

Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid Statement 'Advice to the Turkish People'

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Terrorism : Al-Fajr Media Center Releases Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid Statement 'Advice to the Turkish People' On 10 June, a forum member posted an item to a jihadist website containing a statement by Al-Qa'ida leader Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, entitled "Advice to the Turkish People," released by the Al-Fajr Media Center. The 8-minute 58-second audio message contains a still image of the speaker, as well as images and footage of other jihadists. The production is also attributed to the "Al-Ta'ifah al-Masurah Network." Mustafa Abu al-Yazid's first "recommendation" is "to deal in a friendly manner with your Muslim brothers," stressing that "We consider Muslims in Turkey our brothers." In his "second recommendation," he points out "that jihad requires much wealth," and reports that the "weakness of the operations" in Afghanistan "is due to the lack of money." He concludes his message by praising "the great victories over the Americans and their allies in Afghanistan," and notes that the "brotherly Turks had a great share in those martyred."

A translation of the statement follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate...

(Image of Usama Bin Ladin and "martyrs," accompanied by chants.)

(Mustafa Abu al-Yazid still image displayed while mujahidin walk in the background.)

"May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you. I ask Almighty God to guide us to what pleases Him, and make us among the mujahidin.

"Your brothers in Afghanistan send you their greetings. We are also making some recommendations. The first recommendation is to deal in a friendly manner with your Muslim brothers. We consider Muslims in Turkey our brothers. The Muslim nation is one nation, for Almighty God said: 'Verily, this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher, therefore serve me (and no other)' (Koranic verse, Al Anbiya, 21:92). The Islamic nation is our nation everywhere. It is in Turkey, the Arab countries, and in Pakistan. Muslims everywhere are one nation. We must deal with all Muslims in a friendly and affectionate manner, for Almighty God said: 'The believers are but a single brotherhood' (Koranic verse, Al-Hujurat, 49:10). As long as they have faith, and as long as they remain Muslim, they are our brothers-- even if they committed sin. They are our brothers and we must deal with them in a friendly and affectionate manner, as our Prophet Muhammad recommended.

"Whoever listens to the speeches made by the Shaykh Usama (Bin Ladin) and the Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri (may God protect them both), they will find that they address the Islamic nation as a whole. They do not differentiate between the mujahidin and the Islamic nation. The mujahidin belong to the Islamic nation, and so do we. We are part of it. We are neither above it, nor do we excel over them. We are the children of this nation, and its vanguard. We are keen on glorifying it and making it a nation of leadership and pioneering, so we advise you to deal with all Muslims in a pleasing and not a haughty way, and to be merciful, compassionate, and loving in God the Great and Almighty.

"The second recommendation is that jihad requires much wealth. Battlefields require much wealth. God the Great and Almighty ordained that jihad be that of wealth and of self. He even made the jihad of wealth come before the jihad of self. In many of the Koranic verses (all except one), God the Great and Almighty ordained that the jihad of wealth come before the jihad of self

because of the importance of the jihad of wealth. The jihad of wealth is the foundation of the jihad of self. If money (which enables a mujahid to buy arms, food, beverages, and equipment for jihad) is not available, how would he perform jihad?

"Accordingly, when some of the companions went to the prophet (prayers and peace be upon him) and asked him to bring them money (for jihad) in the name of God, he told them that he had none to bring them. So they left with eyes full of tears, fearing that they would not be able to perform jihad due to lack of money. For this, God the Great and Almighty commanded and strongly urged in the Holy Koran that one should spend his wealth for jihad in the name of God. There are many verses, but we do not have the time to discuss all these verses now. If you go through the Holy Koran, you will find a strong urge for spending in the name of God the Great and Almighty. God the Great and Almighty said that he who spends money in the name of God would be rewarded seven-hundred-fold more, like in this saying: 'The parable of those who spend their substance in the way of Allah is that of a grain of corn: it groweth seven ears, and each ear hath a hundred grains. Allah giveth manifold increase to whom He pleaseth, and Allah careth for all and He knoweth all things' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:261). There are many verses like this that encourage giving, and jihad with money. It is a duty. Just as jihad with one's life is a duty, jihad with one's money is also a duty. We in the Afghan arena lack a lot of money. The weakness of the operations is due to the lack of money. Many of the mujahidin are not carrying out jihad due to lack of money, or because there is no money at all. Even many of the martyrdom-seeking brothers, who want to sacrifice themselves for the sake of God...we cannot prepare them due to lack of money.

"So fear God, and be keen on jihad with money for the sake of God, and carry out this compulsory duty: jihad with money for the sake of God Almighty. We urge you to pray a lot for your mujahidin brothers in Afghanistan and everywhere else. This prayer is the most important thing, and is better and larger than money and everything else, so we urge you to always pray for your brothers. We bring you the good news of the great conquests that have taken place these days, and the great victories over the Americans and their allies in Afghanistan. They have suffered greatly the past few months and many, many of them have been killed, with the blessings of God Almighty. Many of their vehicles have been destroyed, and much of their aircraft has been shot down. Thanks and praise be to God. Even (President George W) Bush himself acknowledged this, and said that the last month was the harshest month and the most difficult for them in Afghanistan. Thanks and praise be to God.

(Video footage of bodies prepared for burial, alongside still of Mustafa Abu al-Yazid.)

"We also inform you of the good news of martyrdom for the sake of God Almighty that our brothers have received. This is a great status and reward to those brothers who have been martyred. The brotherly Turks had a great share in those martyred. This is a source of pride and honor to the Muslim nation in Turkey. We ask God that he accept them as martyrs, grant them the highest heavens, and guide us to what he likes and accepts.

(End of video footage.)

"May the peace and blessings of God be upon you.

"Your brother, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, the servant of the mujahidin in Afghanistan, the Arab mujahidin.

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