

## **“Combat, not Compromise” Al-Shaykh Abu Yhya (May Allah protect him)**

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[Introduction - Excerpts]

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He is Farooq al-Iraqi...

And you, my Mujahid brothers in Iraq, must observe patience and unity...

Oh scholars of Islam: if you are remiss, who will lead the way?

Oh scholars of Islam: the battle awaits you, and the field of Jihad, preparation and strength await you and look forward to you. And by Allah, you will find in them nothing but respect, honor and pride from your devoted sons the Mujahideen.

All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and prayers be upon the Messenger of Allah and on his family, companions and allies.

As for what follows:

Allah, the Glorious and Great, said,

“And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah ‘dead’,  
Nay, they are alive, though you perceive not” (2:154)

I offer condolences to myself, my brothers the Mujahideen, and the Islamic Ummah in its entirety, on the loss of a hero of Islam and departure of a knight of Jihad.

He is Farooq Al-Iraqi, whom the fields of Jihad come to know as he visited and roamed them and shuttled between them, seeking to help the religion of Allah, the Glorious and Great, striving to honor his word, and toiling earnestly to aid persecuted and oppressed Muslims everywhere.

Bosnia and Herzegovina came to know him when it was invaded by the atheist Serb army and he rushed there with his brothers the Mujahideen, to fight, compete and persevere until the matter came to an end and finished in the way it did.

But he did not permit himself to return the worldly life and wallow in its delight. Instead, he searched for other fields of Jihad, because his soul had become saturated with love for this act of worship. And thus is Jihad. He who has tasted Jihad cannot leave it so long as he is sincere with Allah, aware of the importance and status of this act of worship, and knows the virtue of the Mujahideen and the rank which Allah has accorded them.

So he went to the Philippines to those forests and jungles, and spent months there with his Mujahid brothers and their poverty, weakness and displacement. After that, he moved on to Indonesia, not as a tourist in search of the pleasures of the worldly life, but as an advocate of the persecuted, displaced Muslims who were being torn by the knives of the Christian hate in the Maluku Islands. He engaged himself in training his brothers there in the use of all weapons in which he had gained expertise in the land of Jihad, until he fell in the hands of the Christians as a captive in this fierce Crusade which has devoured everything.

He spent three years in their prisons before Allah, the Glorious and Great, favored him with the miracle of escape from Bagram prison. But he refused to return to the life of this world and his soul didn't lean toward its delights and attractions.

Instead, he began to search for the fields of Jihad, this act of worship which he adored and was in love with. So he moved on to Iraq, and where Allah decreed for him what he always desired and what every Mujahid Muslim wishes for, martyrdom in Allah's path.

Farooq al-Iraqi; that man whose body was thin and weak, but who was heavy in faith, strong in determination, and tough in his zeal. That's why the enemies of Allah, the Glorious and Great, only dared to approach the house in which he resided with an entire army trained in the use of most modern weaponry; the Christian British army. But this Mujahid man refused to surrender, after having tasted the bitterness of captivity and repression for three years, and so he fought until he was killed.

We ask Allah to raise his level and house him in the highest Garden of Paradise.

And here I tell my Mujahid brothers: even though the killing of the likes of these champions affects our souls and induces sorrow in our hearts - for they are our beloved brothers and companions on the path - it will not weaken us or cause us to backtrack or leave the arenas of Jihad. And this act of worship, by Allah, only lives with the blood of the likes of these who have offered themselves and their blood, souls, hearts and entire lives as a ransom for Allah's religion.

Farooq al-Iraqi was preceded in the history of Islam by many champions who were killed at the hands of the unbelievers and criminals, yet neither was the torch of Islam extinguished nor were the flames of Jihad put out.

Rather, they continued to burn, increasing and gaining in strength, and the tree of Islam and Jihad was irrigated with their blood.

So we tell our Muslim brothers:

Beware of despair, beware of despondency.

Be firm and steadfast, and know that Allah is with you and that Allah is with the patient ones, believers and righteous.

And know, oh Mujahid brothers, that the omens of victory have begun to appear everywhere; in Afghanistan, in Iraq, there on the soil of Chechnya, and in Palestine.

And know that the power of this unbelieving enemy, who has filled the earth with his corruption, tyranny and arrogance, has begun to break, and that his strength has begun to wane and his

wind is dispersing.

Look at what they are suffering in Afghanistan; by Allah, what you hear and what they put out every now and then doesn't equal even one-tenth of what they are actually suffering. They are frightened, terrified, split up and displaced, and the only place they find for themselves are their refuges, which they didn't prepare for fighting and combat, but rather for protecting themselves in their military barracks.

Here is the Taliban movement under the leadership of the commander of the believers, Mullah Muhammad Omar, may Allah protect him, who is personally leading the battles and I stress, by Allah, he is personally leading the battles; here is the Taliban movement starting to return to the arena with a strength recognized by its enemies before its friends.

Oh Mujahid brothers in Afghanistan persevere, and strengthen your resolve, and be severe with your enemies, and know that Allah is with you and that victory is close at hand, after which your state will return to you better, stronger and bigger than before.

And you, my Mujahid brothers in Iraq, must observe patience and unity, and must know that the ways of Allah are not partial to anyone. And know that victory comes through agreement and unity and with harmony and brotherliness. And know that defeat and breakup comes with dispute, dissent and discord, as Allah, the Glorious, the Great, said,

“O you who believe! When you meet a force, be firm, and remember Allah much, that you may prosper. And obey Allah and his Messenger, and fall into no disputes, lest you lose heart and your power depart. And persevere, for Allah is with those who persevere” (8:45-46).

So come together, close ranks, strengthen your resolve, and be severe with your enemies.

