

Text of Bin Ladin's Letter to the Pakistani People

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[FBIS Report] Website of Doha Al-Jazirah Satellite Channel Television in Arabic, independent television station financed by the Qatari Government, which can be accessed at URL: <http://www.aljazeera.net>, carries at 2011 GMT on 24 September the text of the following letter by Usama Bin Ladin "to the Pakistani people."

And the witnesses who testify in the eyes of their lord, they shall have their reward and their lights. [Koranic verse]

To our Muslim brothers in Pakistan

God's peace and prayers be upon you:

I have heard with great sorrow that some of our brethren Muslims in Karachi were killed while they were expressing their opposition to the aggression of the forces of crusader America and its allies against the Muslims' territories in Pakistan and Afghanistan. We beseech Almighty God to accept them as martyrs and place them among the prophets, the sincere lovers of truth, the martyrs, and the benevolent people who are the best companions, grant their families patience and solace, bless their children and property, and reward them on behalf of Islam.

Those who left children behind them, their children are mine. I will be their caretaker, God willing.

No wonder that the Muslim nation in Pakistan has rushed to defend their Islam. Pakistan is the first line of defense of Islam in this region, as Afghanistan was on the front line of defending itself and Pakistan against the Russian invasion more than 20 years ago. We hope that these brothers would be the first martyrs in Islam's battle in this age against the new Jewish crusade that is being led by the biggest crusader, Bush, under the banner of the cross. This battle is one of Islam's immortal battles.

We incite our Muslim brothers in Pakistan to deter with all their capabilities the American crusaders from invading Pakistan and Afghanistan for the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, who said: He who does not join fighters in battle, fails to support them financially or take care of a fighter's family will be punished by God before the Day of Judgment.

I bring you the good news, brothers, that we are firm on the path of jihad for the cause of God, following the example God's messenger, God's peace and blessings be upon him, with the heroic faithful Afghan people, and under the leadership of our mujahid amir, who prides himself in his religion, Prince of the Faithful Mullah Mohammad Omar. We beseech God to grant him victory against the forces of infidelity and arrogance, and to crush the new crusader-Jewish campaign on the land of Pakistan and Afghanistan. "If Allah helps you, none can overcome you: If He forsakes you, who is there, after that, that can help you? In Allah, then, let believers put their trust." Koranic verse

[Signed] Your brother in Islam, Usama Bin-Muhammad Bin Ladin