recording everything, and that they will lose both their religion and life, and that the Americans will soon be departing - Allah permitting - and won't keep defending them forever. And let them look at the fate of America's agents in Vietnam and the fate of the Shah of Iran, and intelligent is he who learns from other's mistakes." (Here a picture of two sides of individuals, some wearing the Arab headdress, attending an interview, is shown.)

(Al-Sahab) "Or indeed, let them look at the fate of Abd al-Sattar Abu Risha (a picture of Bush with Iraqis including Abu Risha is shown)."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Yes - whom Bush took pride in and eulogized (picture focuses on Bush laughing and Abu Risha next to him)."

(Al-Sahab) "But the Americans claim that the clans of al-Anbar have supported them, and that they are seeking to transfer this experiment to other areas."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Those who have supported the Americans are the scum and the lowly ones, and their history is known to all. As for the noble and honorable clans and tribes of Iraq in general and al-Anbar in particular, they supply and support the Jihad and mujahideen, and many of their free, noble and honorable sons are in the ranks of the mujahideen fighting for the victory of Islam against the Crusader invasion of Iraq of the Caliphate and Islam."

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(Next the video shows an outdoor scene with several masked men from Ansar al-Islam Group talking. The first one says: "After the failure of the American forces in entering the al-Ramadi area, they sought help with some of the dregs and some people with low moral standards. Among them thieves and among them those whose interests were harmed, as our brother Abu Abdullah mentioned, bandits whose interests were harmed because they used to commit

indecent acts and attack the general public. These people cooperated with the Americans, and the Americans found in it a good and convenient opportunity to drop in on the people of al-Ramadi. They formed what is called the 'Revolutionaries of Al-Anbar,' which in truth isn't a revolution, but is their intellectual and custom, because they're accustomed to pillaging, plundering and trespassing over people. So the dress of apostasy is most appropriate for this kind of human being." Another answers, "Pardon me, my brother, but this word, 'revolutionaries' is too big for them, and the people of Al-Ramadi have taken to calling them the 'Bulls of al-Anbar,' and even this name, well, the bull isn't happy to have them called by his name. I ask Allah to disgrace them. Frankly, they are tyrannical people and let us being with their big head. Abd al-Sattar the insolent kid, who isn't of course a worshipper of al-Sattar. All the people are familiar with his history. He is a lowly degenerate, crooked bandit, and America couldn't find anyone cheaper or lowlier than him to utilize in their plan, which is that you sell your religion, your homeland and your honor. He's a degenerate human, because if he wasn't degenerate and if his history wasn't degenerate, he wouldn't agree to this work. This is the head which represents the apostates in the al-Ramadi area, and they number only a few which represents no one but themselves. They represent no one but the gang itself and it doesn't represent any clan. So this is one of them. The second is Jasim Abu Marz. He represents the small band of apostates which doesn't represent the al-Musawdah clan, because this clan is a fine clan and there are many mujahideen in it. No, he represents only himself and the apostates who are with him. This individual has spent his life as a thief and bandit. As for the other individual representing this gang, he is from the Abu Fahd clan. The Abu Fahd clan is also a fine clan, and we don't deny the stands it has made with the mujahideen, and it has sacrificed a lot of blood on this path, but his ugly traitor who has emerged recently, whose name is Farid Ahmad Salih, and a few of his group; everyone knows him. A moray degenerate person in the true sense of the word who spent his life in prison because of thefts and embezzlements. These people represent themselves alone. As for the clans of al-Anbar, they, by the grace of Allah the Most High, are renowned, and Allah has honored them and so today there is no one on the face of the glove who doesn't know al-Anbar and al-Ramadi and the clans of al-Ramadi, and these brothers of yours, the lions of Ansar-al-Sunnah, each represent a clan. These fine faces, even though they're covering their faces, but they're still fine faces, are the ones who represent the clans of al-Anbar, not these despicable ones who sold their honor for a small price." The first one responds: "After agreeing to cooperate with the Americans, what are the techniques they are using to hit at the mujahideen?" The second man answers: "There isn't a technique they haven't used in their attempts to hit and eliminate the mujahideen, but by the grace of Allah, all of them have ended in failure, because falsehood can't beat truth. They're people of falsehood who wanted dollars, wanted life, wanted the world, and Allah doesn't give victory to those who prefer this life to the hereafter.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "That's why I call on the tribes of Iraq and its honorable and defiant clans defending Islam and Muslims to confront these scum, because history is being written and generation after generation will transmit it, and the tribe or clan which doesn't cleanse itself of the traitors, apostates and lowly ones and doesn't disown them, will be remembered by history generation after generation as having been in the ranks of the agents and traitors. As for the tribe or clan which helps Islam and Jihad and suppresses any traitor seeking to exploit its name for unlawful earnings and dirty profit, it will be remembered in the history of Arabs and Muslims with pride and honor. And the Arabs in their period of Ignorance used to pass by the grave of Abu Righal and stone it, because he showed Abraha the way to Makkah the Venerable."

(The video returns to the outdoor scene with the men from Ansar al-Sunnah Group. The men continue: "The Americans didn't take over Al-Ramadi by fighting, but by economic blockade and making life difficult for the general public, which the weak-spirited exploited in order to

instigate the people against the mujahideen, otherwise, the people are our brothers, our clans and our families who sheltered us and joined us for the entire four years, and it was in defense of them and the religion that we fought, by the grace of Allah, and they know us well and we know them well, because there is no difference between us and them, by the grace of Allah. This small group of apostates represents no one other than themselves and doesn't represent the fine clans who have sheltered us and hosted us in their homes and have supported and aided us and provided us with the ammunition and held nothing back. These apostates represent no one but themselves.")

(Al-Sahab) "If you were to give one piece of advice to the mujahideen in Iraq, what would it be?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Unity around the Word of Tawheed (Islamic monotheism)."

(Al-Sahab) "Speaking of Unity between the mujahideen in Iraq, Shaykh Usama bin Ladin (may Allah protect him) released a recent message about this topic and some, including the first channel to broadcast it, interpreted it as the Shaykh, (may Allah protect him) admitting to the mistakes of al-Qaida and apologizing for them and warning its members, and so on to the last of their interpretation and deduction. What's your comment on that?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "First, I would like to clarify that there isn't anything today in Iraq named 'al-Qaida;' instead, Qaida al-Jihad Organization in Mesopotamia has merged, by the grace of Allah, with other Jihadi groups in the Islamic State of Iraq (may Allah protect it), which is a legitimate emirate based on a proper legal methodology and which was founded through Shura and received the pledge of allegiance of most of the mujahideen and tribes in Iraq. This is one thing. Second, this television channel manipulates the Shaykh's message."

(Al-Sahab) "How did it manipulate it?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "It manipulated it using three tricks, all of which the world only discovered after 24 hours. The first trick was the deletion of crucial portions of the Shaykh's speech."

(Al-Sahab) "Like what?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Like his mentioning that the map of the region will be redrawn at the hands of the mujahideen, Allah permitting, and the artificial borders will be erased and the greater state of Islam will be established from the ocean to the ocean. Like their deletion of his incitement of the Muslims in Sudan and its environs to Jihad against the Crusader invaders and armed rebellion against the one who gave them permission to come in order to remove him. Like their deletion of his admonition to the commanders of the factions to refrain from entering the polytheistic political process."

(Al-Sahab) "But they might say that they chose the important parts of his speech to show."

