

Arab News Station Releases Usama Bin Ladin Audio Statement on US, Pakistan

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Terrorism: Arab News Station Releases Usama Bin Ladin Audio Statement on US, Pakistan On 3 June, an Arab news station released a 25-minute 32-second audio statement by Usama Bin Ladin "about the ongoing war between the army and the mujahidin in Swat and the tribal areas." The Pakistani Government is deemed to be "fighting against the law of God Almighty for the sake of the US tyrant," and President "Obama and his administration" are said to "have planted new seeds of hate that will increase hostility and revenge towards America." Muslims are asked to give alms for jihad in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The statement concludes with poetry praising jihad in Afghanistan.

A translation of the audio follows:

"Praise be to God. We thank Him and seek His guidance and forgiveness. We ask God to protect us from our evil and our sins. He who God guides to the right path will not go astray. He who leads (people) astray has no one to guide him. I declare the oneness of God and the acceptance of Muhammad as his prophet.

"My Muslim brothers in Pakistan: May the peace and mercy of God be upon you. This conversation I am having with you is about the ongoing war between the army and the mujahidin in Swat and the tribal areas. The prophet (peace and prayers be upon him) said: 'None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother that which he loves for himself.' Agreed upon (Hadith). I love for you what I love for myself. The greatest of what I love for myself is to be saved from hell and admitted to heaven, which is the greatest victory. I pray to God that He allows us to be among the people (in heaven). This is what I would love for you and what is I desire for you. O worshippers of God, we in this world are all facing affliction and sedition. Look at what God Almighty said: 'A.L.M. Do men think that they will be alone in saying: We believe, and that they will not be tested? We tested those before them, and Allah will certainly know those who are true from those who are false' (Koranic Verse, Al-Ankabut, 29:1-3). These wars led by the Crusader-Zionist alliance and their supporters against our nation are one of the trials and afflictions of our times. It is the war that is being waged by the US and the Zardari government against those who want to apply the religion in the Swat Valley and the tribal areas. Hold yourselves accountable before you hold anyone else accountable. Reflect on your deeds before they are judged. It is our advantage that this test is easy and does not require a great effort to explain or clarify. In short, are you on the side of establishing the jurisprudence of God? Or are you on the side of those who fight like the US, Zardari, and those who are with them? If you are with the first group, then thank God that He guided you to accept and support His religion. Continue your jihad for His sake. If you support the Zardari gang and his army, then you are in great danger. If you continue on this path you will face a catastrophe like no other, and that is a loss that is evident.

"God has denied belief from those who do not wish to apply His jurisprudence. Listen to the voice of truth, the Almighty: 'But no, by the Lord, they can have no (real) faith, until they make thee judge in all disputes between them, and find in their souls no resistance against thy decisions, but accept them with the fullest conviction' (Koranic Verse, An-Nisa, 4:65). Know that in a person's heart, belief in God cannot coexist with loyalty and goodwill to the enemies of jurisprudence even if (they) are our fathers and children. So, what of Zardari and his army? One should carefully consider what God Almighty said: 'Thou wilt not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day, loving those who resist Allah and His messenger, even though they were

their fathers or their sons, or their brothers, or their kindred. For such He has written faith in their hearts, and strengthened them with a spirit from Himself. And He will admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow, to dwell therein (forever). Allah will be well pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the Party of Allah. Truly it is the Party of Allah that will achieve felicity' (Koranic Verse, Al-Mujadilah, 58:22). Carefully ponder what God Almighty said: 'And Abraham prayed for his father's forgiveness only because of a promise he had made to him. But when it became clear to him that he was an enemy to Allah, he dissociated himself from him, for Abraham was most tender-hearted, forbearing' (Koranic Verse, At-Tawbah, 9:114). "Reflect on what the prophet (peace and prayers be upon him) said: 'The firmest handhold of faith is to support for the sake of God and to feud for the sake of God, to love for the sake of God and to hate for the sake of God.' Narrated by Ahmad (Hadith).

"O worshippers of God, protect yourself and your religion. Do not be swayed by this life. Beware of the grave, because the grave is of great importance, and death is closer than your footsteps. It is only days, and we will leave this world and tomorrow be placed in the graves. Tomorrow will come, and it is then that every one of us will be asked in their grave: 'Who is your God? What is your religion? Who is your prophet?' The prophet of God (prayers and peace of God be upon him) said: 'No slave (of God) who says day and night that I accept God as God, Islam as religion, and Muhammad (prayers and peace of God be upon him) as prophet...there is no instance except that is God's duty to satisfy him.' Narrated by Ahmad (Hadith).

