

Translation of the full audiotaped message by Abu Musa'ab al-Zarqawi

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TRANSLATION BEGINS

O People Of Islam! Be Strong! Be Strong!

Muslim invocation by unidentified imam Praise be to Allah. His help glorifies Islam. He cannot be resisted, and this humiliates those who reject monotheism. His rule manages all. His foresight draws the unbelievers in by small increments. His justices brings days of blessings alternating with days of suffering. His grace brings victory in the end to the believers. Peace and prayers be to he that with the sword of Allah raised the status of Islam.

Introduction by unknown person

The following statement is from Abu Musa'ab Al Zarqawi to the truthful mujahideen in the Land of the Two Rivers, the land of heroes and sacrifices, the home of the lions of steadfast will. Abu Musa'ab al Zarqawi begins speaking at this point
Peace, and may the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.
I greet you with the greetings of Islam.

Now, two years have passed since the fall of Baghdad to the crusaders. The crusaders have brought nothing but defeat, shame, and humiliation. Only the grace and guidance of Allah have prevented the cross worshippers from realizing any of their goals for which they invaded Iraq. They thought they could take control of this Islamic Ummah, paving the way to establish the long desired Zionist State, from the Nile to the Euphrates.

But, by the Grace of Allah, and with your successful attacks, their dreams have evaporated, their arrows missed the targets, and they have been driven back in disgrace.

Oh, you Mujahideen. You are the chosen few of the Ummah, its first line of defense, its safety valve, and its well-built fortress. You are the ever watchful, guardian rock upon which the American arrogance has crumbled. Your determination to fight the worshippers of the cross and their collaborators from our own people. You defend the land of the Two Rivers and you also defend the entire Ummah.

Your American enemy is now in a very bad position that no one envies. No one wants to be in America's shoes. No one envies the enemy now. The harsh hits you have made against the enemy, by the Grace of Allah, have forced America to beg to negotiate with the Mujahideen. Do not be misled by this strategy. It is no more than the deception of Satan. Iblis inspired his Satanic human brothers open negotiations with the purported resistance factions. Do not make a mistake here. It is your Jihad, your patience, and your steadfastness that is what forced the enemy to look to negotiate.

On April 19, the Washington Post published a long article called "Two Years Later, Iraq War Drains American Military", written by Scott Tyson. In the article, Tyson said "Two years after

the United States launched a war in Iraq with a crushing display of power, a guerrilla conflict is grinding away at the resources of the U.S. military and puts a heavy and unexpected burden on the military human resources." Tyson quoted the deputy joint military chiefs of staff, saying the following during a U.S. Senate hearing:

"What keeps me awake at night is, what will this all-volunteer force look like in 2007?" Tyson then goes on to discuss one of the most difficult tasks of the American military off the battle field: recruitment.

Tyson said "The regular army, the Marines, and most reserves have failed to meet their quotas for the first quarter of 2005, according to data from the Pentagon. This shortage is causing a great deal of concern to officials in the army and the Marines."

The commander of the U.S. National Guards said "If we do not deal with this problem the right way, the consequence will be dangerous." He added that twenty percent of the national guard suffers from exhaustion and two-thirds of the national guard are expected to leave the service upon their return from Iraq.

Oh, Mujahideen! Once your enemy realized that the road has reached a dead end, and the door is closed in his face, he turned to a corrupt plan to pull the rug from under the feet of the honest mujahideen. They encouraged those losers who lie and count themselves as Mujahideen to be the core of the new army of Iraq in Sunni areas. The purpose of this step was to have the new Army of Iraq stand in between the true mujahideen and the worshippers of the cross.

Oh, honest Mujahideen! Be cautious of a major plot being carefully constructed by the helpers of Satan around the clock.

Oh, Mujahideen! Jihad is the way in which Allah heals depression, suffering, and low self-esteem. The gardens are under the shadows of the swords. Allah has opened wide all of the doors to paradise. He brought your enemy to your door so that the Jihad is available to all.

Ibn Al Qayem, may Allah have mercy on him, said "Allah creates wars between countries to choose martyrs from you"

Allah above says: And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere. Sura: Spoils of War, Ayet 39

The Prophet said: "I swear by the one in whose Hand is my soul, I will continue to fight them over this until my soul leaves my body or the religion of Allah prevails."

Oh Mujahideen! Your Jihad is spreading! You will continue the fight until Allah removes the pain and oppression from our Ummah.

"When you have a pure heart, a sharp sword, and a hard nose, oppression and injustice will avoid you."

I call to all of the honest Mujahideen in Baghdad of the Rasheed

Oh heroes of Haifa, Al Athamayeh, Al Ghazaliah, Al Amirayeh, Al Khadhra, Al Mansour, Al Dawrah, Al Amin, and Al Maamoun.

Oh lions of Al Eskandarayeh, Haswah, Al Mouseeb, Al Mahmoudayeh, Al Latifayeh, Yousifayeh, Al Radwanayeh, Zawbah, Abu Ghraib, Madaen, Tarmaye, and Taji.

Oh lions of Diyali, Baqubah, AlMeqdadayeh, Khalis, Balad, Rose, Glula, Bahraz, Shahrian, and Khaniqeen.