(Al-Zawahiri) "That's incorrect. The deleted parts are of extreme importance, and the importance of everything that comes from Shaykh Usama is no secret nor is the attention paid by the entire world to what he says and its eagerness to analyze his words. So every thing he says is very important, both for his supporters and his enemies. And they could have at least noted those parts in a summarized fashion. And we see this channel providing long air time and serialized programs to those who are much less important than the Shaykh, and indeed, to those who promote the school of the Fuqahaa (jurists) of the Marines. So couldn't it have spared a few

minutes of someone whom America considers to be the most dangerous man in the world? Also, in the program which commented on the Shaykh's speech, it was within their means to examine all the ideas contained in the message, even if only in brief or in passing, but the deleted parts weren't even mentioned, and long air time was given to commentators who digressed a lot and were given even more time than was given to the Shaykh, the giver of the speech which they were commenting on. The second trick was their giving to the Shaykh's message other than the intended meanings, and the host's asking his guests question which implied the meaning he wanted, like their claim that the Shaykh directed his reproach and advice to the mujahideen of the Islamic State of Iraq, although the Shaykh directed his words to all the mujahideen in Iraq and reproached them for the delay shown by some of them in unifying. And his advice about being slow to unify in particular doesn't cover the men of the Islamic State of Iraq, for they have given the greatest of examples in hastening to unify the ranks of the mujahideen and Muslims in Iraq, from Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi's pledge of allegiance to Qaida al-Jihad to the establishment of the Islamic State of Iraq. Also, their claim that the Shaykh's Advice to the mujahideen regarding the mistakes that occur between them was meant for the Islamic State of Iraq, although the Shaykh's address was direct to everyone. So by what logic did they arrive at this exclusion and limiting? Additionally, their claim that the Shaykh's call to avoid fanatical bias towards leaders was also exclusively meant for the mujahideen of the Islamic State of Iraq, although the Shaykh addressed all the mujahideen with that and emphasized that the brotherhood of faith is the bond between the Muslims, not affiliation with a tribe, homeland or organization. So, does the Islamic State of Iraq call for Jihad to establish a nationalistic state in Iraq? Or to establish the Islamic Caliphate which includes all the Muslims and their countries? And is the Islamic State of Iraq, proud as other are, that it only includes Iraqis? Or does it consider it to be that eight of any Muslim to belong to it? In addition to that, the Shaykh also strongly rebuked, in his call to avoid bias, the followers of the groups which enter the polytheistic parliamentary elections and yet show bias to their groups in that. So has the Islamic State of Iraq entered the fray of the polytheistic parliamentary elections for its personnel to show bias to it in that?! Glory be to Allah! And the third trick is that they called on commentators who were either hostile or unsympathetic to the Shaykh's message, and professional impartiality required that both those who opposed as well as agreed with the Shaykh's speech be called on. And this is the policy with most of al-Qaida's releases. Al-Qaida is usually the absent indictee whose defense is not heard; rather, the listeners only hear condemnation of him and attacks on him. And this isn't the first first this channel has had with al-Qaida, no, it has had many firsts among the most famous of which was the interview conducted by Professor Jamal Ismael with Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, which the channel refrained from airing under the pretext of its 'lack of professional craftsmanship' and other such incomprehensible expressions. Then it broadcast most of it about six months later in a program with a ridiculous title, 'The Destruction of al-Qaida,' as if they were congratulating America on its attack on the camps of Khost and rejoicing over the mujahideen's misfortune. Indeed, with almost every release f(Al-Sahab) "This pulls us toward discussion of the role of Jihadi information media."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Yes, Jihadi information media are today waging an extremely critical battle against the Crusader-Zionist enemy. The media used to be the exclusive domain of the two parties, the first comprising the official government media, and the second comprises media which claim to be free and non-governmental, some of which are mere government channels which stubbornly claim to be free, like the BBC. However, Jihadi information media have demolished this monopoly, and placed the facts in front of the world, and the world has been surprised by critical truths and shocking realities which it wouldn't have been able to see or hear about had Jihadi information media themselves not shown them. The other media only rarely bother in the first place to try to reach the mujahideen to hear their voice, and if something of

their productions reaches them, its fate is usually to be held and prevented from broadcast. Allah has favored the mujahideen with victory in this ideological-preoperational battle, and it suffices us the huge number of reports about the danger of Jihadi media, among the most recent of which was what Petraeus acknowledged in his report to Congress concerning the danger of the Internet and the facilities it offers to the mujahideen, and before that, Rumsfeld's admission that al-Qaida has won the battle for the hearts and minds in the Islamic world."

(Al-Sahab) "Then do you have something to say to the men of the Jihadi media?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "I ask Allah to reward those working in Jihadi media in the best way, and reward them with the best for the risks they take and the harm to which they expose themselves in order to reveal the facts about the Crusaders-Jewish crimes against our Muslim Ummah. And I call on them to increase their efforts and sacrifices, and I praise Allah that his enemies, who have at their disposal enormous resources and massive media establishments, have testified to their defeat in front of the meager resources of the mujahideen."

(Next there is an interview in English with an unidentified man. The English transcription reads: "Who was it aimed at? I think there is a wide and diverse audience, but I think this is where we have one of the biggest misconceptions in the whole field of terrorism. This is not aimed at people that are in far off places in the world, from small isolated communities, from poor families. We're talking about a science that is aimed at middle-class Muslim youths in western cities. Place where technology is easy to come by as is water or food. You can walk into any cyber-cafe in the world at any major city and find this stuff, but its really aimed at a young generation, a youthful generation, for whom the internet, its as simple as 1, 2, 3. It's Natural. In the future, it's going to continue expanding and what we're going to see is a myriad of private Internet, if you like, run by these groups. And so what you have is the big public side of things plus a myriad of private networks, which will probably be invitation only. As to what Intelligence Agencies can do to stem this tide of activity, well, we've seen first hand that they held their hands up and admitted that they're losing the battle, in terms of internet skill.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "Because the mujahideen publish the honest truth for which perishable falsehood, with all its lying and showiness, is no match. 'And say: truth has arrived and falsehood has perished, for falsehood is bound to perish.' (17:81) (Koranic verse; Al-Isra 17:81). And I remind these unknown soldiers that they are on a great frontier of Islam, and that they are demolishing the myths and fantasies which Western and Eastern propaganda kept transmitting to the ears of our listeners, minds of our thinkers and curricula of our students for decades on end. So fear Allah in the trust which you are shouldering, and let truthfulness be your guiding principle and invitation to pristine Tawheed your methodology. You must strive to bring the Ummah, long exiled from its Shari'ah, back to the pristine Muhammadan foundation and the way of life of his rightly-guided Successors, good Companions and purified House, with all of whom Allah was pleased, and away from the deviations of the deviants, lies of the religion-trading charlatans, methodologies of defeatism and supplication, philosophies of backtracking and bowing, Fiqh (Jurisprudence) of the beggars, Fatwas of the 'Ulama (scholars) of the Marines and bargaining of the leaders of the movements who are dragging the Ummah towards secularism and away from the rule of Shari'ah, and towards nationality-based partisanship and away from the brotherhood of Islam, and towards submission to Sykes-Picot instead of the Caliphate state from the ocean to the ocean, Allah permitting, and who are abandoning their territories under the pretext of political expertise, world-wise pragmatism, national unity, saving lives and other such myths. So I ask Allah to make the men of Jihadi media a cause of the dissemination of the message of Islam and Tawheed to the entire world and the spreading of truthful awareness throughout the Ummah and a cause of the enlivening of the spirit of honor, dignity, sacrifice and

redemption, jihad and martyrdom in the ranks of Muslims and that he guide them to combine their efforts and close ranks for them to be an example to others and make them persistent in recording the Ummah's jihadi heritage, which, were it not for Allah's guidance of them, would have been squandered by the enemies and traitors. And I ask Allah and beseech Him to accept their good deeds sincerely for His Noble Face and to protect and to care for them and avert from them the plotting of the plotters and the schemes of the schemers and to bless their efforts and resources and to not deprive them of His empowerment and aid in this world and his reward in the hereafter."

