

Terrorism: Al-Zawahiri Addresses Pakistani Army, People in New Audio Message

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Jihadist Website: Composite picture including the pictures of Al-Zawahiri and Pakistani leaders. On 16 August, a jihadist website posts several links to a new 58-minute and 15-second audio statement by Al-Qa'ida's second-in-command, Ayman al-Zawahiri, speaking in English, entitled:

"A Message to the Pakistani Army and the People of Pakistan." The tape, which is produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media wing of Al-Qa'ida, is dated 2008. Several links are also posted to another version of the tape with voice-over translation as well as subtitles in Urdu.

At the beginning of the tape and before the start of the audio message, Al-Zawahiri is seen speaking the following in Arabic:

"I seek refuge in God from the accursed Satan. In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

"O ye who believe! if any from among you turn back from his Faith, soon will Allah produce a people whom He will love as they will love Him, - lowly with the believers, mighty against the rejecters, fighting in the way of Allah, and never afraid of the reproaches of such as find fault.

That is the grace of Allah, which He will bestow on whom He pleaseth. And Allah encompasseth all, and He knoweth all things." (Koranic verse; the Table, 5:54)

"In the name of God and praise be to God, and peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, his household, companions, and his followers."

The following is the transcript of Al-Zawahiri's message, which he delivers in English:

Jihadist Website: Composite picture showing Al-Zawahiri holding a machine gun with pictures of army vehicles in the background -- 16 Aug

My Muslim brothers and sisters in Pakistan,
God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you.

I want to speak to you today regarding the miserable condition to which Pakistan has deteriorated. I have decided to speak to you today in English, the thing I dislike not from a nationalistic point of view because Allah knows that we are among the fiercest enemies of nationalists and their like who believe in the western democratic system and the British judicial and legislative system instead of the law of Almighty Allah, and who have divided the Muslim Ummah and been the cause of some of the worst catastrophes the Ummah has faced in her modern history, but rather I do not like to speak in English for a number of other reasons: First of all, it is not the language of the Holy Koran, which should be the language of communication between Muslims. Or, at least, it is not one of the languages of the Muslims, which can be alternative language of communication. I hope that one day the Westerners embrace Islam and their languages become part of the family of the Muslim languages. But, till that day comes, the English language is the language of the Muslims' enemies, who have occupied their lands, forcibly implanted Israel in their midst, looted their resources, tortured, deported, and killed them, and aided, supported, and enforced the corrupt tyrant regimes, which are sucking our blood and replacing our divine Shari'ah with man-made laws. It is the language which we did not choose, but are forced to use due to our weakness and dependency. Secondly, it is not my mother tongue through which I am able to express my ideas in the best possible manner, keeping in mind that the Arabic language is considered to be one of the richest, broadest, and most beautiful languages on earth. But, unfortunately, most of you do not

understand the Arabic language and sadly, I am unable to speak in Urdu, that charming language. Otherwise, I would not hesitate to speak in it. Therefore, and in spite of all that I have mentioned, I have decided to speak to you today in English in order to communicate directly with you and draw your attention as much as I can to the imminent and grave dangers which are facing Pakistan.

So, from the start, I beg your pardon for my weak English language, which I have only partially mastered. The second thing: I wish to beg your pardon for is that for me and for all my brothers who have lived in Pakistan for some time, it is difficult to remain detached and neutral on issues relating to Pakistan because we have a deep emotional and sentimental relationship with this land and its peoples.

All of us have enjoyed the warm welcome and the caring attitude of most Pakistanis, which has been so evident during the current Crusade being carried out in Pakistan by (Pakistani President) Pervez (Musharraf) and his hunting dogs in compliance with the orders of their masters in Washington. And for me personally, Pakistan is an old love from my childhood days because my grandfather Professor Abd-al-Wahhab Azzam, may God have mercy on his soul, was a great lover of scholar Iqbal, may God have mercy on his soul. He was the first to translate his poems into Arabic poetry and among his many books was one about scholar Iqbal, may God have mercy on his soul. I read that book and much of his Arabic translations of Piam-e Mashriq, Armaghan-e Hijaz, and Zarb-e Kaleem and other divans early in my life. And as I grew up, Pakistan represented for me as well as many millions of Muslims a hope and a dream of establishing a strong and independent Muslim government after the colonial era.

I came face to face with that hope in reality in the summer of 1980 when I came to Pakistan for the first time, to treat the Afghan muhajirin (refugees) and mujahidin. And from that time until I, along with thousands of other sincere Muslims supporting the Afghan jihad, was forced to leave Pakistan at the behest of the Crusader Americans in the early nineties. I stayed no less than six years in Pakistan, mostly in Peshawar, that charming city which I still admire greatly. And during my time there, I came to know its ins and outs like any real Peshawarite.

