

Transcript of Bin Ladin's Speech at His Son's Wedding

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[FBIS Transcribed Text] Lahore—A 16-minute video of Usama Bin Ladin's address at the wedding ceremony of his son on January 10 reveals some interesting insights into his thinking and ideology. His youngest son, eight-year-old Usman, also made a speech on the occasion.

Video, obtained by The News, shows the wedding took place in a room at the back of the house with a huge map showing Usama's influence over areas of Mujahidin's struggle and the rise of Islam.

Amid repeated and loud slogans, verses were rendered after every couplet was read out which was followed by a thunderous Allah-o-Akbar [God is great]. A voice alerted that "this is a sermon, these are verses and directions for all those who presently revel in the earthy comforts and put leisure before religion. It is for all those who professing the same faith are oblivious to the cause these Mujahidin fight and die for".

All this is preceded by Usman paying tributes to his father in a four-minute eulogy by lauding his efforts and commitment to aid sustenance to his cause. Wearing a white Arabic Dasha [dress], with a light brown shawl draped over his shoulders, Usama is also seen carrying a mobile, visible in his front pocket. Also seen are two mini speakers pinned around the front of Usama, BBC and CNN style, which hint Usama availing the state-of-the-art technology in speaking and recording.

Yet another personal trait is also visible through this video where unlike previously available photographs where Usama appears older and a jaded, Usama comes out with dyed beard, in black. Following is the transcript of Usama Bin Ladin's video tape. The original address was in Arabic and was first translated into Urdu and then into English:

"My current pronouncements and teachings are forever directed towards those who are forever ready to die for the cause of Islam and are always prepared for Jihad. The might and power of Kuffir [infidelity] has in no way made cowards of them. They and their desire for Jihad is a continuation and endorsement of that "Hadith" [sayings of Muhammad], which reflects Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) contribution to those Mujahidin engaged in the last battles of Syria, who prided themselves living under the sword and they were sons of the holy soil.

"Your lives and the last drops of your blood are to be shed for the everlasting glory of the Ummah [Muslim nation] and it is through these martyrs and their blood that shall bring forth the grace and goodness of the Ummah. They shall always serve as the bridge to help give honour and dignity to the Ummah. Your sacrifices and your blood shall rise as the ultimate in giving respect and help educate and bring an understanding to those deviant for their being uninitiated towards this sacred cause. It is through them, their sacrifices that the enemy shall be subjugated and thus shall be liberated Masjid-e-Aqsa [grand mosque at Jerusalem]. You all have given your blood to infuse an existence and life to the holy land of Palestine.

"None of you have shown any duplicity or lack of faith in this struggle. And all this shall give added impetus to your struggle. You all gave your lives and shed your blood in the name of Allah, the merciful, and none of you ever placed your self before dying for this cause.

"Oh children, you are all the braves of Al-Quds and nary people of age and maturity can hardly compare well with you. Your manhood and bravery have put to shame as courageous men of lore. And Aqsa prides in your manhood and bravery. Your bravery and courage has lifted that veil which Kuffir [infidelity] had embalmed in the eyes of the followers. You surfaced and created a wall against Kuffir.

"When the Ummah was on the brink of annihilation, the caliph of Muslim Ummah reneged on his faith and endeared himself to Christianity. The Cross of Christ was seen hanging on his chest (referred to Shah Fawad, so garlanded by Queen Elizabeth).

"Our history is being rewritten. This is my country. It has been declared out of bounds for Christianity and yet the nefarious designs of Jews are hell bent upon destroying this country. All await another Salahuddin Ayubi [a Muslim king] who shall come and liberate this sacred country from their intended subjugation. I envision you all as Salahuddin Ayubi in self, wielding his all conquering sword and his sword is dripping with the blood of the infidels. I envision Salahuddin Ayubi coming out of the clouds and in our hearts and minds is recreated the remembrance of the battles of Badr and Khyber [during the prophet Muhammad's days].

"Ummah is being energised and reinvigorated. And their conscience being emboldened through a newer and stronger faith. Your brethren have taken up your struggle through out East and have come out to fight against Kuffir and the West has been threatened by their rise. The West fears that they (the Mujahidin) shall annihilate their very existence. Much that the West take sustenance in their arms and might, in their hearts of hearts they fear and are scared of them (the Mujahidin).

"Two 'Lashkars', (The forces of West and Islam) have been pitted against one another. One Lashkar is endowed with the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and is imbued with a desire to be martyrs, while the second Lashkar is manned and directed by a worn-out, aged infidel leadership (Kaisar) [Roman Empire]. A confrontation is now bound to take place and the war clouds have truly engulfed both the Lashkars.

"Unafraid of the might and size of the infidels, an appreciable small number of committed Mujahidin, shall prevail upon them. While they pride on their military resources, the Mujahid take the field through faith and conviction. The Mujahidin shall recreate the old Islamic chivalry against the Cross and has history ever witnessed such bravery as of these Mujahidin who endorse themselves as true descendants of those Islamic heroes of yesteryear. You should all shed tears assessing the prevailing conditions in which the Ummah is going through now. Your hearts should bleed and bemoan the insensitivity the Ummah is reflecting now. It is only your faith, your religion that can be prided upon.

"Your verses should be 'Tauheed' [monotheism], your slogan 'Allah-o-Akbar'. None should have second thought about you since you follow the spirit and conviction of your forefathers. None should infer that you are all without that light which your forefathers had carried in their hearts in fights against the infidel. All kinds of greed and vice should be eliminated from your hearts. And never ever shall fear be depicted in your eyes, however insurmountable the odds. Remember he who fears not death, is protected from death itself.

"The Palestinians are the one who in name of Allah, take on the enemies without arms and equipment. Deserve credit those traders and businessmen who give Zakat [Islamic tax on saving] so that they can help arm that ill-equipped Lashkar. They, the Palestinians sacrifice their lives, can you (the traders) not part with your riches.

"Where are those followers who adhering to Qura'anic directions, mortgaged their souls for a heavenly repose? And where are those that to seek the Almighty's benevolence, are ever ready to die for a cause?"

Following is the transcript of Usama's youngest son's Usman verses: "How can any one blame my father or hold him accountable if he filled with the love and respect of the Ummah endeavoured to instill in one and all a feeling and desire to stand against the might of "Kuffir"? My father raised a voice and urged the Muslims to unite against the infidels. But he so ever does not heed this does not harbour a desire to go for Jihad.

"My mother taught and instilled in me an unending everlasting feeling that I should always be motivated to fight and die for the glory of Islam. I stand for a Jihad against Kuffir today, and shall so do till eternity. Jihad is in my mind, heart and blood veins. No fear, nor intimidation can ever take this feeling out of my mind and body."

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