(Al-Sahab) "Ok. Let's return to what we started but didn't finish in terms of advice to the mujahideen in Iraq. You mention that you advise them to unite around the word of Tawheed. Could you elaborate a bit?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Yes. The noble brothers of the Iraqi mujahideen - the pride of the Ummah in this era - must clear up the differences between them and take their disputes to the people of knowledge and virtue from the active scholars for them to rule between them according to the Sharia of Islam and they must avoid the scholars of the sultans who recognize the treacherous rulers who helped in the embargo against Iraq and permitted their countries to be used by the Crusader invasion forces as bases from where they set out to kill thousands of Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan. They must also expel from their ranks the corrupt traitors who sold their religion for a paltry worldly gain and fought under the standard of the Cross and expose them so the Muslims can beware of them in the same way that the mujahideen exposed their brothers in Afghanistan who entered Kabul on the tops of American tanks; Sayyaf, Rabbani and those like him and they must reject the dividing of the resistance into honorable and dishonorable, or funny and not funny, or nice and not nice. Allah hasn't sent down authorization for any of these divisions and they are meant to be used to arrive at invalid concepts No, the jihad in Iraq and the rest of the Islamic lands is obligatory against the invaders and Crusaders and their agents so everyone who is hostile to Islam and Muslims and allies himself with the Crusader invaders against the Muslims whether Iraqi or non-Iraqi must be confronted and jihad waged against him. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), (who) fought his polytheistic people, was hostile to them and invoked Allah against them as did the Companions (with whom Allah is pleased) and when the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) chose to ransom the prisoners of Badr, Allah sent down on him a verse of the Koran, in which he reproached him (peace and prayers of Allah be upon him), 'It is not for a Prophet to have captives until he inflicts great slaughter (or is empowered) in the land. You (O Muslims) desire the goods of this world while Allah desires for you the hereafter. And Allah is Mighty and Wise' (8:67) (Koranic verses; Al-Anfal 8:67). Hostility to family and clan for the sake of Allah's religion is an enduring divine methodology. The Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He) says, 'O you who believe! Take not for allies your fathers and your brothers if they prefer infidelity to faith' (9:23) (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:23). And the Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He), says, 'there is for you an excellent example in Ibrahim and those with him and when they said to their people, 'we are innocent of you and of what you worship beside Allah; we have rejected you and there has begun between us and you enmity and hatred forever unless you believe in Allah along'' (60:4) (Koranic verse; Al-Mumtahinah 60:4). Also, the mujahideen must come closer together and advise and consult one another concerning the unification of the mujahideens' ranks. And it was the Al-Qa'ida organization in Mesopotamia (Land of the Two Rivers), then the mujahideens' Shura, then the Pace of the Perfumed Ones, then the Islamic State of Iraq (may Allah protect and help it) who came through with flying colors in striving to unite and unify the mujahideen and this is an undeniable virtue; 'That is Allah's grace. He bestows it upon whom he pleases and Allah is the Lord of immense grace' (62:3) (Koranic verse; Jum'ah 62:3). So all the mujahideen brothers in Iraq who are the hope and pride of the Ummah must develop what their brothers

arrived at and complete and finish it, and not allow it to be detracted from, criticized, or mocked. They know that the Islamic State of Iraq is the primary force involved in confronting the Crusader-Zionist aggression against Iraq and this demands that they cooperate with it, guide it and be honest with it like a concerned and sympathetic brother in the same way our beloved brothers in the Islamic State of Iraq (may Allah help it and grant it victory) must open their hearts to their brothers and rush to them and be concerned for them and everyone must humble themselves before their believing brothers. 'O you who believe! If any from among you turn back from his faith, Allah will soon produce a people whom He will love as they will love him, humble with the believers, mighty against the rejecters, fighting in the way of Allah and never fearing the blame of a blamer. That is the grace of Allah, which he bestows on whom He pleases. Allah is all Embracing, all Knowing' (5:54) (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah 5:54). And as I and my brothers call out here to all the noble, honorable mujahideen in Mesopotamia (Land of the Two Rivers), I call out with special emphasis to the beloved and honorable ones in the groups with pure and pristine methodologies, foremost among them our noble brothers and racers to goodness in the Ansar al-Sunnah Group and their patient, garrisoned, mujahideen brother amir, His Eminence the Shaykh Abu-Abdallah Al-Sha'fi (may Allah preserve him as ammunition for Islam) and the rest of his brothers, the lions of Islam in Iraq, to tell them: The mujahideen everywhere await with baited breath the unification between you and the Islamic State of Iraq for you to give victory to the genuine, pristine jihad methodology which seeks to liberate all lands of Islam and set up the Caliphate following the methodology of prophethood. And I tell them: The Islamic State of Iraq is your state, your emirate, and your government, and with whom will you unite if you don't unite with them? So strive for the goodness with them, and gladden the believers' hearts with the good news for which they have awaited so long."

(Al-Sahab) "May we hear this good news soon just as our brothers in the Fighting Islamic Group of Libya recently gladdened the believers' hearts with it?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Amen, amen, Allah willing."

(Al-Sahab) "This leads us to talk about the political orientation which the mujahideen in Iraq must adopt, particularly since they American Crusader forces are about to leave and would like to arrange the political arena in Iraq in line with their own wishes. So should the resistance movements' orientation be a nationalistic one which treats all Iraqis as equal, whether they be loyal to Islam or hostile to it, and recognize the legitimacy of the states which rule by other than Shari'ah and are allied to Israel and America, and limit the ultimate goal of the jihad to the liberation of Iraq and the setting up of a nationalistic state there, and pretends to forget the obligations of Islamic brotherhood and the individual duty of liberating the Muslims' homelands and the obligations of fighting until all infidel armies depart from the land of Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) especially from around the two sanctuaries and the environs of the Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem) and pretends to forget the jihad against the apostates who rule our countries and repress our Ummah and pretends to forget the effort to establish the Muslim Caliphate? Or should their orientation be based on unchanging fundamentals from legal policy founded on the Koran and Sunnah?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "First of all, I would like to reassure my Muslim Ummah that the era of theft of the jihad has passed by the grace of Allah and His help and that today, the Ummah in general and its mujahid vanguard in particular, won't offer its blood cheaply in Allah's path for its fruit to be reaped by the likes of Abul Nasser, Al Saud, Bouteflika, and Musharaf. That is an era which has passed and shall not return, with Allah's grace and generosity."

(Al-Sahab) "Then in whom will the Ummah place its trust?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "It will place it, Allah willing, in the honest mujahideen who didn't backtrack or compromise. '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) (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj 22:41)."

(Al-Sahab) "Yes. Please continue."

(Al-Zawahiri) "The other thing which I would like to inform the Muslim Ummah of is that the trend of compromise and methodology of retreat is in defeat and retreat due to the large number of retreats it has made and that the mujahideen have rejected this methodology."

(Al-Sahab) "Perhaps we will just refer to this point here to take it up in detail later, Allah willing."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Fine. So my brothers in the jihad movements in Iraq must realize that they signs of the Caliphate state have begun to loom on the horizon, and for this reason, the forces of infidelity and treason have come together in an effort to suppress them. And this is what Shaykh Usama Bin Laden was referring to in his latest message and Al-Jazirah didn't report this part despite its importance when he talked about the redrawing of the region's map and erasing of the Crusaders' artificial borders and the establishment of the greater Islamic state from the ocean to the ocean, Allah permitting."

(Al-Sahab) "It's worth mentioning that the Islamic State of Iraq has emphasized this concept before, and more than once."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Yes. And there I must point out that the Islamic State of Iraq is one of the movements with a pristine methodology and clear vision, which at an early stage declared its observance of legal constants in fighting and politics, and stated the bitter truth which others fear to speak. Thus our brothers the mujahideen mustn't adopt programs and methodologies which conflict with the fundamentals of the Shari'ah or help the enemies of the Caliphate state to delay or prevent its establishment. So, for example, the methodologies of the jihad movements must be founded on the rule of the Sharia, not on the rule of the majority. They must be founded on an emphasis on the brotherhood of Islam as the bond between Muslims. Thus everyone who aids the jihad and mujahideen, Iraqi or otherwise, is from the mujahideen in Iraq; for him is what is for them and upon him is what is upon him. And everyone who is hostile to Islam and Al-Jihad and aids the global Crusade against the Muslims, then he is not from the mujahideen even if he is an Iraqi. They must emphasize the serious effort to set up the Caliphate state which is by consensus an unchanging demand of the Shari'ah. They must emphasize the liberation of Muslim's homelands from the occupiers, particularly Palestine, the Arabian Peninsula, and every Muslim land occupied by the infidels, because it is the individual obligation of every Muslim since the fall of Spain, and the martyr of Islam, Shaykh Abdullah Azzam, may Allah have mercy on him, used to implore and reiterate, and his heart would ooze with pain as he defended this genuine fundamental of the Shari'ah."

