

Al-Qa'ida in Arab Peninsula Secretary General Calls For Attacks in Yemen, Somalia

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Terrorism : Al-Qa'ida in Arabian Peninsula Secretary General Calls For More Attacks in Yemen, Somalia On 18 April, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a statement with links to a 15-minute and 38-second video of a speech by Abu-Sufyan al-Azadi, the secretary general of Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula. The speech, entitled "Victory From God and a Looming Conquest," was released by the Al-Malahim Media Establishment. In the speech, Al-Azadi calls for more attacks against western interest in the Gulf of Aden and Djibouti in support of the "mujahidin" in Somalia. The video begins with a picture of Al-Azadi next to a map of the Arabian Peninsula with the title of the video displayed.

A translation of the statement follows:

"Thanks be to God, the Lord of all creation. No aggression except on the unjust. Prayers and peace be upon he whom God sent as mercy to the world, his people and all of his companions.

"To our amir, the amir of the faithful Mullah Muhammad Omar; to our shaykh and the leader of our jihad, Abu-Abdullah, Usama bin Ladin and the wise man of our nation Dr Ayman al-Zawahiri. May God protect them all.

"We tell you that we will not watch you as the countries of the cross and their helpers prepare to eliminate you and destroy your group. By God, we will open a great front against them in the Arabian Peninsula that will, God willing, be the key to victory. With it, we will cut off the extension of the crusading campaign and ruin the dreams of the cross and the wishes of the Jews in the region. So be well and think well of your soldiers. You will be glad, God willing
"We are with you in one trench. To you, we swear by God Almighty that blood other than yours will be spilled and someone other than you will be torn apart. We are, by God, steadfast on the path. We are certain that we will not be harmed in our jihad by someone who goes against us or fails us. Know that it is more dear to us to move forward and be struck in the neck than to put our hands with the hands of a traitor or to sell the jihad for something that is fleeting and lacking that does not interest the people of Islam and their countries. God will champion his religion and its supporters. (The video shows armed men in Afghanistan or Pakistan.)

"We tell the tribes of Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Waziristan, God, oh God about the amir of the faithful and our shaykhs, whom God has aided you in supporting them. With this you have written a glorious history for our nation. I swear you were the best supporters of this age. You have renewed for us the memory of the first wave of the supporters of the prophet of God. You have resurrected, with your support, stances and sacrifices for your religion and leaders, the jealousy of honor in the hearts of the tribes of the peninsula. You have awakened in their hearts the protection of religion and the courage of the forefathers and ancestors to support the victim of injustice and give him refuge. (Video footage ends.)

"To our dear nation, the least that we can offer to you, my brothers and I in Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula, is to champion you and lift the injustices from you as loyalty to you and to the task commanded by God to confront the rampaging enemy. For this, we have unified our

efforts with our brothers in the land of Yemen under a single banner to fight the oppressive rule, the agent of the crusaders and Jews, who fights the faithful slaves of God, who speak the truth and stand like honest men who seek from God a good fate and we do not presume anything above God. Some of them have been killed and some of them are waiting on the purest land, the land of the peninsula. Some of them have filled prisons because they rejected the new religion of the United States, which is founded on fighting Islam and Muslims. It is called the war on terrorism and based on human brotherliness and religious dialogue, as the crazy man of Najd claimed (Saudi monarch), saying that he received the approval of clerics and their green light. None of them disproved this. He sought to force our people in the land of the two holy mosques in particular and Muslim countries as a whole, to this apostate idea, which in its origins is a dialogue of religions. He did not dare do this except after filling the prisons with the honest clerics and shaykhs of the nation, whose numbers are in the thousands in the land of the two holy mosques. Only God knows about their situation and condition in captivity and how they are treated in treacherous ways in order to hinder them from their religion and to have them revise their ideals, positions, and convictions about the truth. They are not like those before them, entering with the (word indistinct) and exiting with them. We know that all they own are some of their undergarments, which they use to cover themselves.