Throughout that time, I, like thousands of my brothers, mixed thoroughly with Pakistani society and I was blessed to have at that time some fine Pakistani friends and brothers, whom I hope still remember me today. As I said before, I came into actual contact with what I considered to be a hope. And by living in Pakistan, I was given the opportunity by the grace of Allah to develop a deep understanding of the complex goods and evils of Pakistan. Moreover, I was able to compare the common powers and ills of many different Muslim societies. And after all those years and experiences, I still consider Pakistan to represent a hope and a bastion for the establishment of a strong independent Muslim country, not only in the post-colonial era, but also in the face of the contemporary Zionist-Crusader campaign.

This hope is not based on the so-called theory of Pakistan, which has now vanished particularly after the engagement of the Pakistani army and security agencies in the American war against Islam and the massacre of the Red Mosque. Rather, it is based on my belief that there are millions of Muslims in Pakistan ready to sacrifice all that can be sacrificed for the victory of Islam.

When I was living in Pakistan, it was difficult for me to imagine that one day we would be thrown out of Pakistan, or that the liberators of Afghanistan and the defenders of Pakistan would be overnight declared the so-called terrorists and pursued in every nook and cranny of the country. To this day, there lies next to the border gate of Turkham a silent graveyard containing the remains of approximately 200 Arab mujahidin and standing as a living material witness to how the rulers of the so-called Islamic Republic of Pakistan betrayed their Muslim

brothers who inflicted no harm on Pakistan and committed no sin other than sacrificing their souls for the sake of Allah to liberate Afghanistan and protect the borders of Pakistan. After that, life taught me to be more realistic and I stumbled upon the bitter reality that these greedy rulers were not only prepared to betray their Muslims brothers and deport them from Pakistan, but also prepared to kill and arrest their innocent and cooperative Muslim neighbors and to help and support the neo-Crusaders in occupying their lands, bombing and burning their villages, and overthrowing their honest Islamic Emirate and replacing it with a corrupt anti-Pakistan puppet regime made up of traitors and drug traffickers, many of whom are loyal to India and Russia. And not only that, but they are also prepared to kill their own citizens and demolish their houses over the heads of their women and children. They are even prepared to destroy mosques and madrassas (religious seminaries) and kill thousands of innocent male and female students just to appease and please their pay masters, the neo-Crusaders in the White House.

This greedy gang worships its salaries, benefits, and bribes. And if you pay them enough, they are prepared to do whatever you would like them to do, however dirty it might be, and not in the dark or behind the scenes, but in the full light of day, in uniform and under the motto: Faith, Allah fearingness, and jihad for the sake of Allah. Therefore, my message today to every Pakistani Muslim sincere in his love for Islam and his prophet, peace be upon him, is to rise up to his religious and moral responsibility and to ask himself specific, serious, and crucial questions:

1. Is the Pakistani Army defending Muslims, or is it merely a security service agency or a band of mercenaries which kills Muslims to please its pay masters, the neo-Crusaders in the White House? And what do these American masters really think of the Pakistani Army?
2. Can any Pakistani serving in such an army, or directly contributing to his government's criminal role in the modern anti-Islam Crusade, the so-called war on terror, really be a sincere Muslim? Or is he simply an enemy of Islam, violating the fundamental principles of the Koran and Sunnah (the prophet's tradition)?
3. Does anything by the name of the theory of Pakistan still exist? Or has it drowned in the innocent blood spilled in the name of the war on terror, or perhaps been crushed under the ruins of the Red Mosque?

Regarding the first question, it is evident that for years the Pakistani Army's primary duty has been to take part both directly as well as indirectly in the killing of Muslims from Kabul to Islamabad. It has, through the orders of its greedy commanding officers, been transformed into an army which, instead of acting as the defender of the Ummah, is in fact posing the greatest of dangers to the dignity, safety, and property of Muslims in South Asia and the Middle East and is even threatening the very existence of Pakistan."

(At minute 12:10 into the tape, archival video statements made by Commander Abizaid, US Central Command, are shown: Abizaid says: "This is a battle of moderation against extremism and it is one that we have got to fight. And Pakistan has shown immense courage in doing that. The Pakistani armed forces have moved into an area where the extremists were openly operating up in Waziristan."

At minute 12:27 into the tape, video footage of military operations is featured. The footage shows coalition forces deploying and mopping up an area in a place that seems to be a border

area between Pakistan and Afghanistan, as well as footage of Afghan fighters walking down a mountain. The video footage also shows coalition forces breaking into houses.

At minute 13:33 into the tape, a helicopter hovering over the sea and then landing on a warship is shown while an unidentified speaker says: "The Pakistani Navy also plays an important role in the US coalition. American warships are sitting targets for suicide bombers."

At minute 13:44, the tape shows Captain Asif Khalid from the Pakistani Navy saying: "The coalition presence over here has ensured that the sea lines or the sea areas are not used for terrorist operations.")

Al-Zawahiri continues: "Just compare the practices of the Pakistan Army with its famous motto: Faith, Allah fearingness, and jihad for the sake of Allah, and you will discover that the writing of such a motto on army buildings is nothing more than a silly joke.