(The video then shows a picture of Shaykh Abdullah Azzam who is heard saying: "An individual duty ever since the Caliphate fell, an individual duty ever since Palestine fell, and ever since Bukhara fell, and ever since Azerbaijan went, so it's not an individual duty in Afghanistan only, why then are you surprised at hearing this from us? And the wonder of wonders and strangest of the strange are those scholars who are still debating is jihad an individual duty or a collective duty. I do not know where these people acquire their knowledge; I do not know where they procure their fatwas. All the Muslims' countries have gone, and the tyrants are at the necks of

the women and Muslims everywhere, but they're having discussions, eh? They are discussing whether jihad is an individual duty or collective duty, Yes. Constantinople was the headquarters of the Synod of the Eastern Church. As Muhammad al-Fatih was pounding the walls of Constantinople with catapult, the men of the Church Synod were meeting and discussing how many devils are able to stand on the head of a pin. We are like that; the Jews, the enemies, the Russians, and the Americans are coming at us from every side, right? And some of us are still asking, is it an individual duty or a collective duty? May God pluck out your eye if you haven't yet seen that jihad is an individual duty! How does this even need to be debated in the first place? If they had studied one book of Fiqh, as it is well known that the attacker is to be repelled, the attacker who seizes the people and wants to take their wealth or attack their honor, or religion, or country, it is well known that it is an individual obligation to repel him.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "And they must empathize refusal to recognize the legitimacy of all governments which the international system recognizes in our Muslim world for they are regimes outside the fold of Islam, which rule by other than what Allah sent down, and many of them are allied with the enemies of Islam."

(Al-Sahab) "But some might cast doubt on that?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The matter is extremely clear, all governments that are recognized by the international community rule by other than what Allah sent down, and they comply with the resolutions and charters of the United Nations, and many of them are allied with the Crusaders and Jewish enemies of Islam, and I challenge those who cast doubt on that, to bring me one government recognized by the international community which fits the requirements of Dar-al-Salam (the State of Islam)? Is it the Saudi state, or Jordan, or Egypt, or Pakistan, or who? They are apostate governments outside the fold of the Shari'ah for one or more reasons, but their populations are Muslim and are being depressed by their regimes."

(Al-Sahab) "I think that in the interest of fairness we should mention the methodologies of a number of the jihadist groups in Iraq empathize their concepts, foremost among them the Islamic State of Iraq, (may God grant it victory), even if some of the other groupings' methodologies are not so clear, or have some mistakes, or deviations, or defects?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Allah honored the State of Iraq to be first in a number of spheres, and its banner is one of the cleanest banners in Iraq, and has not been polluted by what others have been polluted by, and it is the primary power facing the Americans as recognized by everyone, including the Americans, and this is why supporting it is a trust on the shoulders of the Muslim Ummah and the Muslims. Therefore, I call on all my Muslim brothers everywhere to read carefully the communiqués and methodologies of the mujahideen groups and to advise these should they notice groups any detection in their methodologies or any differences between their basic methodologies and the statements of their officials, there must be awareness in the Muslim Ummah in order to protect the march of its mujahideen and contribute to the unification of the mujahideen in bringing them together in the methodology of Tawheed."

(Al-Sahab) "Ok, talk of spreading awareness lead us to the rule of the 'Ulama is this critical stage."

Zawahiri: The rule of the 'Ulama is this critical stage is to empathize the rule of Shari'ah and rejection of territorial affiliation and nationalistic spirits as a basis for discrimination between Muslims. Their role is to empathize the duty of the Muslims to continue the jihad until the expulsion of infidel invasion forces from Palestine, Afghanistan, Chechnya, and all lands of

Muslims, and to empathize to continue jihad until the establishment of the Caliphate State, and the 'Ulama must disown secularist states which rules the countries of the Muslims and expose their conspiracies. The rule of the 'Ulama is not to confirm the status quo and conditions themselves to it and speak only half the truth, no, but the rule of the 'Ulama is to declare the whole truth, and (remember) when God took a covenant from those who were given the book (saying); 'You shall expound it to the people and not hide it' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:187)."

(Al-Sahab) "Do you want the 'Ulama of Iraq specifically to play a particular rule?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Of course, they are on the battlefield, and they are acquainted with the conspiracies being hatched against Islam and the Muslims, and they are standing opposite the religion-selling charlatans who agreed not to issue any Fatwa for the fighting of the infidel invaders, and on the contrary, ruled that peace should be made with them, and they should be joined with their fight against the Muslims."

(Al-Sahab) "Your mentioning of the religion-selling charlatans takes us to the fatwa of the Mufti of Al-Saud deeming it impressive to go forth to the jihad in Iraq and elsewhere. What is your views of this Fatwa?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "This Mufti is another star on the roster of the club of the Fuqahaa of the Marines and this Fatwa's chain of transmission is an American Crusader one: from the Mufti, from the Interior Minister, from the king, from the American embassy, and so until Bush. So, what a terrible chain and what terrible transmitters. And it is a Fatwa of enigmas and secrets. The Mufti of Al Saud talks about the outside in general, the unstable conditions, the unclear banners, the strife, and those suspicious intentions, and it is upon the listener to deduce and try to understand from the ambiguous words and the veiled expressions what exactly the Mufti means and his proofs are. This evidence of moral cowardice, for if he were a brave man, he would have listed the happenings, the events and parties, to make it possible to examine and study what he said. And it is a Fatwa which talks about a legal pledge of allegiance, and the people of authority and a ruler to whom allegiance has been pledged by consensus. So is it possible for the Mufti to tell us who those people of authority are, and who chose them, and how they were chosen, and how did they represent, and when did they sit down and consult one another, and which candidate for the Imamate did they run through, and then why, after study and deliberations, did their decision come to rest on Abdullah bin Abd al-Aziz as being the one - among the candidates - who met all the qualifications for rightful rule? Also, the Mufti talked about the youth lacking legal knowledge, so why does not the Mufti clarify to us just what the academic qualifications of his ruler, Abdullah bin Abd al-Aziz, are? Is it possible for him to enter elementary school? Or does he need lessons from his Eminence to teach him the fundamentals of reading and writing before he can qualify for that?! And the Mufti also talks about a ruler who leads the jihad and defends the country and worshippers. Would that the Mufti had kept silent and not expose himself and his regime! Could it have been missed by his copious knowledge that when the kingdom was threatened by Saddam, I sought help from the Americans, and procured a suspicious Fatwa permitting the Americans to call on and saying that they would stay for a few months then leave, but they have now been there for about 17 years? Why doesn't the Mufti inform us of the ruling concerning the ruler who places his country and its resources at the services of the forces of the infidels and their fleets and aircraft, for them to take off from it to bomb, destroy and burn the Muslims countries and villages and exterminate thousands of them in Afghanistan and Iraq? Also, oh Mufti who has pledged allegiance to a ruler who defends the lands of Islam, here is Palestine under the occupation for more than 80 years, and the Muslims' countries have been occupied one after the other, but those close to your ruler as well as those far from him. So tell us about the armies mobilized by your ruler which filled the horizon, the

aircraft which covered the sun, and the fleets which docked the seas to liberate the lands of the Muslims. Actually, tell us about his famous initiative to recognition of Israel, and about the pressure he put on HAMAS in his palace in Makkah to compromise on four-fifths of Palestine. And tell us, oh Mufti of great knowledge, what is the number of rockets which have been fired from the Land of the Two Sanctuaries to kill the Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan? What is the number of air sorties flown from the bases of the land of the Two Sanctuaries against Iraq and Afghanistan? What is the number of ships supplied from the ports of the land of the Two Sanctuaries against Iraq and Afghanistan?? What is the number of barrels of oil which your ruler has supplied the Crusader forces so they can invade, destroy, and bomb Iraq and Afghanistan? And tell us, oh Mufti, why the jihad against the Russians in Afghanistan an individual obligation, whereas in Iraq to day, it is one of the greatest of cardinal sins? And finally, wouldn't have been more appropriate for this Mufti who rules according to the school of Bush to reproach his so-called guardian for his visit with the Pope, who has insulted Islam and Muslims? Is this how the moderate creed and confrontation of polytheism is supposed to be? Bewildered questions for Al Saud's Mufti, and our appointment is with Allah, and to him we will complain."

