

Daily Prints Usama Bin Ladin 'Letter' Calling For 'Global Islamic State'

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[FBIS Translated Text] Lahore -- On the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, I received an unexpected letter. At the end of the letter is written Usama Bin Ladin's name in Urdu and English; however, there is no signature of Usama Bin Ladin on the letter. Along with the address, the word "personal" is written in bold letters on the envelope. The letter, sent through the office of "Nawa-i-Waqt," expresses a resolve to establish a new Islamic state. I am sure that this letter has been mailed to a lot of people. It is printed on high-quality colored paper. The post office stamp on the envelope indicates that it was posted from Lahore. For the time being, this letter is being published without any comments. But one thing is obvious: this is a letter with revolutionary thinking. Whether the author of this letter is Usama Bin Ladin or a representative of Usama in Pakistan, this is for the intelligence agencies to find out. A world map in the letter shows Islamic countries in green color. Beside the map, a Koranic verse is also written, as follows, "And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allah and be not divided among yourselves." In the inside page of the letter, there is another Koranic verse, "What has happened to you that you don't fight for the helpless men, women, and children who pray to God that O Lord! Take us out of this city whose inhabitants are cruel and send someone to us for help." At the end of the letter are written the names of all the Islamic countries whose geographical boundaries have been erased to form a vast new state with the proposed name of Global Islamic State. Following is the text of this letter:

"Sons and daughters of Islam! Assalam-o-Alaikum [Greeting]. You are well aware of the problems being faced by the Muslim world at present. In this context, I want to make some requests to you. All the movements and efforts presently taking place from different platforms for the dominance of Islam are individually respectable. Whichever movement you are associated with is a source of blessing for us. However, today the Muslim nation needs a collective and strong target so that every member of the Muslim nation enters the practical field to fulfill the promise made to God Almighty on the pattern of the example set by Prophet Ibrahim. Today, the roles of Pharaoh, Caesar, and Chosroes have been taken up by Israel and United States, who first occupied our Aqsa Mosque, in the direction of which our Holy Prophet performed his prayers. And now these so-called powers are eyeing the Holy Kaaba and the Nabvi Mosque. Only seventy kilometers from the Holy Kaaba, they are ready to implement this ugly conspiracy. You are successors of Khalid Bin Waleed and Tariq Bin Ziad. You are the beloved people of Ali [Holy Prophet's cousin and son-in-law]. You are the nation of the Prophet who prayed for us every night. Today, every member of the Muslim world agrees that all the Muslim countries of the world having geographical boundaries on the basis of nationality, geography, religious discord, color and race, should be merged into one Muslim state, where men do not rule men. There should be one caliph for the whole state whose capital should be Mecca. There should be one currency and defense for this state and the Holy Koran should be its constitution. The name that has been proposed for this vast state is Global Muslim State. I want to congratulate you that by the grace of God, from today, we have begun the task of achieving a highly important and strong target of domination of Islam over all other religions. No matter which movement or organization you belong to, you should propagate this message from your respective platforms in such a way that it becomes a voice of the two billion Muslims, so that practical steps might be taken as soon as possible. Sons and daughters of Islam! The countdown has started. You have the agenda in front of you and God has given a destination within your

reach. The struggle initiated by the heroes of Karbala is about to reach its logical end in the coming few years. The hero of Badr War [war fought between Muslims and infidels in the era of the Holy Prophet] will emerge successful from the disaster of 1,400 years, God willing. Muslims! Rise up like a storm and destroy the devilish powers. May God help us all. Amen, a servant of Islam, Usama Bin Ladin."

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