Let me, my brothers and sisters, remind you here of just some of the crimes committed by Pervez and his bribe-seeking gang against Muslims inside and outside Pakistan.

1. Pervez has proven himself to be one of the biggest enemies of Islam in Pakistan, if not the biggest of all. He declared in his first statement after his takeover of the presidency, as he was hugging his two dogs, that his ideal and role model is Ataturk, who destroyed the Khilafah (the state of Islamic rule), killed the ulema, banned the hijab, and forcibly imposed secularism upon Turkey. In accordance with the orders of the neo-Crusaders, Pervez offered all the support necessary to topple the Islamic Emirate in Kabul. And with that, the government of Pakistan killed the hope which the Muslim Afghan nation fought 20 years to achieve and for which millions of ordinary Muslims and thousands of mujahidin laid down their lives; (namely,) an Islamic state in Afghanistan. And with that, it accomplished the old objective of America and the West, which they had tried their best to realize after the Russian defeat; (namely,) to establish a broad-based government made up of secularists, atheists, communists, warlords, and agents of the West. It was an objective which they themselves had failed to achieve despite all their attempts. But the Pakistani Government was able to accomplish it for them. Pervez has tried his best to put as many obstacles as he could in the path of the Islamic madrassas (schools) in Pakistan. He invented a new religion: Devoid of jihad. Enjoining of good and forbidding of evil in adherence to the rule of Shari'ah (Islamic law). A religion which he described as enlightened moderation, thus presenting a new American-sponsored Qadyaniyah (a religious sect viewed as deviant) to revive the old British-sponsored one (previous three sentences as heard).

Mighty Allah says: Who doth more wrong than he who inventeth a lie against Allah or rejecteth His Signs? But verily the wrong-doers never shall prosper. (Koranic verse; 6:21) And scholar Iqbal, may God bestow mercy upon him, said: He may change the Ka'ba into a Magian fire home if he wishes, or may install the European idol in it if he wants. He may make of the Koran a plaything of interpretation, and invent a new Shari'ah (Islamic law) if he wants (Last two sentences are spoken in Urdu with English subtitles).

Pervez destroyed the very grounds for the existence of Pakistan, and shattered the theory of Pakistan when he joined the war on terror, in which he assaulted his own Muslim people, their Muslim neighbors, and their supporters, and when he massacred the students of the Red Mosque by demolishing it over their heads. Lest we forget, dividing Pakistan continues to be a permanent, joint Indian-American aim. The leadership of the Pakistan Army has helped extensively to achieve this goal by launching military operations against the people of Pakistan. Regarding the Red Mosque, what did its destruction and the massacre committed within it

expose? It exposed the corruption which prevails in the Pakistani military, bureaucracy, and political establishment. It was and is a bleeding wound in the conscience of every free, sincere Muslim. Beneath the ruins of the Red Mosque, the theory of Pakistan was buried, and the goal of its creation was lost. And over the dead bodies and those martyrs, the American, Zionist, and Indian flags were raised high. The assault on the Red Mosque and the tribal areas exposed the ugly anti-Islamic face of the military leadership of Pakistan. In the tribal areas, it partially succeeded in concealing the real crimes. But in the Red Mosque, the bombs' fumes, mixed with the smell of the students' charred flesh, spread to every corner of Pakistan. And the massacre was covered by both the local and foreign media. The massacre at the Red Mosque exposed the ugliness and hypocritical double standards of Western civilization, for had a single church been attacked and a single American or Briton killed, a violent wave of protest would have flared up, perhaps ending the Security Council sanctions. But when the Red Mosque is stormed and those inside it are killed, and the exact number of victims, and even the location of their remains, are concealed, it is treated as nothing more than a security operation to pacify some fanatics. The massacre at the Red Mosque by the rangers, elite commandos, regular army, agents of the ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence -- Pakistani security organization), and military intelligence is a disgrace for every officer and soldier in Pakistan. It provokes a very serious question: Is the Pakistani Army defending Islam in Pakistan and South Asia or attacking it for the benefit of Muslims' enemies? Does it represent the shield of Muslims in Pakistan, or is it the criminal heir to the British Indian Army?

3. (Numeration as heard) Pervez has seriously threatened the national security of Pakistan. Pervez is the one who fully supported the Americans in toppling the Islamic Emirate in Kabul, and replacing it with a regime loyal to India and hostile to Pakistan.

(At minute 20 into the tape, archival video footage is shown featuring an excerpt of an interview which a US television network conducted with President Pervez Musharraf. The footage shows the Pakistani president stressing the need to "defeat" the Taliban).

As a result of that, Indian Intelligence snuck into the Afghan-Pakistan border region and opened its consulates in the cities adjacent to Pakistan. With the Islamic Emirate's departure from Kabul, the Pakistani Army's loss was twofold. First, it lost the strategic depth which Afghanistan, with its high altitude terrain and mountains, can afford during any confrontation with India. Secondly, the back of the Pakistani Army became exposed to a hostile regime loyal to its enemies. If you add to this the success of India in making use of air bases in Tajikistan and its efforts to expand military cooperation with Central Asian states, the extent of the strategic blunder the Pakistani Army committed becomes apparent.