(Al-Sahab) "Perhaps this reminds us of one of the notables of the Fiqh of the Marines, among whose latest deviations was his request to the lions of Islam in Algiers to hand over their weapons to the sons of France and agents of America?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The problem with these Fuqahaa of the Mariners is that they have intertwined their destinies with the destinies of the rulers and kings, and have been unable to appreciate the tragic disaster in Algiers, which is after the Muslim Algerian people presented one million martyrs in defense of Islam against the Crusade, they ended up falling under the repression of butchers serving the interests of America and France. This tragic disaster, which repeated itself in many of the Muslim countries, is perpetuated, accepted, and agreed to by the Fuqahaa of the Marines, but they are the first to shout whenever the Muslim Ummah confronts its enemies, and aim its blows at America and its agents. So they lead the Ummah to defeat, and anesthetize it with their Fatwas which serves the interests of America. One time they rule that jihad is only to be ordered by America and its agents, and another time they permit the fighting of the Muslims under the banner of America, whereas the mujahideen in Algeria and other lands of Islam are the ones confronting America's Crusade. And here I call on every Muslim in the Maghreb of Islam by the right of 'There is no God but Allah, and by his love of the Messenger of Allah,' (peace and blessings from Allah be upon him), to stand by his brothers and sons, the mujahideen, with his self, wealth, opinion, expertise, and information."

(Next a bearded man appears on the video hugging another man while a caption reads: "Shaykh Abu Mus'ab, (may Allah protect him).") A man is heard on the video saying the following: "Shaykh Abu Mus'ab Abd al-Wadud participated in this blessed conquest which coincided with a visit he made to inspect his troops in the Central region." The video shows a group of young armed men gathering around in the forest, talking and smiling, as patriotic singing is heard in the back ground. A caption appears saying: "The number of participants in this operation was no less than 100 mujahideen, all of whom who were burning with desire to crush the fortresses of those who sold the religion, land, and honor, among the sons of France, and slave agents of America." A new picture appears on the video where a group of 50 to 60 mujahideen are sitting on the ground around a leader speaking softly with a northern Africa dialect, and the caption repeats the following words: "The Taghut (idol king) did not permit this Ummah to be upright. Commander Abu-Sufyan Abu-Haydarah in a stimulation seminar for the mujahideen and provided it with the causes of corruption and causes of obstinacy, and his oppression increased, and the mujahideen were put to great trial. Some of them have lost their legs, others their hands,

and still others their sights, and without a doubt, Allah will not abandon us. All the mujahideen have suffered, and Allah, the Glorious and Great, is the One who will take of us. And recently, this Taghut sought help with America, and brought in the Americans, and has sought help with the Jews and the Nazarenes: the hate-filled, usurping Jews, and the tyrannical Nazarenes. He has brought them to Algeria to fight the mujahideen, and has sought help with them. As for us, we ask help with the Lord of America.")

(Al-Sahab) "Ok. We return to Iraq, what is your comment about the Congress's resolution to divide Iraq?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "This is the deal which the Crusader invaders struck with the religion-selling charlatans and the secularist traitors, and it was a losing bet from square one. And may Allah reward the mujahideen who demolished the American Crusader project, and spoiled the opportunity for the religion-selling traders to make forbidden profit and revealed their treason. I had pointed out this division in my first message after the events of September 11 th about five years ago: i.e. more than six months before the invasion of Iraq. And I pointed out that the division won't be limited to Iraq, but will extend to a number of the region's states, and that it is expected that the American campaign will expand to Iran and Pakistan, to destroy any state with a nuclear program in the Middle East, in order to ensure the security of Israel."

(Al-Sahab) "But is Iraq really divided?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "All of Iraq - and indeed all of the Muslims' lands - must be under the authority of Shari'ah, and Allah permitting, the Muslim Ummah and its Mujahid vanguard will not allow entities loyal to the Crusaders and Jews to be set up there."

(Al-Sahab) "But the Shiites are the majority in the south and the Kurds are the majority in the north."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Perhaps Iraqis in the south have discovered the greed of the militias and their disregard for the rituals for which they use to collect money. The fighting in Karbala and the destruction of the domes of the tombs of al-Husayn and al-Abbas, (with whom Allah was pleased), has revealed the truth about the warring authorities and shown that they are prepared to fight for control of those tombs, due to the seas of money which it brings them, and shows that although they call on the people to glorify those tombs, they are the first to destroy them should they conflict with their greed. And when the tombs of the two Askari Imams, (may Allah have mercy on them), were blown up in Samarra, the Shiite falsely accused the mujahide (Al-Sahab) "They claim that they are defending the People of the House against the oppression which they (with whom Allah was pleased) suffered."

(Al-Zawahiri) "They are defending them against whom and with whom, against the mujahideen under the banner of the Americans? Some time ago I saw a video of Shiite soldiers training under American supervision and shouting, 'O Ali, O Ali.' Were they honest they would have said, 'O Bush, O Bush' or 'O Dollar, O Dollar.' I believe that what the Shiite militias in Iraq have perpetrated under Iranian guidance will go down as a mark of shame in the history of Islam, and in fact in the history of humankind. It is in the nature of nations and peoples to fight the invading occupier, not to bring him and fight under his banner. And the religion dealing traitors deceive their followers and tell them that they will establish the state of the People of the House in Iraq. But they pretend to forget that they sought the creation of that state on the spears of the American Crusaders and by submitting to them, and that can't possibly exist without that. If the Americans have decided to depart under the blows of the mujahideen, will the puppet militias

show resolve? And if the strongest power in the history of mankind - or so they say - was incapable of occupying Iraq, will Iran be able to? I believe that those who think in such a warped fashion deceive themselves before they deceive others, and wrong themselves before they wrong others. Actually, I believe that the People of the House (with whom Allah was pleased) have been wronged twice, once at the hands of the unjust rulers who make war on them, and another time in an even worse fashion, at the hands of the religion-dealers, who used them as a way in the collecting and hoarding of the people's money, and a way in the worship of humans in order to collect money from invented rituals, then destroyed these rituals with mortar rockets when they fought over the spoils, and cooperated with the infidels invading the lands of the Muslims, and forbade their followers to wage jihad against them, and fled from the battle, and approved and agreed to the American-made secular constitution, and demanded - and continue to demand - that the Crusader invading forces remain on Muslim soil. If this is what they call genuine Muhammadan Islam, what then is treasonous American Islam?"

(Al-Sahab) "But they talk about Muqtada al-Sadr as representing the Shiite resistance to the Americans in Iraq."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Muqtada al-Sadr is one of Iran's lieutenants in Iraq. He announced the handover of the weapons of the 'Army of the Mahdi' to the Americans and that the 'Army of the Mahdi' is a civil institution, participating in the political process. And following the recent events of Shiite-Shiite fighting between the 'Army of the Mahdi' and the Supreme Council, Muqtada al-Sadr announced the freezing of the 'Army of the Mahdi' for six months. So this is the Shiite resisting the Americans in Iraq. And the skirmishes which take place between him and the Americans are American-Iranian disputes over expansion of influence. Otherwise, Muqtada al-Sadr announced the handover of his weapons to the Americans."

(Al-Sahab) "Some talk about a clandestine resistance to the Americans in the south of Iraq."

(Al-Zawahiri) "And why should it be clandestine? Has resistance become shameful? I can understand why the plans and makeup of the resistance might be clandestine, but why doesn't it reveal its name and its operations? Don't you agree that the matter is contradictory?"

(Al-Sahab) "But what is the way to stop Shiite-Sunni fighting in Iraq?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Don't ask the one under attack not to defend himself. Instead, ask the attacker to refrain from his aggression, in order to create an opportunity for trying to stop the fighting."

(Al-Sahab) "Could you elaborate a little on this phrase?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "That is, he who cooperates with the Crusader occupier must stop all such cooperation and declare jihad against the Crusader invaders; must stop all such cooperation and declare jihad against the Crusader invaders; and not flee from the fight when the two sides meet. And he must stop fighting the mujahideen under the banner of the Cross and its puppet government in Baghdad, and he must end massacres against the Muslims in Iraq, and he must release their captives, and seek to compensate those harmed by his crimes. And then there might be an opportunity for mutual understanding (to stop the fighting)."