Oh glorious men in Salah Al Din, Tikrit, Samarra, Biji, and Al Ishaqi

Oh you servants of Allah in Ninoy, Mosel, Talafar, Rubaiah, Houwaijah, Kerkuk, Dahuk, Arbeel, and Soulimanayeh

Oh unyielding men in Anbar, Ramadi, Fallujah, Al-Qermah, Al Amrayeh, Saqlawayeh, Khaldayeh, Hait, Hadithah, Anah, Rawah, Qaim, and Al Ratibah

Oh, you in the blessed front lines in Hullah, Al Nasireyah, Karbala, and Basrah

Allah has blessed you with two years of ongoing Jihad. You have given up many bodies and souls in the cause of Allah. You have suffered hardship on the road to defend the religion of Allah.

Fear Allah, fear Allah over religion. Fear Allah, fear Allah over Jihad. Fear Allah, fear Allah over the blood of your brothers and the dignity and virtue of your sisters.

Do not be like a woman who breaks the yarn which she has spun apart into untwisted strands, after it has become strong. Do not be deceived by the huge number of evil doers and do not be let down by the few who are righteous. Let patience and certainty be your best friends.

May Allah have mercy on Khalid, who stood before his army to encourage them.:

Oh people of Islam! In patience is found glory, and in failure is found incompetence.

With patience, you achieve victory, for the patient one has the advantage. Failure is for the weak and those who believe the lies.

The righteous one does not fail. He knows that Allah is on his side because he defends and fights for the religion of Allah. When the righteous one meets Allah, Allah will elevate his rank (in paradise), and will reward his good deeds. Allah loves those who honor his blessings and follow his guidance.

Therefore, be patient, my brothers of monotheism. It is only a matter of time before victory is yours. And this for you is one of two rewards, both good. Remember that a martyr earns the pleasure of Allah or wins a victory.

Oh, grandchildren of Saad, Al Muthana, Khaled, and Abu Obaidah:

Defend your faith! Defend your dignity! Sharpen your swords! Fight to give your religion the advantage! Fight for Allah, and trust completely and go onto the battlefield remembering the words Khaled said to his army:

"O people of Islam! Be Strong! Be Strong!"

Take the fight to them. If you fight them only in the name of Allah, and you look for nothing but

the pleasure of Allah, there is no way that they can take the victory even for one single hour. Beware of (Arabic word "wohan" which means devotion to life and a hatred of death). Beware of fatigue and weakness. Do not let the large amount of propaganda and all of the military machinery fool you into doubting yourselves. Do not question the victory of Allah!

If your motivations are only for Allah, and you remain steadfast, victory will be yours. The path of Allah is clear; remain on it and do not drown in internal arguments. Know that the reward you will receive depends upon the effort you make.

How could your resolve and your strength be weakened when you see the enemy go into the most private rooms of your homes? How could you stop when the enemy does not stop raping your sisters and your mothers?

Haven't you heard your sisters screaming behind the bars of the prisons of the Crusaders?

Haven't you heard what happened to your sisters in Fallujah?

Haven't you heard the story of your mother whose dignity was violated by apostate Shia? They tried to arrest her husband but when they weren't able to find him, they arrested her. She continued to cry and to beg them to release her.

She was desperate! She kneeled down and kissed the shoes of the apostate guard and begged him not to take her away. She said "I beg you. I am Iraqi, like you, why do you turn me over to the Americans?" But the dirty unbelievers did not listen to her screams. He and his companions blindfolded her, tied her hands, and took her and put her in the American truck waiting outside.

My heart bleeds for you, Baghdad because the worshippers of the cross worshipper want to change who you are. I cry for the virgin girl who was raped by a dog and two wolves. The army of the unbelievers came to invade you and the Arabs bowed their heads in approval. We cannot expect the mice to stand up and be counted. I wonder why those who are important among our people have been turned from the truth by lies and by idols. The heart has become saddened with to way to reach the high places destined for us. The ship has no captain.

Baghdad, do not wonder why the Arabs have become rotten and sin has become their way of living. Baghdad, cry your tears. Most people are rotten.

Where are the so called Islamic scholars? We only hear from them when they attack the Mujahideen or when they cry tears for a killed or kidnapped unbeliever. Where are they now? Where have they been every time a sister is raped in Abu Ghraib or elsewhere?

Oh mother! We hear your scream! We are coming!

Oh sister! We hear your scream! We are coming!

We swear by Allah! We will not stop! We will not enjoy a drink or a meal! We will not enjoy a minute of sleep! We will not put away our swords, until we take avenge the actions of the enemies of Allah against you.

To you Bush, you Roman dog, we swear by Allah that you will not enjoy rest or a place of rest, your military will never be able to relax in our lands, as long and blood pulses through our veins and our heart beats.

Bush, we are coming! We are coming! With the help and grace of Allah, we are coming!

Oh, lions of monotheism in the Land of the Two Rivers! I ask you in the name of Allah, if you receive my message! Do not let night fall before your swords drip with the blood of your enemies. Attack them together with the strength of one. No life is worth living when our sisters are being raped and our dignity is being attacked, and our land is under the control of the worshippers of the cross.

Make the Expedition of Abu Anas Al Shami the beginning, and make it a good beginning for the many other victories that will follow.

Oh the Battalions of the Seekers of Martyrdom!

Go now! Allah is with you. Do not let them rest! Attack every convoy, every person, or group. Attack their check points, watch towers, and every place you find them. Change their night into day, their coolness into fire.

**And Allah hath full power and control over His affairs; but most among mankind know it not.
Sura Youssef, Ayet 21**

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