"These clerics are the ones who guided the nation with their honest positions that God commanded us to only support the faithful as God said: 'The Believers are but a single Brotherhood' (partial Koranic verse, Al-Hujurat, 49:10) and that no borders should prevent this Islamic brotherhood and its divinely commanded right for support and championing. These borders are useless; they were placed by the crusader slaves in order to tear up the body of our great nation and keep it bleeding from its wounds. The land of the peninsula from the Arabian Sea to the land of Al-Sham is one piece, with single rules. Its people must establish what God commanded of them, ejecting the Jews and Christians and their supporters from it. There is no distinction between a Yemeni and a Kuwaiti, a Najdi and a Shami. Everyone is equal under God's religion, not like the clerics of Al-Salul (Al-Sa'ud ruling family) say that these borders are important. They are the ones whose edicts change with the change in the policies of their rulers. Yesterday, when jihad was permissible in the policy of their rulers, the mujahidin were leaders and symbols for the people of the Sunnah and jama'a (Salafism) and you used to supply them with men, money, and weapons. When your rulers considered jihad to be forbidden terrorism, you made our blood, money, and honor permissible to target. Your Sululi edicts protect the blood of the infidels who occupy the Arabian Peninsula in particular and Muslim lands in general under the justification that the Americans cannot be targeted because they have been given safety. There is no strength or power except through God. (Video shows photograph of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi sitting on the chair of the head of the Saudi consultative council, then footage of the conference in Saudi Arabia with Iranian attendees.)

"This is not strange. You have put your hands with the hands of the women of Banial-Asfar (as heard) and placed her on the chair of the head of the Shura (consultative) council. They then called the rejectionists majus (Zoroastrians) brothers in faith and religion after they used to call them apostates on podiums. (Audio and video of the mufti of Saudi Arabia Abd-al-Aziz bin Baz speaking at a conference, labeled: 'The Mecca conference for dialogue between religions and dialogue with the rejectionists.' Footage from the conference shows the mufti speaking as well as the king of Saudi Arabia and former Iranian President Hashimi Rafsanjani.)

"(Abd-al-Aziz Bin Baz speaking) Something that pleases Muslims is the meeting of a group of brothers in God, who are bound by the links of religion and faith. The meeting of this great gathering is under the auspices of the custodian of the two holy mosques, may God support him. I hope that God Almighty will make this blessed meeting a reason for the joining of hearts, the

gathering of words, the unity of ranks, and the cooperation of positions in a way that will benefit the nation in its religion and life. (Video shows Shiites in Medina with the text: 'Pictures of the sins of the rejectionists in Medina kneeling at graves and taking of dust, not praying toward the Ka'bah, but toward Al-Buqa'i. Prayers at graveyards.')

"(Abu-Sufyan al-Azadi) The rejectionist majus in Mecca and Medina have become visible in their non-belief with the protection of the Al-Salul police, which guards non-belief and idol worshipping. They then say that they are the people of monotheism and the protectors of faith. Here they are now in the streets of Medina and the eastern region moving in defense of their non-belief and their false creed and accomplishing the Persian expansion. Not one of you dared to condemn this, except a small group of the people of the promotion of virtue and prevention of vice

"There is no surprise. Some of them have danced in public events. How many times have they made our nation taste from the cup of humiliation, weakness, and defeat, safeguarding positions that will not last and competing for accounts in the millions? They made support and allegiance to the infidels a part of religion after it was a negation of Islam. They made rule by other than what God commanded an acceptable matter that is within the power of their ruler. We now see the heartbreaking scene of women being removed from their homes under the protection of the damned law called women's rights, which is counter to God's law. They go with makeup, uncovered, and mingle with men in all aspects, causing corruption and the removal of jealousy from the hearts of the people and the spreading of sin in the nation.

"The humiliation we are in is because of these clerics who have interchanged the correct with the incorrect and followed those who came before them who liked the Jews and confused the people about the correct and the incorrect. This is like Hay Ibn-Akhtab with the infidels of Quraysh when they asked him which was better, their faith or the faith of Muhammad, God's prayers and peace on him. That deceitful and deceived person answered them their religion, idol worshiping, and corruption were better than the religion of Muhammad, God's prayers and peace on him. Because of that person and people like him, God sent down the Koran that will be read until the end of time.