(Al-Sahab) "But what about the Kurds?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The Kurds are a genuine part of the Muslim Ummah, and every Muslim is proud of their sacrifice and history. And all Muslims sympathize with the injustices they suffered at the hands of the fanatical Ba'athist regime, and I think that their brothers the mujahideen in Iraq - whether Arab, Kurdish or Turkman- are understanding of many of their demands as stated by Shaykh Abu Umar al-Baghdadi (may Allah protect him). But what no Muslim - Kurdish or otherwise - can possibly accept is that Iraqi Kurdistan be ruled by a secular government, loyal to the Crusaders and cooperating with the Jews."

(Al-Sahab) "Ok. You mentioned that the American campaign might expand to Iran, and here we would like to get your opinion on a question, which is echoed now and then, to wit: why don't the mujahideen put aside their differences with Iran as they face a common enemy seeking to eradicate them all, what is your comment on that?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "My comment on that is that we used to - even before the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq- concentrate on confronting the American-led Zionist Crusader alliance in its contemporary Crusade against the Muslim Ummah. But all of a sudden, we discovered Iran collaborating with America in its invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq."

(Next the video shows an unidentified US official speaking: "Iran initially, we had discussions with it right after 9/11, we made it very clear that although we would be kinetically involved in Afghanistan, that we bore no ill will to Iran, and Iranians accepted this. So, initially, I think Iran was an even keel.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "The leaders of Iran, like Rafsanjani and others, have declared more than once that were it not for the role played by Iran, American blood would have flowed profusely in Afghanistan. And the leaders of Iran never tire - in their statements, press and media- of repeating the ridiculous joke that says that al-Qaida and the Taliban are agents of America."

(A voice in the background is heard translating in Arabic what Rafsanjani, who appears on the screen, is saying: "In Afghanistan, they were present in Afghanistan, because of Al-Qa'ida, and the Taliban, who created the Taliban? America is the one who created the Taliban, and America's friends in the region are the ones who financed and armed the Taliban." Next an excerpt from a news report is shown on the screen as an unidentified voice speaks: "On the Friday after the blessed raids on Washington and New York, the Iranian government forbade the chanting of 'Death to America' during the Jumu'ah prayers in Tehran for the first time since the Iranian revolution, to demonstrate its sympathy with America. In this regard, Muhammad Ali Abtahi, the deputy of the former Iranian president, Muhammad Khatami, says: 'For Iran's leaders, its important to have enemies. The reformists made great attempts to ban slogans that insulted the American people. Suspending the death to America chants was a political decision made at the highest level'.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "And as the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan was protecting its Muslim brothers, and refusing to hand them over to America and challenging with its faith, patience and resolve, America and the rest of the Crusader West and their aides, Iran was backing and financing the armed groups in the Northern Alliance, which had close ties to American intelligence, and this is something which is no longer a secret. In fact, this was officially documented by the American Congress's report on September 11 th."

(The news report continues, as an image of the 9/11 commission report is shown and a voice is heard saying: "The 9/11 commission report of the American congress said, 'In late October, a group of officers from the Counterterrorist Center flew into the Panjshir Valley to meet up with

Massoud, a hazardous journey in rickety helicopters that would be repeated several times in the future. Massoud appeared committed to helping the United States collect intelligence on Bin Ladin's activities and whereabouts, and agreed to try to capture him if the opportunity arose' (p.142). CTC teams were deployed to Afghanistan to meet with Massoud on March 13-21, 2000, and possibly on April 24-28, 2000 (pp. 505-506).' The calling of Ahmad Shah Massoud on the Crusader West and his alliance with it is no secret. He declared it in front of everyone, when he went to Brussels, and was given the welcome normally accorded a head of state at the headquarters of the European Parliament, despite that being contrary to international norms. Thus, the head of the European Parliament Nicole Fontaine, met him at the door of the Parliament just as she would any head of state.' The voice of the head of the European Parliament is heard, as they digitally covered her face, 'I was going to meet with the leader Massoud during his first visit to Europe, but the Protocol told me right away, 'you shouldn't greet Commander Massoud, you will wait for him in the reception hall.' I asked, but then who will be going to greet Commander Massoud? They said, 'We will do it, and we will bring him to you in the reception room.' So I answered them, 'I would greet Commander Massoud.' They said, 'But that is impossible. You cannot do that. If you do, you will appear as if you are considering him a head of state.' I said, 'To me, he is a head of state, in any case, he is a statesman, for whom I have the greatest respect, and I will in fact greet him at the door of the European Parliament.' The news report continues, 'He delivered a speech in the European Parliament, and its members gave him a several minute long standing ovation. In his speech, he had said that he was the first line of defense against Islamic fundamentalism. And he held a press conference in the headquarters of the European Parliament in which he requested help from the European Union in order to topple the Taliban government, and fight foreign powers like Usama bin Ladin.' Massoud says: 'I am certain that were it not for the interference of Pakistan and its soldiers and the foreign forces of Usama bin-Ladin and the Pakistani Taliban there would be no need for our forces. I am certain that our Afghan nation by itself and the people of Kandahar by themselves and our Pushtun people by themselves are sufficient to topple the Taliban.' The news report continues: 'And he also requested American intervention in Afghanistan to safeguard the security of America and its allies.' Massoud returns: 'My message to Mr. Bush is this: if he doesn't move to ensure peace in Afghanistan and if he doesn't help the Afghan people to reach peace, the problem will certainly not be limited to Afghanistan, it will extend to America, and other countries as well.'")

(Al-Zawahiri) "Yet despite that, Iran continued to back them openly and secretly, and host Burhanuddin Rabbani as the legitimate president of Afghanistan. And when the American invasion of Afghanistan began, Iran signed an agreement with the United States claiming that it was merely for the rescue of American wounded and soldiers. And Iran facilitated the entrance of the forces of Ismael Khan through its borders to Herat, which they took control of, then handed over to the Crusader forces. And Iran recognized the puppet government in Kabul as soon as it was established, and indeed, the Iranian foreign minister attended the installation ceremony, in hopes of getting his share of the loot, but the Americans were more cunning than he was. And when Shaykh Hekmatyar (may Allah protect him) stated that the Karzai government is a puppet government, which doesn't represent the Afghan people, the Iranian government expelled him from its territory."

(The news report continues: "Muhammad Ali Abtahi, former Iranian vice-president, admitted to this American-Iranian collusion in the Crusaders' invasion of Muslim Afghanistan and the overthrow of the Islamic Emirate, saying: 'This was Iran's first major effort to help the United States to topple the Taliban and Al-Qa'ida. This would have been impossible without Iran's help.' The news report continues: 'Despite this, America didn't return the favor. Instead describing Iran as one of the states of the axis of evil, which was cause for regret for Muhammad

Ali Abtahi, who said: 'The very least expectation we had at the height of our struggles for real reform was not to be branded like this. Politically, it was an odd thing to do. We helped overthrow the Taliban. Instead of opening a path for even greater cooperation, they turned to this slogan, the axis of evil. That was Mr. Bush's biggest strategic and political blunder'.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "Meanwhile, in Iraq, Iran struck a deal with the Americans before they entered Iraq to divide up Iraq. And the Shiite militias which Iran had trained, funded and armed for years pushed into Iraq after the collapse of Saddam's rule, and were assimilated into the Iraqi army and the Iraqi security organs, and they were and still are the talon of the Crusader occupier with which he strikes at the Muslims in Iraq. And despite Iran's repetition of the slogan 'Death to America, death to Israel,' we haven't heard even one Fatwa from one Shiite authority, whether in Iran or elsewhere, calling for Jihad against the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, Rafsanjani openly expresses respect for the desire of Iran's Iraqi agents for the American forces to remain in Iraq."

(The video shows Rafsanjani speaking: "But officials in Iraq say that occupation forces must remain to ensure security, and we accept and cannot oppose the Iraqi request.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "In fact, even in the issue of Palestine, he declared that Iran doesn't seek to destroy Israel, and that the problem of Palestine must be solved between the Palestinians and Jews, and that they will find a solution to it in the future."