Pervez is the one who has put Pakistan's nuclear program in jeopardy by allowing it to fall under American surveillance, thus making Pakistan's national secrets available to Jewish and Indian intelligence. The American accusations against Abd-al-Qadir Khan (the founder of Pakistan's nuclear program) were used as an excuse to justify that.

(At minute 22 into the tape, archival video footage is shown featuring an excerpt of an interview which a US television network conducted with President Musharraf. The footage shows Musharraf answering questions on the arrest of Khan).

However, is it logical that Abd-al-Qadir Khan was outside the surveillance of Pakistani Intelligence? Whether or not that is really the case, the first ones to be tried in the Abd-al-Qadir Khan case should be the high commands of the Pakistani Army and Intelligence, with Pervez at their head. But Abd-al-Qadir Khan was used as a scapegoat to appease the Americans.

(At minute 23 into the tape, archival video footage is shown featuring an excerpt of an interview which a US television network conducted with President Musharraf. The footage shows Musharraf answering a question on how the nuclear materials were moved outside the country without someone in the government or the army finding out).

Pervez is the one who has ignited civil war inside Pakistan by indulging in a fruitless bloody struggle in the tribal areas in blind obedience to American orders, resulting in catastrophic harm to Pakistan's national security. The worst situation any army could possibly imagine is to be responsible for defending its borders even as it is entangled in an internal civil conflict. Pakistan's collective memory has not yet forgotten the dire consequences of the civil war in East Pakistan. Everything that Pervez and his generals have done in Waziristan, Bajaur, Swat, and Balochistan they will not hesitate to repeat in Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, and any other place the Americans order them to strike. Pervez is the one who has tried to change the combat doctrine of the Pakistani Armed Forces by repeatedly insisting that the real threat against Pakistan lies within and does not come from outside.

(At minute 26 into the tape, archival video footage is shown featuring President Musharraf saying that "the enemy is inside the country")

That is to say, he is urging the Pakistani Armed Forces to concentrate on fighting their own people and ignore the Indian threat. When the combat doctrine of any army is corrupted and its service becomes merely for the sake of post and salary, this army will, without doubt, flee the battlefield at any real confrontation.

How can the Pakistani officer or soldier be convinced that he is protecting Islam when he has enabled the Americans to kill tens of thousands of Muslims in Afghanistan and helped them to remove the Islamic Emirate from Kabul? How can the Pakistani officer or soldier be convinced that he is protecting the honor of the Pakistani people when he is being ordered by his superiors to kill women and children inside his own country? How can the Pakistani officer or soldier be convinced that he is safeguarding the dignity and high repute of Pakistan when he receives orders from his commanders to launch a new massacre with every visit of a senior American official? Thus, Pervez has dealt severe blows to the morale of the Pakistani Army twice. The first time was when he ordered it to launch an immoral anti-Islam war against its own people as mercenaries under the American flag. The second was when he exposed the army to repeated humiliating defeats at the hands of the brave Islam-defending tribal fighters.⁴ Pervez is trying to sell Kashmir at any available price. He stated in March 2004 that he wants to conduct a national dialogue about possible solutions for Kashmir, including local autonomy, joint Indo-Pakistani administration, and UN supervision. He has strangled the jihadist resistance to India. He has offered and is still offering repeated concessions in the Kashmir issue, whereas India has not retreated a single inch from its obstinate stand. He is trying to mislead the Muslim ummah (nation) in Pakistan by falsely claiming that the problem with India will be solved through confidence-building measures in an attempt to end the struggle for the liberation of Kashmir, the core issue between India and Pakistan. And he is the one targeting the Arab mujahidin and their brothers from all over the Muslim world, who are considered to be one of the most important keys to the liberation of Kashmir, just as they played a crucial part in the liberation of Afghanistan before.

I wish to stress here the vital fact that the Jihad to liberate Kashmir should first be liberated from the ISI because corrupt governments spoil jihad. These governments defer to the wishes of superpowers and no jihad will succeed unless it is freed from the wishes of the enemies of Islam.

5. Pervez has practically recognized Israel in an attempt to mentally prepare the Pakistani people for the recognition of a non-Muslim state in Kashmir.

6. Pervez has insulted and compromised Pakistan's sovereignty by allowing the CIA and FBI to operate freely in Pakistan and arrest, interrogate, torture, deport, and detain any person, whether Pakistani or not, for as long as they like, thus turning the Pakistani Army and security agencies into hunting dogs in the contemporary Crusade.

(At minute 30:20 into the tape, archival footage is shown of President Musharraf speaking in English: "We are fighting first of all Al-Qa'ida. Let us take Al-Qa'ida. We have arrested or eliminated about 700 Al-Qa'ida leaders, only Pakistan did that, not to mention whoever has been killed or arrested lately. I challenge: Which other country has done this?")

