

Al-Zawahiri Urges Attacks on Israeli, US Interests in Defense of Gaza

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Terrorism: Al-Zawahiri Urges Attacks on Israeli, US Interests On 24 March, a forum participant posted several links to a 4 minute 42 second audio statement by Al-Qa'ida second-in-command Ayman al-Zawahiri entitled: "Rise to Support our Kinfolk in Gaza." The audio recording is produced by the Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida Organization.

A translation of the audio message follows:

"Peace be upon God's messenger, his kinsfolk, and followers. Brethren Muslims everywhere: God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you:

"The Israeli planes are now bombing our kinfolk and brothers in Gaza, with a US decision, Egyptian siege, and Arab collusion.

The plot was carefully concocted against Gaza. The Jews' shelling is rattling over the heads of its people. The Israeli tanks are firing at their chests. The Egyptian border guards and security services are behind their backs, banning support for them and the supply of food and medicine, preventing people from aiding them, standing in the way of evacuating their wounded and hosting their families, and tightening the siege from the south and the west so that the Jews can take their full opportunity to kill and arrest whoever they want and destroy whatever they like. Husni Mubarak is replaying with the Jews the same dirty role that the Phalange forces played with them in Sabra and Shatila. These are the same roles with different faces and the same treasons with different names. O Muslims: This is your day; hit the interests of the Jews, the Americans, and everyone who takes part in the aggression against Muslims. Study the targets, collect funds, and bring in ammunitions. Plan carefully, then storm, relying on God and seeking martyrdom and paradise.

"O Muslims: Forget about demonstrations that vent your anger in the air but to no avail. Today is the day of action. If you leave the people of Gaza to get killed today while you are screaming and staging demonstrations, your turn will come tomorrow and the Crusaders and the Jews will kill you while the others will be screaming and staging demonstrations. There is no room today for those who say that we must fight the Jews only in Palestine. Let us enforce Almighty God's command: "And fight the Pagans all together as they fight you all together. But know that Allah is with those who restrain themselves" (Koranic verse; At-Tauba 9:36) and His saying: "If then any one transgresses the prohibition against you, Transgress ye likewise against him. But fear Allah, and know that Allah is with those who restrain themselves." (Koranic verse; Al-Baqara 2:194)

"So, let us strike their interests everywhere just as they gathered against us from everywhere. They should learn that for every dollar they spend in killing Muslims, they will lose blood in return, and that every bullet they fire at us will turn into a volcano against them. They should also learn that they cannot insult and make a mockery of our Prophet, God's prayers and peace be upon him, and support Israel, and then live peacefully and happily in their countries while the Jews are killing, besieging, and chasing our people. The satanic alliance shows us everyday its ugliness and lowliness. It is the alliance of the crusaders and Jews with our rulers -- Mubarak, Al Sa'ud, Ibn-al-Husayn, and their likes -- who besiege our brothers, torture and

arrest the mujahidin, recognize Israel and then mobilize the ulema of begging and the documents of rationalizing impotence and humiliation to delude us into believing that our interest lies in sitting idly by and that our survival lies in capitulation. Let us disown the satanic alliance, renounce its fallacies and lies, and defend our brothers with our selves and money and not with our voices and shouts.

"And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated and oppressed? Men, women, and children, whose cry is: Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from thee one who will protect; and raise for us from thee one who will help. Those who believe fight in the cause of Allah, and those who reject Faith Fight in the cause of Evil: So fight ye against the friends of Satan: feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan." (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:75)

"My last prayer is: Praise be to God, God's prayers and peace be upon him, his kinsfolk, and companions. May God's peace, prayers, and mercy be upon you."