(Rafsanjani continues: "But will we set out to remove Israel? The answer is in the negative. We will not take the initiative, but we will never accept the legitimacy of Israel. This discussion concerns the Palestinians and Israelis, and they shall solve their problems one day in the future.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "As for the call for the elimination of Israel, which Ahmadinejad is reported to have made, it is empty propaganda, for were he sincere about eliminating Israel, he wouldn't be participating with it in the membership of the United Nations, whose charter calls for respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity and well-being of all members. And I would like to caution the Muslim Ummah that calling for agreement with what the people agree upon in a particular land may be a prelude to compromising on the territories and rights of the Muslims, because in every people, there is to be found a party of traitors combating Islam. So, for example, in Palestine there is Mahmoud Abbas, Muhammad Dahlan and the rest of the leaders who cooperate with the CIA and Mossad. The only way one can agree with these people is by giving up the rights of the Muslim Ummah in Palestine, and abandoning the rule of Shari'ah, and thus rejecting the individual legal obligation of recovering every square inch of Palestine and every occupied Muslim land. And this same evasive language was used by Hassan Nasrallah with regard to Palestine."

(Next Hassan Narsrallah is shown in a meeting saying, "The major problem is Palestine." After he speaks in Arabic, the interpreter repeats after him, "The issue will remain a political issue, the major issue is Palestine and this has to do with the Palestinians. We are in no place to decide for the Palestinians whatever to accept and not to accept.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "In fact, he said much the same thing even about Lebanon, when he agreed to have the Lebanese government which he considers to be an American puppet determine whether Sheb'a Farms is Lebanese or not."

(At this point the video shows Hassan Nasrullah, but no subtitle. The interpreter in the video says: "We as Hizbollah commit ourselves to liberating every inch of Lebanese territories that is under occupation. However, I do not say this territory is Lebanese or not; as a resistance, it is up to the government to determine this. If the government says that no longer any Lebanese territories are under occupation, I have no problem with this. In other words I am looking for pretext or justification. We are sincere in saying we do not want any Lebanese inch to remain under Israeli occupation. We have nothing to do with the discussion that is going on today concerning whether the Sheb'a Farms are Lebanese or not. I said if the Lebanese government says that the Sheb'a Farms are not Lebanese I wouldn't have anything shot there or any operations, meaning resistant operations, carried out there.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "And while he is loyal to the 'Ayatullahs' in Tehran - thousands of miles away, he sees himself as being under no responsibility to liberate Sheb'a Farms which is only stone's throw away from him should the Lebanese government -which he considers to be a puppet- deny the Lebanese natures of the Farms. And in this he is not talking about the individual duty of jihad for the liberation of the lands of the Muslims, but he is talking about a narrow, nationalistic partisan concept unknown to Islam."

(Al-Sahab) "We might here compare this methodology with the famous oath of Shaykh Usama bin Ladin that America will never dream of security until we experience it in Palestine, and with your message entitled 'Palestine is Our Concern and the Concern of Every Muslim,' and with the statement of Abu Mus'ab (may Allah have mercy on him) 'we fight in Iraq and our eyes are on Jerusalem'."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Correct, and here the difference between the two methodologies becomes clear."

(Al-Sahab) "In fact he agreed to the Resolution 1701 which called for the disarmament of an area estimating 30 kilometers north of the border and the deployment of international forces in that zone, i.e. he agreed to the presence of foreign occupation forces on a large part of Lebanon."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Exactly, so even by the standard of national liberation, his party can't possibly be considered a national liberation movement. There isn't a national liberation movement sincere in its nationalism which would agree to have the border of its country moved back 30 kilometers and the entire abandoned region left without any national sovereignty over it and under the control of foreign forces. So don't ask about Sheb'a Farms, and indeed, don't ask about Palestine in the first place. And if that's the case, then why did they curse Anwar al-Sadat when he accepted the Sinai disarmed of weapons?"

(Al-Sahab) "The Americans are threatening Iran with an imminent strike. Dose Iran expect from the Muslim Ummah to help it to repel the American aggression against it?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Iran the stabbed Muslim Ummah in its back, and recorded a historic mark of shame against itself and all of the Shiites who followed it. And the effects of this stab will stay in the memory of the Muslims for a long time to come. And the strange contradiction to which I would like to call attention is that despite the fact that Iran allowed the Crusader forces into Iraq, recognized the puppet government there and motivated its militias to participate in its army, security and police, and despite its recognition of the puppet government in Afghanistan, it warns America of a multitude response against its interests worldwide should it attack Iran."

(At this time an article from Al-Quds newspaper about Khomeini is shown. The English subtitle corresponds with the Arabic and reads: Al-Quds Newspaper-issue 5260-Thursday April 27, 2006. Khomeini (speaking in Farsi): "As Imam Khomeini said: America can't do a damn thing to us. The crowds are shown chanting slogans: Death to America, Death to Israel!" Here is a subtitle in Arabic and a voice of an interpreter: "As the supreme leader has said if we are attacked we will we will threaten all American interests around the globe." Someone by the name of Hussayn Shari'at, identified as the chief editor of Kayhan newspaper, Khamene'i's favorite newspaper, speaks in Farsi: "The first step is our missiles can reach everywhere in Israel, I mean there is not a single place in Israel outside the range of our missiles.")

(Al-Zawahiri) "Is American occupation of Iranian territories prohibited but permissible in Iraq and in Afghanistan? And is Tehran more important to them than Karbala and Najaf? Why does Khamene'i threaten America with a multifold retaliation if Iran is struck but didn't move a finger when American rockets pierced the tomb of Imam Ali (Allah bless him) in Najaf? Don't all of these errors and contradictions require that everyone with a remnant of intelligence and conscience review many things, and reread many more things?"

(Al-Sahab) "But Iran considered itself to be the winner politically through its cooperation with the Crusader invasion in Iraq and Afghanistan in that it freed itself from two regimes hostile to it and its influence spread east and west."

(Al-Zawahiri) "Iran embroiled itself in its evil deeds, and it is now besieged from the east and the west."

(Al-Sahab) "These references to those who cooperate with the Crusader invaders in Iraq and Afghanistan leads to discuss their other partners from whose land and air the Crusader forces which killed the Muslims set off, like Egypt, the Peninsula, the Gulf states, Jordan and Pakistan. Egypt, for example: where is Egypt's role in defending Islam and the lands of the Muslims? Why has it come to this?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "The primary cause of the humiliation and disgrace we have reached in Egypt and the other countries of the Muslims is in the Muslims' tardiness in resisting oppression, enjoining good and forbidding evil. Fear; hesitation; clinging to life's crumbs; the culture of withdrawal; the methodology of defeatism: these are the most important reasons for Egypt being transformed from a fortress for the defense of Islam into a helper, aid and partner in the American-Zionist Crusader assault. I am confident that in the Egyptian army, the Egyptian Ulama and the educated vanguard (students, workers and merchants, and professionals) there are those who are now prepared to offer themselves and their wealth and everything they own in the path of Allah. And I call on this believing vanguard to press forward and take the initiative in working, planning and organizing for the confrontation with the class of treasonous enemies of Islam and Muslims who have turned Egypt into a base for support of Crusader aggression against the Muslims in Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine: that class which comprises no more than one percent of Egyptians, but owns most of their treasure. And while most Egyptians' income is less than one dollar a day, that class uses the dollar in its transactions and refuses to use the Egyptian pound, and has its exclusive clubs and restaurants and own closed world...that class whose interests are tied to the American Crusader regime, so much so that Jamal Mubarak, the future inheritor of Egypt in the American program, has stated that the relationship with America is the mainstay of Egyptian national security. And does Egypt still have national security after becoming a branch of American security?!"

(Al-Sahab) "There's a big controversy in Egypt at the present concerning freedom of the press."