It is no secret that the Americans have exclusive control of many Guantanamo-like detention centers on Pakistani soil.

7. Pervez and his greedy gang have committed all the crimes because of which he claimed he took power so he could save Pakistan from their evils. If you were to read his memoirs you would find no single sin of which he accused Benazir (Bhutto) and Nawaz (Sharif), which he himself has not committed subsequently. And because Pervez is thirsty for money and a bribe-seeker, he is always trying to convince the people of Pakistan to look out only for their own material interests, regardless of any Islamic or moral considerations.

(At minute 31:33 into the tape, an archival video clip shows President Musharraf giving an address, speaking in Urdu with English subtitles, transcribed from English: "What do we want in Afghanistan? We want peace in Afghanistan. Why do we want this? I have said before that first comes Pakistan. What is Pakistan's interest? Pakistan has the greatest interest in it. When there is peace in Afghanistan, the economy of the Central Asian republics that I explained before, their trade, their oil, and their gas will come here and go through Pakistan and go through Afghanistan and Pakistan. When there is peace and development in Afghanistan, Pakistan's foreign exchange will increase, and Pakistan's economy will uplift").

This is exactly the same logic of drug traffickers, white slavery mafias, spies, and traitors. Almighty Allah has said: Satan threatens you with poverty and enjoins you to be niggardly, and Allah promises you forgiveness from Himself and abundance, and Allah is Ample-giving, Knowing. (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah, 268)

He has also said: But you will see those in whose hearts is a disease Hastening towards them saying: We fear lest a calamity should befall us so that they shall be regretting on account of what they hid in their souls . (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah, 52)

Now, another Pervez; namely, Pervez Ishfaq Kiyani, has taken over the same duties that the old Pervez used to perform for the US, and accordingly, we see him as an equally hostile enemy of Islam.

(At minute 33:17 into the tape, archival video shows President Musharraf addressing a gathering, speaking in English: "Kiyani now takes over from me. He has taken over. I have known Kiyani for the last two decades. He has so (word indistinct). I know he is an officer of great professional (word indistinct) qualities, and I know that he will lead the army well, if not better than what I did. I have full faith and trust in him and I have no doubt that the army

remains committed to whatever role it is playing in national building and in the protection of the nation").

In all the aforementioned examples, we shall be fools if we do not recognize the American factor in the politics of Pakistan, which is virtually ruled from the American Embassy. And now, and after all those services provided by Pervez and his greedy gang to the Americans, let us take a look at how the Americans view the Pakistani Army and security agencies.

(At minute 34:34 into the tape, archival video shows President Musharraf interviewed by an unidentified correspondent of an American news network, speaking in English:

"Correspondent: What did (former US Deputy Secretary of State Richard) Armitage tell the director of your intelligence right after 11 September?

"Musharraf: The director of intelligence told me that he said: Be prepared to be bombed, and to be prepared to go back to the Stone Age.

"Correspondent: Richard Armitage said that you should be prepared to be bombed back to the Stone Age.

"Musharraf: Yes.

"Correspondent: What was your reaction?

"Musharraf: One has to react. One has to think and take action in the interest of the nation, and that is what I did.

"Correspondent: Were you not insulted?

"Musharraf: Yes, I thought it was a very rude remark").

Let me remind my brothers and sisters of the cartoon which appeared in the American press after the arrest of brother Abu-al-Faraj al-Libi, may Allah release him soon, showing an American soldier patting a hunting dog and asking him to bring Usama Bin-Ladin, may Allah protect him. The American may like his dog play with it, feed, it, smile at it, and maybe even kiss it. But after all is said and done, it is still a dog. Let me remind my brothers and sisters that the present Army Chief Pervez Kiyani was the senior hunter of Abu-al-Faraj, may Allah release him soon. That is the American psychological perception of the Pakistani Army and security agencies in spite of all the smiles and compliments. In contrast, we have solid proof of American alignment with India in their advanced cooperation with it, particularly in the nuclear and high technology fields as well as in military training.

The parable of those who take guardians besides Allah is as the parable of the spider that makes for itself a house, and most surely the frailest of the houses is the spider's house, did they but know. (Koranic verse; Al-Ankabut, 41)

And whoever takes Satan for a guardian rather than Allah, he indeed shall suffer a manifest loss. He gives them promises and excites vain desires in them; and Satan does not promise them but to deceive. (Koranic verses; Al-Nisa, 119-120)

As regards the second question: Is any Pakistani serving in such an army or taking part with his government in the contemporary Crusade which they call the war on terror a true and sincere Muslim, or is he an enemy of Islam violating the very principles of the Koran and Sunnah?