"God says: 'Hast thou not turned Thy vision to those who were given a portion of the Book? They believe in sorcery and Evil, and say to the Unbelievers that they are better guided in the (right) way than the believers' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa 4:51).

"I direct my words to our people and brothers in the land of the peninsula in general and the people of Yemen in particular, the people of wisdom and faith, the Yemen of the holy shrine, to the Gulf Aden, the land of support and jihad, the supporters of Islam at the onset of Islam, those for whom the messenger of God, peace and blessings upon him, prayed and honored in several stories, those who will be blessed on Judgment Day by having the people of Yemen at his side. To you we say that the danger that faces the land of the peninsula is great. The pirates of Somalia are only there through the Zionist crusaders and their treacherous agents. What the governments of the house of Saud and (Yemeni President) Ali Abdullah Salih have lately carried out against the mujahidin in Yemen is only by the order of America as part of the crusader campaign. They had wished to eliminate the Islamic State in Afghanistan, Waziristan, and the Pashtu tribes and did not wish to see a repeat of what happened with them in Afghanistan.

"By God, people of Yemen, if you support God, he will grant you victory and know that you stand guard over a great vulnerability. I call upon you to fear God in the defense of Islam. Your brothers in Somalia stand guard over the vulnerability in Africa and you are their support.

"The oppressed in Yemen, under the rule of Al-Aswad al-Ansi (as heard) call upon you for support. Your brothers in the land of the two holy sanctuaries are waiting for you in hope that, and after the grace of God, you will end their torment from what they face under the rule of the house of Saud, the very same regime that fought against our religion and creed and has crushed the people with their oppression and tyranny.

"I call upon you to rise up with your brothers as one man and demonstrate to God what pleases him in support of his religion. The enemy targets at sea are plenty as their allies have filled the land. I call upon you to detonate the mat sea and kill them on land. People of Yemen and the supporters of Islam, it pains us to see how the enemy conspires against you across the land of Yemen, over its skies and along its shores. What the house of Saud has done in selling your faith and belief cheaply will be punished by God. They have gathered their ammo and supplies to battle your sons and your brothers in Palestine. Instead of repenting to God from their partnership with the Jews and Christians and instead of spending the wealth of Muslims on jihad for the sake of God and to support their brothers in Palestine, they have directed their force along with the Jews and Christians against the sons of Islam in Yemen.

"By God, you are the rightful owners of this wealth, the wealth that has been spent to aid the crusaders in their battle against Muslims. Truly, there is no real power except that which comes from God.

"Oh God, forgive the supporters, their families, their children, and their grandchildren. People of the Peninsula, know that those treacherous rulers who are only after their own well-being instead of the well-being of the Muslim people will abandon the land of the peninsula, its defense, and the repelling of this aggression. Only your righteous jihadist sons will defend you, those who have graduated from the battles of the peninsula, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Somalia, and other battlefields.

"To our steadfast brothers in Somalia, the true target of the crusade campaign is Islam and its people. I call on you to prepare and get ready, for only you have the opportunity to harvest the fruits of this chance. I call on you to intensify your strikes against the crusaders at sea in Djibouti. I call on you to prepare the squads that will carry this out for you. By God, you will be victorious by the grace of God. The crusaders, the Jews, and the traitorous rulers have only come to the Arabian Gulf and to the coasts of Somalia only to confront you, to eliminate your young emirate, and to strengthen their grasp over the Arabian Peninsula. God willing, they will be defeated and will only bring upon their people a great evil. They seek bounty and will only find defeat. This time, we will not back down and we will not stop until we reach their lands with the grace of God.