"He who does not accept his jurisprudence, in addition to fighting it, will not satisfy God, and he will regret when regret is useless. He who accepts Islam as a religion must fight with his hand against (Pakistani President Asif Ali) Zardari and his army and what they are doing in fighting jurisprudence. If he cannot, then with this tongue. If he cannot, then with his heart. There is nothing of faith behind this the size of a mustard seed. The prophet (prayers and peace of God be upon him) said: 'All prophets sent by God to a peoples before me had from their people colleagues and friends, who take his teachings and follow his commands. Hearts are misguided after them, saying what they do not do and do what they were not commanded. He who conducts jihad against them with his hand is a believer, and he who conducts jihad against them with his tongue is a believer, and he who conducts jihad against them with his heart is a believer. There is nothing of faith behind this the size of a mustard seed.' (Hadith)

"O slave of God, what will you tell your God tomorrow if you stand in support in the trenches of those who fight to prevent the implementation of God Almighty's religion? They fight for the sake of the tyrant, so will you support them with your weapon or your tongue and justify their actions and accuse the mujahidin with what the leader of the White House accuses them of, that they are terrorists and saboteurs? So if you are asked: 'What is your religion?' Will you be able to lie? Lying will not benefit you. If you say that your religion is Islam and you did not stand under its banner, but under the banner of Obama and Zardari to fight religion...People are known and identified by their loyalty to their banner, so look and see which banner you are standing next to. It is not hidden from you that Zardari is fighting against the law of God Almighty for the sake of the US tyrant. God Almighty has shown the situation of those who fight for the sake of the tyrant: that they are infidels. The infidels are not prayed for, and are not buried in Muslim cemeteries.

"Let us look at the saying of Almighty God: '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, 4:76). Zardari and his army are friends of the devil. This is an answer to those who ask in condemnation: How can the mujahidin fight the Pakistani Army? s aying that it is a Muslim army. Add to this that it was the Pakistani Army

that came to the tribal areas to fight them in support of the US and in compliance to its demands. It is not a secret that when a Muslim accepts the authority of the infidels and supports them over Muslims, his faith is negated, and he becomes an apostate infidel. Just like ablution for prayers can be negated, faith also can be negated, and this is one of them. This is shown in the saying of Almighty God: 'O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors. They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Maidah, 5:51). This is the religious judgment: 'And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust' (Koranic verse, Al-Maidah, 5:51). Meaning, that he has become an infidel like them. So who has befriended the Christian US and supported it? Is it not Zardari, his government and army? So how then do you make your judgments? He who befriends the infidels is one of them. He must be fought, even if he prays and fasts and claims that he is a Muslim.

"I remind you that Russia used the Afghan Army to fight the mujahidin, and today the US is using them to perform the same role. The armies and military forces in all the capitals of the Muslim world have become tools in the hands of the enemies of the Nation, internally, or externally or both. Therefore, it is forbidden to be associated with them. This also became very clear in the last Gaza war, in which an Arab military force collaborated in blockading our people in Gaza from the side of Rafah in support of the Jews. At the same time, armies of other neighboring countries stopped the mujahidin from supporting their brothers in Palestine. The mujahidin were fighting against the Russians and the Afghan Army together, so they abided by their law. So the Pakistani scholars and other Islamic countries were issuing fatwas to fight them. So, even if they fasted and prayed and claimed that they were Muslims, that does not change the fact that they were fighting on the side of the non-believers and were considered non-believers.

"The same applies today to the status of the Pakistani Army, for they and America are in the same trench against Islam. It is then the duty of the faithful people of Islam to fight them. Whoever claims that he is being forced to kill Muslims (should know) that this is not justified by Islamic law. Many Muslims are being misled by this claim. The matter has reached a point where the men of Zardari are claiming that they are being forced to fight the Pakistanis in the western border region. If not, then America would push India to wage war on Pakistan. The lamentable thing is that some Muslims unconsciously, and without thinking, reiterate this claim. An example of this is like a tyrannical man who threatens to kill you if you do not kill your children and your brethren...Would you go ahead and kill them, or would you fight back? If we suppose that you were in a state of incompetence to fight back, then this would be a disaster for you. It would not be possible for you, in order to save yourself from being killed, that you would kill an innocent soul unjustifiably. Therefore, this is the juristic law. As for the instigation of such a claim and of being misled by it, it would result in our allowing the apostate leader to defeat the religion of God Almighty and replace it with a religion that pleases him and those who authorize him. This is against the messages of God and His messengers (prayers and peace be upon them). This is also against the command of God regarding 'faith in Allah altogether and everywhere' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:39).