Almighty Allah has said:

O you who believe! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for friends; they are friends of each other and whoever amongst you takes them for a friend then surely he is one of them, surely Allah does not guide the unjust people. (Koranic verse; Al-Ma'idah, 51)

Al-Imam Al-Tabari, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said in his tafsir (interpretation of Koran) commenting on this verse: Whoever supports and champions the Jews and Christians against the Muslims becomes a follower of their religion and faith, because no one supports someone else unless he is pleased with him and his religion. And if he is pleased with him and his religion, then he has hated and become hostile to that which opposes him, and his status becomes the same as his.

And Al-Imam Al-Jassas al-Hanafi, may Allah have mercy upon his soul, commenting on the same verse, said: The speech here is directed either to the Arab mushrikin (polytheists) or to the Muslims, and that in the later case it is a note that you are a kafir (infidel) like them because of your championing of them.

This is why I warn each and every officer and soldier in the Pakistani Army and security forces of the grave consequences; Almighty Allah has prepared for those assisting the kafirs (infidels) against the Muslims. And each one of them, particularly from the lower ranks, should know that Pervez does not care about them at all, and is throwing them into the hell of a civil war carelessly, and is prepared to sacrifice thousands of low-ranking personnel in order to guarantee the continuous flow of American bribes. I request each Muslim in Pakistan to remember the glorious history of their noble scholars who resisted fiercely any and all cooperation with or support for the British Indian Army.

Shaykh al-Hind Maulana Mahmoud al-Hasan, may Allah have mercy on his soul, said in his fatwa to the students of Aligarh University: You have no choice but to abandon supporting and championing Islam's enemies, whether in practice or in belief, and the religious basis of this matter is undeniable.

And he wrote in his letter to the Jam'iyat Ulama meeting in Amritsar: The fiercest enemies of Islam and Muslims are the British, so it is mandatory to stop supporting them. And his student Sayyid Husayn Madani, may Allah have mercy on his soul, stood up in court to say: Joining the British Army, helping another to join it, or advising him to join, and supporting the British Army or giving it loans for war; all are haram (impermissible). He also said: Mr Lloyd George, during the invasion of Bait-al-Maqdis (Arabic name for Jerusalem), named this war a Crusade. Mr Churchill also called it a Crusade. Therefore, I declare now in plain and clear words that any Muslim who champions Christianity not only commits a sin but also becomes a kafir. He also stated that the second form of killing a Muslim is when a person considers killing Muslims as permissible and does not feel sorry or repent for this act. For example, if there is a Muslim army which says fighting is our job, so even if Muslims come in front of us we will fight them, as if raising a sword against a Muslim is no sin. Or they say: Our masters have ordered us to fight Muslims and we are fed by their money, so we should obey their orders as if there is nothing wrong in obeying someone's orders to kill Muslims as long as he keeps feeding you.

Thus, in such a condition, it is the agreed upon verdict of the entire ummah that the person committing such an act is surely and verily a kafir, and has committed the type of kufr (infidelity) that expels him from the ummah. His ruling according to the law of Allah is the same as that of kuffar and mushrikin, both in this world and the hereafter. No Muslim is allowed to consider such a person to be a Muslim or deserving of being dealt with in the manner in which we deal with other Muslims.

The third possible form of killing a Muslim is when a Muslim fights alongside kuffar against other Muslims or aids them in war so that the kuffar attain success and victory, and when a war is waged between Muslims and non-Muslims he sides with the kuffar. This form of the said crime embodies the greatest type of kufr and transgression and represents such an extreme condition of the death of a person's belief and annihilation of his Islam that no worse form of infidelity and disbelief can possibly be imagined. All the sins, offenses, and impurities of the world and each and every kind of disobedience which a Muslim can commit in this world or can think of committing are nothing when compared to this crime. Any Muslim who commits this crime surely becomes a kafir and is the worst kind of kafir. He has not only committed the sin of killing a Muslim, but has also aided and strengthened the enemies of the truth in their fight against Islam. There is no doubt that this is such an explicit and definite form of kufr that expels a person from the realm of Islam. When Islam in such a condition does not permit keeping merely a relationship of love and affection with the non-Muslims, how then can someone's faith and Islam remain intact after giving explicit support to the kuffar in their war against Islam and after directing his weapon towards Muslims?

My brothers and sisters in Pakistan, do you not notice how the words of Shaykh Al-Hind Maulana Mahmud al-Hasan and his student, Sayyid Husayn Ahmad Madani, may God bless their souls, described exactly the behavior of those who are aiding the Americans and the British today in Pakistan and Afghanistan? Do you not see how the Indian armies which were killing Muslims yesterday at the orders of the British are themselves the forces of Pervez which are today killing Muslims in Afghanistan and the tribal areas of Pakistan at the orders of the Americans? Do Pervez's forces not provide the Crusaders bases, information on bases, airports, and even detention and torture centers? Do they not supply them with food and fuel to kill, detain, torture and humiliate Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan? Do you not notice how when Sayyid Husayn Ahmad Madani, may God bless his soul, quoted the statements of past British politicians about their Crusade he was quoting President George Bush word for word when he declared his new Crusade against Muslims? Is it not clear that the Malta detention center, in which Shaykh Al-Hind and Sayyid Husayn Ahmad Madani, may God bless their souls, were jailed, is comparable to the Guantanamo camp? Is it not clear that we are fighting a new battle in an old war? It is the same struggle against the same enemies. The facts are the same but only the names and faces have changed.