(Al-Zawahiri) "The Ummah will only liberate itself from oppression and repression in the press and elsewhere by ridding itself of the dictatorial, tyrannical regimes which are sitting on our chest, and we will only rid ourselves of their evil if we correctly visualize our condition so as to understand the dimensions of the battle. We are facing a Crusade of extermination whose goal is to occupy, divide and forcibly take over the lands of Islam, and our rulers are the soldiers of that campaign. So we will only be liberated by confronting this satanic coalition which dominates us."

(Al-Sahab) "How should it be confronted? Some might say that you are burdening the people with more than they can handle."

(Al-Zawahiri) "The Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He) says, 'So fear Allah as you can...' (64:16) (Koranic verse; Al-Taghabun 64:16). And He says, 'Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power...' (8:60) (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal 8:60). And the Truth (Blessed and Exalted is He) says, 'No blame lies on the weak, nor on the sick, nor on those who find nothing to spend, if they are sincere to Allah and His Messenger. There is no cause of reproach against those who do good deeds' (9:91) (Koranic verse; At-Tawbah 9:91). So each of us must do all he can do to carry out the individual obligation of confronting this satanic alliance sitting on the chests of our Ummah in Egypt and other lands of Islam. We must join the Jihad against the Crusader invaders in Iraq, Palestine, Somalia, Chechnya and the other fields of competition between the Crusaders and the Jews and the Muslim Ummah, and we must back the mujahideen in those fields with our selves, wealth, opinion, expertise, encouragement and prayers, and we must work to change those corrupt and corruptive regimes by spreading awareness of their corruption and the necessity of changing them and establishing the Muslim government over their ruins, and by gathering and organizing the powers and expertise required to do that. And we must strip those regimes of legitimacy, and recognize neither their constitutions nor their laws nor participate in their elections and councils which rule by other than what Allah sent down. It is the duty of everyone of us to do all he can and hold nothing back in resisting this satanic alliance, even if that be by offering a good prayer, or by praising the mujahideen, or by providing for the families of the captives."

(Al-Sahab) "Talking about Egypt's failure to play its part in the defense of Islam leads us to talk about Palestine and the Balfour Declaration, the 90th anniversary of which recently passed us by, the most recent developments in events there and the fall conference which America has called for."

(Al-Zawahiri) "The Balfour Declaration promised to cut off a piece of Palestine and give it to the Jews. But today, in comparison, the politicians of bargaining from the Palestinians, among them some belonging to the Islamic movements, give up four-fifths of Palestine to the Jews, and they have yet to apologize for that to this very day. The problem isn't in Mahmoud Abbas and the fall conference: rather, the problem is in the politicians of the bargaining who recognize Mahmoud Abbas as president and accord him the right to negotiate in the name of the Palestinians. How is it possible for Mahmoud Abbas to be handed the right to negotiate in the name of the Palestinians when everyone knows that he sells Palestine? And how is it possible for Mahmoud Abbas to be recognized as president of the alleged Authority when everyone knows that he is America and Israel's man? One other thing I want to bring to the attention of the politicians of bargaining is that the Muslim Ummah has now become extremely alert and sensitive, especially in regard to the issue of Palestine. So the politicians of bargaining should know that all their tricks have been exposed and are under surveillance, and that they won't be able (to) pass them by the Ummah by any means whatsoever. Thus, I turn to all free and honorable ones in Palestine to tell them not to assist in the sale of Palestine and its handover to the Jews or in

compromising on even one sand grain of it. And I also address those who have been involved with the secularist organizations which have turned away from the Shari'ah, abandoned most of Palestine and agreed to the solutions of the devils of the West and East. I address them to tell them return to the truth and the path of Islam and Jihad, and stand with your Muslim Ummah under the banner of Tawheed against the new Crusader-Zionist invasion. If we haven't realized that Palestine is the core of the Crusader's war with Islam, we haven't realized anything. 'And have confidence in your Lord, the Creator, the Sustainer, the Powerful and the Strong, and be aware that these organizations 'have no power to harm or benefit themselves nor have they any power over death or life or Resurrection' (25:3) (Koranic verse; Al-Furqan 25:3). So how can they possibly do any thing for you?"

(Al-Sahab) "Alright, we can't end this conversation without touching on Pakistan, where events have occupied the world headlines these days. What do you see in these events?"

(Al-Zawahiri) "Musharraf and his regime are reeling in their final days (Allah permitting), and their failure is a part of or one of the prerequisites of American failure in the region. What actually defeated Musharraf is the Jihadi Intifada and awakening which covered the tribal regions and spread to the middle of Pakistan, through the blessings of the Afghan Jihad against the Crusaders in Afghanistan. Everything that is going on in Pakistan, from the arrangement for the return of Benazir to the declaration of the state of emergency to the consecutive detentions and repressive measures, is a desperate American attempt to remedy the deteriorating situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan. And the head of the American central command was present in Islamabad at the time of the declaration of the state of emergency. Thus, I call on everyone in whose heart is jealousy for Islam in Pakistan to join the mujahideen and back and support them, because they are the key to deliverance from the rotten, corrupt government in Islamabad, that government which has humiliated the Pakistani army and turned it into a pack of hunting dogs for America, and at whose hands the army has suffered the worst of defeats at the hands of the mujahideen in Waziristan and Swat and its morale has fallen to rock bottom and so hundreds of its troops surrendered at the first threat from the mujahideen. This army, in view of its feebleness, its digression from fighting the real enemy, its deviation from its theoretical duty and its collapsed morale, cannot possibly defend Pakistan, and in fact, doesn't deserve that honor. This army must move against Musharraf if it wants to rescue Pakistan from the dark future towards which Musharraf is driving it. The Pakistani army must place its allegiance first and before anything else in Islam, Allah and the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), instead of its allegiance being to salary, position and the crumbs of this world, which won't be of any use to it at the first encounter with the mujahideen and will be a plague for it in the hereafter. The Pakistani army must take action, and the Muslims in Pakistan must back the Jihad, because Pakistan has turned into Americastan, and they must save it before it turns into Indiastan or Israelistan."

(Al-Sahab) "Shaykh Ayman, don't you think it is becoming of us to end this interview with a word for our brothers, the chained lions, foremost among them the symbol of resolve, our virtuous Shaykh, Shaykh Umar Abd al-Rahman, may Allah free them all."

(Al-Zawahiri) "May Allah reward you for this reminder, and I tell them: be steadfast, beloved ones, for the Jihad advance is on its way, and the good omens of victory are looming on the horizon. And reject all retractions and pitfalls which have been prepared, printed and promoted at the hands of the security organs. And rest assured that your deliverance is a debt on our shoulders. 'And lose not heart, nor fall into despair, for you must gain mastery if you are (truly) believers. If a wound has touched you, be sure a similar wound has touched the (other) people. And those are the days (of varying fortunes) We give to people by turns, that Allah may know

those that believe, and that HE may take for Himself from your ranks witnesses (martyrs) And Allah does not like those that do wrong.' (3:139-140) (Koranic verse; Al-Imran 3:139-140)." (Al-Sahab) "As we close this interviewing, we thank Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, and we ask Allah to make this interview sincerely for His Noble Face. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and may Allah send prayers and peace upon our master Muhammad. And may peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings."

(Al-Zawahiri) "And upon you be peace and mercy of Allah and His blessings."

(The interview ends here but the caption on the screen reads:

"The Announcement of an open meeting with Al-Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri

"As-Sahab Foundation for Islamic Media, in cooperation with Al-Fajir Center, is pleased to announce the organizing of an open meeting with Al-Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, in which he will reply to questions directed to him by individuals, organizations and all information media outlets. Anyone wishing to direct a question to him should send it to one of these sites which will be specified for collection of questions during a period of one month commencing from the release of this announcement. Please try to keep the question brief and focused. Organizations and media outlets are requested to give their name at the end of the question, and we request the brothers supervising the collection of questions to transmit them as is without any changes or alteration, whether they be friendly or hostile.

"As-Sahab will do its best to publish the reply of Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri to as many questions as possible as the nearest possible opportunity, with Allah's help and guidance. We have no power to accomplish anything save through Allah. In Him we put our trust and to Him we turn. And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds. And may peace and prayers be upon our master Muhammad and his family and companions.

"Do not forget us and the entire mujahideen brothers and Muslims in your prayers.

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