"O worshippers of God, beware not to be among those about whom God said: 'Then there are among men who say: We believe in Allah. But when they suffer affliction in (the cause of) Allah, they treat men's oppression as if it were the wrath of Allah. And if help comes (to thee) from thy Lord, they are sure to say: We have (always) been with you! Does not Allah know best all that is in the hearts of all creation? And Allah most certainly knows those who believe, and as certainly those who are hypocrites' (Koranic Verse, Al-Ankabut, 59:10-11).

"Beware of contentment with Zardari and Yusuf Rida, for both of them do not belong to the creed of Muhammad (prayers and peace of God be upon him). They are combating it, so you must disavow all those who support them, even by word of mouth, especially those wicked scholars and media personalities who in the past provided the former agent with cover when he executed his refuted act of attacking the Red Mosque. He killed both male and female students. 'And they ill-treated them for no other reason than that they believed in Allah, Exalted in Power, Worthy of all Praise!' (Koranic verse, Al-Buruj, 85:8). They caused their chaste and pure blood to flow during their kneeling to worship. We reckon them, and God is their best judge. They did that to please America, who at the time praised Pervez (Musharraf) (may God punish him as much as he deserves). Today some wicked scholars are performing the same malignant role in support of the new agent. Muslims, therefore, do not doubt their hypocrisy and their disbelief, for they sacrifice Islam and the mujahidin for the sake of their own safety and their wealth. People like them must be deterred by force from coordinating with the oppressors. In short, Assif al-Zardari and Ashfaq Kiani have continued to divert the army from its main duties, which are to protect Islam, its followers, and its lands. Instead, they have pushed it to fight Islam and those who call for it. They have directed it to fight the Pashtun tribes and the Baluchis, while most of the Pakistani people reject this oppressive war. Zardari has carried this out in compliance with his pay masters at the White House. It is not 10 percent. It is, rather, many times over that. Such is the great treachery in what has been entrusted in him. He has betrayed the creed and the nation. With this war, not only has he exposed the Pakistani economy to imminent collapse. Rather, and much more gravely, with this war, he has exposed his religion, security, and the unity of Pakistan to such dangers. He has executed this Jewish-Indian-American plot. India will now find it easier to reign over the disjointed regions of Pakistan, one after the other, towards those that it has control over; as was the case in the former Eastern Pakistan, or even worse off than that. In doing so, American unrest towards the Pakistani nuclear arsenal will subside on top of Indian cooperation with it in battling the mujahidin.

"It is incumbent upon all Muslims across the whole of Pakistan to work together against Zardari and his army, those that threaten their religion, security, unity, and harmony, as well as their ongoing campaign to marginalize and criminalize (the faith). Despite what has become of Pakistan regarding the grave harm at the hands of Pervez (Musharraf), the harm that will come about as a result of what Zardari is currently carrying out, regarding American demands in Pakistan, is actually much more severe and vicious. The only way to end his strife and the strife of his army is to conduct jihad, in the sake of God, against them. This is supported by the words of God Almighty: 'And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevails justice and faith in Allah. But if they cease, let there be no hostility except to those who practice oppression' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:193). You must all be aware that the army that battles against the establishment of Islamic jurisprudence is an apostate army from which no good can come. If they were able to undermine our Islamic jurisprudence, the greatest thing that we own, anything else will be even more insignificant in their eyes, such as our lives, sanctities, land, and wealth. They will only be aided by those who are ignorant, or by those who are hypocrites. This army was unable to reclaim Kashmir, although it is fully capable of defending Pakistan. Rather, Pakistan will be defended by its mujahidin sons (God willing).

"Before we come to the end, I have some words that I wish to address America with. Due to the limitations, I will only highlight those related to this topic. I will leave out the rest for another message (God willing). Some of the wise and righteous, at the research and investigative centers, as well as others like them, have looked into the reasons that encourage people to combat America and seek revenge against it, based on what I have relayed. In the meantime, no one from the representatives of the major corporations gives the slightest attention to what we have

said to the White House. To this, I say the free men that carried out the 11th of September (attacks) will never taste the bitterness of oppression and eviction from their homes and their land, only to be sheltered in tents with very little to eat. Rather, those 19 heard what struck their brothers in Palestine in the form of American weapons and through Zionist hands. They abandoned their colleges and universities to answer the call of the first opportunity they had to punish the oppressors of America. I ask, how would they have been if they were to have tasted the bitterness of such sorrow and calamities?