The king's viceroy in Delhi has become the US ambassador in Islamabad. The British-Indian Army has become the US-Pakistani Army. The prime minister in London has become the president in Washington. And Sayyid Ahmad al-Shahid and Sayyid Isma'il al-Shahid, may God bless their souls, and their mujahidin are today the mujahidin in Allah's way to expel the neo-Crusaders from Afghanistan, Pakistan and the entire subcontinent. But the difference is that the jihadist awakening of today is -- by the grace of Allah -- much stronger and more widespread and not limited to the subcontinent, and the US Crusader empire is facing, by the grace of Almighty God, humiliating defeats in Afghanistan and Iraq. And now after this painful description of the degenerating situation in Pakistan, the crucial question comes: What to do? First, before discussing the answer to this question, I wish to remind every Muslim of the ijma (previous word spoken in Arabic, meaning "consensus") of Muslim scholars that when a non-

Muslim enemy invades a Muslim country, it (jihad) becomes the individual duty of every Muslim to rise up and resist the invaders by all available means, and this duty extends to the other Muslim countries from the nearest to the farthest until the Muslims' ummah (nation) is able to expel the invaders from its lands. This is exactly the same as the fatwas issued by the scholars of Pakistan during the Russian invasion of Afghanistan. So what is the difference? The Russians have gone but the Americans have come to Pakistan and Afghanistan. So, coming back to the answer to the question of what to do, let me put the answer in a few short straightforward points:

1. Create awareness. We should first be aware of the real nature of the conflict. We are facing a Zionist-Crusader campaign aided by our corrupt rulers and executed by their hunting dogs. Then, this awareness must be spread to the whole nation. Although this is the duty of every Muslim in Pakistan, it is particularly the duty of the scholars in Pakistan. They must explain the facts of the Koran in order to encourage the Muslims to resist the Crusaders and their agents, and they should revive the glorious history of their ancestors; Shaykh Abd-al-Aziz, Sayyid Ahmad al-Shahid, Shah Isma'il al-Shahid, Shah Abd-al-Hai and Shaykh Al-Hind, may God bless their souls.

2. Do not kill or help in killing Muslims or aid or support the killers of Muslims. (At minute 48:15 into the tape, archival video shows an unidentified person speaking about a fatwa. The English subtitles read as follows: "We had received questions from Mr Mahmud al-Hasan and he asked for answers to his questions from our mufti in light of the Koran and the Sunnah. As an answer from the Mufti of our Dar-al-Ifta of Lal Masjid, Mufti Abd-al-Diyan issued this fatwa that is absolutely according to the Koran and the Sunnah and there is no sort of ambiguity in it whatsoever. Hazrat Qazi Abd-al-Rashid will elaborate on this subject." Afterward, Abd-al-Rashid is shown saying: "It is the primary duty upon the Ulema to guide Muslims according to the Koran and the Sunnah, to convey to them correct instructions (as to) where and to what extent the ruler shall be obeyed. Plain instructions are present regarding this subject where the Koran has commanded to "obey Allah, His Messenger, and those in authority." The commentators have clearly stated here that such obedience will only be observed in good and there shall be no obedience of the created beings in the disobedience of the Creator as it is related in the Hadith that it is unlawful to obey any created being in the disobedience of the Creator. Almost all of the prominent Dar-al-Ifta in the country -- the Jamiat-al-Rashid in Karachi likewise, the Dar al-Ulum al-Haqqaniyah of Akora Khatak, the Jami'ah Al-Ashrafiyah, the Jami'ah the Jami'ah Al-Faruqiyah, Dar al-Ifta's of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, and thousands of the Ulema of the country -- have approved this fatwa and the attestation with the signatures of hundreds of muftis has reached us and is present with us. All of them have agreed without any disagreement. They are 100 percent agreed upon the statement that it is against the Koran and the Sunnah to shower bullets on Muslim brothers and harm them in order to please kuffar (Infidels); yielding to their pressure to gain their pleasure is unlawful as well.)

Every soldier and officer should absolutely disobey any order to kill Muslims or aid the killers. I am also asking here anyone who has committed any of those sins to immediately repent and stop serving the devils of our age.

3. Join and support the mujahidin. It is the personal duty of every Muslim in Pakistan to perform Jihad against the Crusaders invading Afghanistan and Pakistan. But if he is unable to do so, he must at the very least support and aid the mujahidin.