Oh my brothers the Mujahideen in Iraq:

You were a cause of this Ummah being revived after its sleep and awakened after its slumber. So brothers, beware of wasting the fruit of this Jihad in which the Muslims have offered all they have by sacrificing their blood, wealth, sweat, effort and prayers. The Jihad in Iraq – like every Jihad – is a trust on the shoulders of those carrying it out, about which they shall be asked before Allah the exalted. And you are worthy – as we see it - of being leaders of this Ummah and abandoning trivialities and base things, for Allah the Exalted has lifted you to the pinnacle of worship - which is Jihad in Allah's path – so it is not for you to descend to the level of selfish desires and claims.

Oh brothers, oh Mujahideen:

Allah the Exalted is showing you the miracles of his victory; after hardship, comfort; after difficulty, ease; and after severity, prosperity. Here is your primary enemy, who filled the earth with his boastfulness, vanity and pride, admitting in all humiliation that his going to Iraq was the wrong decision to make.

We ask him:

How and when did you discover that your entrance to Iraq was a mistake?

Was it after your aircraft became sick and tired of transporting thousands of coffins full of the rotten corpses of those killed at the hands of the sincere and perseverant ones there?

Was it after you spent billions, only to find that all that money went for nothing?

Was it after you discovered that the nation of Islam is the nation of faith, nation of sacrifice and nation of strength; that nation which never compromises on its values and doesn't allow its leadership to be handed to others?

And we tell him:

Be aware that you shall discover that your going to Afghanistan was also a mistake.

Be aware that you shall discover that your backing of the state of Israel was also a mistake.

And be aware that you shall know with certainty that your entrance to the Arabian Peninsula - cradle of the Message and the place where the revelation descended - was a mistake as well.

And you continue to recognize and admit that this nation is the nation of steadfastness, sacrifice and strength which isn't overpowered by its enemies, whatever their strength and regardless of what their despotism and tyranny has come to.

And history conveys to you our events, affairs and battles.

To conclude, I direct a word to the scholars of the nation, to the carriers of the inheritance of Prophethood, to those whom (who) Allah the glorious chose to be heirs of his Prophet, peace be upon him, and I say to them:

Oh our honorable scholars, oh our great scholars, our brother the Mujahid Shaykh Abu Hamza al-Muhajir has addressed to you a speech which would make boulders melt, by Allah, in which he beseeches and encourages you and introduces you to the conditions of the Mujahideen and the need of the fields of Jihad for those like you.

So we tell you:

Oh our honorable scholars, the fields of Jihad are awaiting you, and the opportunity has not passed you by, nor will it pass you by. So rush and go forth to them, and be in the vanguard of the caravan and at the front of the convoy, for you are the leaders of the Ummah and its commanders and guardians.

Oh scholars of the nation: what has made you abstain from this great act of worship?

What has made you refrain from performing this major obligation about which the Prophet, peace be upon him, said:

“By He in whose hands is my soul, were it not that I would create difficulty for my nation, I wouldn't stay behind any brigade raiding in Allah's path.”

Oh scholars of Islam: has the love of this worldly life made you refrain from this duty?

We absolve and purify you of that, for we have long heard from you explanations of the statement of Allah, the Glorious and Great,

“O you who believe! What is the matter with you that when you are asked to go forth in the cause of Allah, you cling heavily to earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the hereafter” (9:38).

Oh scholars of Islam, what has held you back from the caravan of the Mujahideen; is it the fear

of death and being killed?

How often we have heard from you recitation and explanation of Allah's statement,

“Wherever you are, death will find you, even if you are in towers built up strong and high!” (4:78).

And how often we have learned from you that when a man's time comes, he will not go past it, and that Allah said,

“Nor can a soul die except by Allah's leave, a term fixed by writing” (3:145).

Oh scholars of Islam: what has held you back from the arenas of Jihad?

Is it fear of the severity, violence and strength of the enemy?

How often we have heard from you recitation and explanation of Allah's statement,

“Those to whom the people said, ‘The people are gathering against you, so fear them,’ but it [only] increased their faith, and they said, ‘For us Allah suffices, and He is the Best Guardian’” (3:173).

And how often we have heard from you recitation and explanation of Allah's statement,

“It is only Satan that suggests to you the fear of his friends. Be not afraid of them, but fear me, if you have faith” (3:175).

Oh scholars of Islam: your nation is writhing in its wounds, your nation is writhing in the hell of the tragedies, hardship and difficulty to which its enemies have driven it.

Here is your nation in Afghanistan, Iraq, Chechnya, Palestine, and Kashmir- and moreover, in all Arab countries – where the prisons are full of the best of Allah's saints.

Here are the apostate atheists boasting everywhere that they have the upper hand.

And here are its apostate enemies who have gained control of it preventing Allah's worshippers from going to Allah's mosques in broad daylight, only permitting them to enter them with permission cards, as if they are not houses of Allah, the Glorious and Great, but rather, guesthouses of theirs.

So oh scholars of Islam:

Who will declare the word of truth?

Who will stand up to these criminals?

Who will expose their tyranny and the unbelief, atheism, apostasy and war against Allah's religion of which they are guilty?

Oh scholars of Islam: if you delay, who will step forward?

Oh scholars of Islam: if you are remiss, who will lead the way?

Oh scholars of Islam: the battle awaits you, and the fields of Jihad, preparation and strength await you and look forward to you.

And by Allah, you will find in them nothing but respect, honor and pride from your devoted sons the Mujahideen. And you will find in them nothing but the glory of religion, deliciousness of faith, strength of conviction, victory and domination, and healing for the chests of a believing people.

I ask Allah, the Glorious and Great, to strengthen our hearts and yours, and to make you and us firm on the truth until we meet him.

And our final prayer is that all praise is to due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds.

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