"In Obama's orders to Zardari and his Army, they have forbidden the people of Swat to apply the commands of jurisprudence by targeting them with their battle and combat and destruction and shelling, which led to the displacement of almost a million Muslims, to include the elderly, women, and children, from their homes and villages. They have turned them into tent-bound refugees, and they were once in their homes and in peace and splendor. This simply means that Obama and his administration have planted new seeds of hate that will increase hostility and revenge towards America. The number of those seeds is the same number of those displaced in the Swat region and the tribal areas in the north and south of Waziristan, and the number of those sympathetic to them. In doing so, Obama has only trekked on the path of his predecessor: increasing animosity against Muslims, increasing the number of enemy combatants, and establishing long term wars. Let the American people prepare to harvest what the leaders of the White House will plant during the coming years and decades.

"In the end, I offer this is motivational poem. I motivate myself and my brothers with it. It is by the poet Yusuf Abu-Hilalah. I dedicate it to every mujahid of the entire Muslim nation in general, and especially to the heroic mujahidin in Afghanistan and Pakistan, particularly the Pashtun tribes led by the Commander of the Faithful Mullah Muhammad Umar (may God give him victory). For those who tolerated the major burden of the war in Afghanistan and Pakistan on behalf of the Nation in confronting the global polytheism: I pray to God the Exalted to make firm their stance, guide their strikes, accept their martyrs, heal their wounded, aid them by His divine aid, defeat their enemies, and compensate them goodness in life and the afterlife, for He is has the authority for this and is the most capable of it. I advise myself and my brothers to fear God openly and secretly. I say to them: Persist in patience and consistency, because you are the righteous. We live under the shadow of Islam, or we die an honorable death, so stand fast. May God have mercy on you. Prepare yourselves for a long war against the global polytheism and their proxies despite the difficulty of the path and the scarcity of supporters, and be weary that the Muslims are not attacked from where you stand. You have lifted, for the sake of God's religion, the highest banner. Your banner is monotheism, and God is Great.

"You are plunging into the sea of death without fearing it,

"And those who do not fear death, nothing alarms them.

"Your path is rough and difficult to navigate.

"It contains an abundance of sacrifices and consequences.

"Your path is to one of the two good paths.

"Your path is to conquer, and a mighty victory, or to die defending the religion, honor, and the sanctuary.

"Those who die seeking honor are excused.

"I also call on my entire Muslim nation to stand by the mujahidin, support them everywhere, and notice that the head of global polytheism has announced that the major field for their war against our nation has been transferred to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Thus, jihad must be directed at that region through your almsgiving and your support in same proportion to magnitude and gravity of the Crusader campaign against them. In the end, here is the poem of Abu-Hilalah:

"I disavowed all those who deviated.
"From the path of guidance they have deviated.
"And all they sought out in this world, except sleep and laziness.
"Who will protect the prophet while the fire creeping the arguments increases?
"Who are in delusion? Despite their arrogance, they thought they already made it.
"And I told those who are gone,
"And about the hard questions they asked.
"And about their goals, despite the turns of the path, they did not quit.
"From their blood, light the lanterns in the steppe of suspense.
"O the horse that increases runs tired...
"And a boat of pride despite the increasing waves keeps on moving,
"And a sword that is like the light of lightening glares when it is drawn,
"And a hurricane, when it blows is a serious, fearful event.
"You went for jihad with those who are exemplar.
"The Afghans will not be bend.
"In the flames of hardship they grew,
"And above its hell they matured.
"They were overcome by sadness, and it never left them.
"These are their territories that are cleansed with the flowing (inaudible).
"Under the thunders of the raids, fires are ignited.
"The skulls of children are crushed while they are praying.
"What is the point of degrading them? You do not celebrate this failure.
"People's heads are still held high, and the waves of sacrifice are continuous.
"The laggards of my Nation, be patient because you are not seeing clearly.
"Nothing other than your determination is paralyzed.
"They have strayed in their thoughts from what the messengers revealed.
"They have deviated from piety in their judgment and they will never be just.
"The fire of polytheism is not extinguished, other than by blood.
"The steps of monotheism are supported by the best sharp swords.
"And our last prayers are praise be to God, Lord of all creation."