4. Examine yourselves. Are you really following and practicing Islam personally, socially, and politically? Or are you deviating from Islam in one way or another? Are you really championing

Islam or are you siding with the secular pro-Western, anti-Muslim forces cooperating with the US in its Crusade against Islam: the so-called war on terror? I know that among you are those who sacrificed their jobs when Pervez decided to support the US in its war against the Islamic Emirate in October of 2001, and that among you are those who refuse to kill their brothers in Waziristan, costing them their jobs. But are you really ready to sacrifice everything in Allah's way or are you wasting your time and effort in the tiresome shows of the Pakistani political circus?

Let there be no doubt in your minds that the dominant political forces at work in Pakistan today are competing to appease and please the modern-day Crusaders in the White House and are working to destabilize this nuclear-capable nation under the aegis of the US. So, do not allow the fruits of the victory achieved through the sacrifices of the mujahidin fighting in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the tribal belt of Pakistan to be hijacked by the politicians who sat passively while the girls and boys of Hafsah University and the Red Mosque perished and burned. These are the same politicians who follow the tenets of an alien Western democratic system and judiciary and exploit Islam to fulfill their own greedy aims. This is why I address here everyone possessing a remnant of intelligence and conscience in the armed forces of Pakistan to be aware that many among the Muslims continue to hold onto a glimmer of hope that among you are some decent and Allah fearing individuals who refuse to soil their hands with Muslims' blood and who do not agree with the direction Pakistan is being taken in and are prepared to take it upon themselves to ensure that the reins of power in Pakistan neither remain in the hands of Pervez and his supporters in the army nor in the hands of the present lot of politicians. But they are taken over by leaders who believe in implementing the law of God Almighty, who believe in legislating and judging according to the laws of God Almighty, who shun the Western democratic system and judiciary, who refuse to be slaves of the Crusaders and Jews, and who believe in the command of Allah: "So judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires." (Part of a Koranic verse) and His statement: "It is not fitting for a Believer, man or woman, when a matter has been decided by Allah and His Messenger to have any option about their decision: if any one disobeys Allah and His Messenger, he is indeed on a clearly wrong Path." (Koranic verse)

I must warn you, however, that if you fail to discharge your duty to Islam, then God Almighty is in need of no one's help. And the Almighty will send His sincere soldiers to rule this Ummah of Islam whether you like it or not. "And that Our forces, they surely must conquer." (part of a Koranic verse)

"O ye who believe! if any from among you turn back from his Faith, soon will Allah produce a people whom He will love as they will love Him, lowly with the believers, mighty against the rejecters, fighting in the way of Allah, and never afraid of the reproaches of such as find fault. That is the grace of Allah, which He will bestow on whom He pleaseth. And Allah encompasseth all, and He knoweth all things." (Koranic verse)

You may be asking yourselves: What will happen to Pakistan if we support the mujahidin and confront America? But rest assured if you rise up against evil, then God Almighty will give you the power to overcome the might of the great evil, the US, or He Himself may stop it. God Almighty has said to His prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him: "Then

fight in Allah's cause, thou art held responsible only for thyself, and rouse the believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers, for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment." (Koranic verse)

And I do not have to remind you, my brothers and sisters, of the losses, suffering, and casualties of the modern-day Crusaders in Afghanistan and Iraq at the hands of the mujahidin who rely on God alone. Those who rely on God alone reject the hypocritical and subservient tactics of Pakistani politicians. In the same way, they reject the cowardly and greedy miscalculations of the Pakistani military junta.

Neither freedom nor justice nor dignity nor independence can ever be achieved without the full and proper implementation of the Shari'ah and the expulsion of the neo-Crusaders, their agents, and their influence from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Otherwise, we shall get nothing except the trifles the prisoners get from their jailers. And here, I wish to add a few words for the heroes of Pakistan, be they well-known or unknown, those who have sacrificed and are still sacrificing their lives, property, wealth, homes, posts, jobs, and everything they could possibly sacrifice for the glory and victory of Islam. I want to assure these heroes that their sacrifices are never neglected nor overlooked and I want to remind them of what God Almighty said to His prophets Moses and Aaron when they told their God that they were afraid of the excesses and tyranny of Pharaoh. "They (Moses and Aaron) said: "Our Lord! We fear lest he hasten with insolence against us, or lest he transgress all bounds." (Koranic verse) But God Almighty assured them that they should not be afraid because He is with them listening and seeing. "He said: Fear not: for I am with you: I hear and see (everything)." (Koranic verse)

So, these brothers should have full confidence that during every moment of suffering they have passed through, God Almighty was with them listening and seeing. The Almighty was with them at each and every moment of exhaustion, fear, stress, torture, deprivation, pain, injury, and migration, listening and seeing and counting for them their good deeds. So they should be sure that they, by the grace of Allah, are winning not losing. With their suffering and sacrifices, they are pioneering the victory of Islam in Pakistan and following in the footsteps of the prophets, may God's peace and blessings be upon them, and their followers, may God be pleased with them.

Finally, I request every Muslim in Pakistan to ask himself seriously: Does he want Pakistan to truly become Pakistan or is he going to stand by idly and passively until it becomes part of Greater Hindustan?