"To the captive brothers, God has ordered us to set free those who are captured with our wealth and with our lives. By God, we will not disappoint you for we have tasted what you have tasted and know that your nation will not abandon its prisoners nor its path. I call upon you to be patient to have good faith in your brothers and know that everything that happens is already written. God commands as he pleases and I remind you of the narration of Ibn-Abbas, may God be pleased with him: 'Protect God and he will protect you and by God on steadfastness.' Be as the first prisoner of Islam, Khubabyb Ibn-Adir, may God be pleased with him, when he was imprisoned by Quraysh. They tried all they could for him to abandon any of his principles. They said to him, do you want Muhammad, peace and blessing upon him, to be your leader and imam, to which he replied, with only his faith to lift him. By God, I do not wish for my imam and leader to be harmed, if only by a thorn, as I sit among my people in peace. This is how this first prisoner has written himself into the history books as an example of faith and steadfastness. I

ask God to release you from your captivity, sooner rather than later, as you are steadfast with righteousness.

"To our brothers in the land of the two holy sanctuaries, the Almighty says: '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'(Koranic verse; Al-Nisa; 4:74). Your brothers who have filled the prisons to capacity are your obligation, so support them. Know that what is taken by force can only be reclaimed by force. As your brothers and sons were taken using aircraft, tanks, and armored vehicles, those whom the soldiers of the house of Saud hide behind, those who destroy homes and transgress against the sanctity of women and children, they will not be evicted without the use of explosives, infiltration, and martyrdom operations. I call upon you to mobilize for the sake of God. You have an obligation to your scholars in the prisons of the house of Saud. You have to support them for they were only imprisoned for their obedience of God and their desire to expose the truth of the mercenaries of the house of Saud, the so-called scholars of the sultan.

"I call upon you all to fear God. To anyone who has a sister, a daughter, or a wife in the prisons of the house of Saud, I ask you, by God, has this scene not moved you. The scene of Um-Usama, on the Saudi channel, where she was there for all to see, retracting her principles after she faced the torment of the prisons of the house of Saud. There are many others like her. Fear God in your honor, for those who have died in the protection of their honor are considered martyrs.

"To those who fulfilled their obligation in alms-giving in support of jihad for the sake of God, I call upon you to remain steadfast in the face of what the house of Saud has done in terms of confiscating your wealth. God bless you as you have put forth your wealth for the sake of God.

"To every believer, covetous of his faith and his land, have you not witnessed what the house of Saud has reached in terms of moral and faithful corruption? They have brought this corruption upon Muslims. I call upon you to fear God and to mobilize toward the people of selfishness and faith. God has blessed you with the land of wisdom and faith, so I call upon you to hasten your lives for the sake of God and know that 'Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah. then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded: that is the achievement supreme' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:111). Hasten to this trade that God has called upon: 'O ye who believe! Shall I lead you to a bargain that will save you from a grievous Penalty? That ye believe in Allah and His Messenger, and that ye strive (your utmost) in the Cause of Allah, with your property and your persons: That will be best for you, if ye but knew'(Koranic verse; Al-Saff; 61:10-11).

"By God, this is such a great obligation. By God, this is such a great obligation. To this generation of achievement, the generation of battles and conquests, the generation of heroics in Afghanistan, Iraq, Morocco, Somalia, a generation that has belief in God as their lord and in jihad as their path to lift oppression from their people on the way to the days of its glory under the guided caliphates, those who ruled by the jurisprudence of God: I call upon this generation of achievement to mobilize as your brothers have across the lands of jihad and with their blood demonstrated the most heroic forms of martyrdom. I warn you of the defeatists, those whom God described as: 'They prefer to be with (the women), who remain behind (at home): their hearts are sealed and so they understand not' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:87). Do not be like the hypocrites whom God has described as: 'If they had intended to come out, they would

certainly have made some preparation therefore; but Allah was averse to their being sent forth; so He made them lag behind, and they were told, 'Sit ye among those who sit (inactive)' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah; 9:46).

"To conclude, to all the Muslims everywhere, God will ask you about all the Muslims who defend Muslim areas of frailty from Kabul to Jerusalem, from the Arabian Peninsula to the Islamic Maghreb, from Somalia to Chechnya, so fulfill your obligation toward God. To those who fear for their lives, do not be miserly with your wealth.

"Oh God, bring victory to Islam and to the Muslims and to all the mujahidin everywhere and provide them with the soldiers of heaven and earth, for you are the ever living sustainer.

"In the end, we supplicate and praise God, Lord of all creation."