

## **Bin Laden Speech**

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In his July 2 speech, bin Laden called on the jihad fighters in Iraq to fight against the "Crusader armies" and expel them from the country, and then to punish the Iraqi parties that had "collaborated" with them. He also congratulated Al-Zarqawi's successor Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir. Addressing the jihad fighters in Somalia, he called on them to cleave to the ways of Islam, to support the Islamic *Mahakim Al-Shari'a* militia which has taken control of Mogadishu, and to refrain from assisting the "traitor 'Abdallah Abu Yusuf and the invading international forces."

The following are excerpts from the speech:

\*"It is Inconceivable That [Shi'ites] From the South of Iraq Should Collaborate With America... While Their Areas Remain Safe From Harm and Retaliation"

"In this speech, I address at the Islamic nation as a whole, [but] especially the jihad fighters in Iraq and Somalia.

"[My dear] brothers the jihad fighters in Baghdad - the [capital] of the Caliphs - and its environs, your continued brave operations against the Americans and their helpers have filled the Muslims with happiness, joy, delight and exaltation. With your excellent activity, which brings joy to those who are sad and raises a smile on the face of bereaved mothers, you have lifted up the heads of the Muslims - may Allah reward you as you deserve.

"The eyes of the entire Muslim nation are turned to you, and its lips are saying a prayer for you. The [Muslim] nation shares your joys and your pains; next to Allah, you are its greatest hope. It regards you are the loyal soldiers of Allah, and believes that your victory is the victory of [Islam] and of its honor. Your victory will deliver the Muslim nation from servitude and from dependence on the Crusaders and their agents in our country. You will put an end to the humiliation, the fear, the injustice and the oppression. You will establish a just and true [government] and promote welfare and security. [You will] spend the country's wealth on its people and on those who are entitled [to this wealth] by building the country and meeting the needs of the people - instead of [allowing] most of this wealth to go to the Crusaders and their agents.

"I say to the people of Iraq: When one observes the great catastrophes that have befallen Iraq, one finds that the main reason [for these catastrophes] is the Crusaders' invasion and occupation of the country, [which took place] with the collaboration of [certain Iraqi] party leaders. [These leaders] encouraged [the Crusaders] to invade Iraq and called on their followers to join the apparatuses of the apostate governments that were formed by the Americans - such as the governments of Al-'Alawi, Al-Ja'fri and Al-Maliki, in order to fight their cousins in Baghdad, Mosul, Diyala and Al-Anbar who refused to surrender to the Crusader occupier.

[These party leaders] also labeled the noble fighters 'terrorists,' killed them and bombarded their homes, and this is why [the jihad fighters] retaliated against the tribes and parties who chose to betray [their brothers] and became the assistants of Crusader America.

"The first step towards achieving stability in Iraq is expelling the Crusader armies by force, and then punishing the leaders of the parties - for example the parties [headed by] Al-Ja'fri, Al-Hakim, Al-'Alawi, and Tareq Al-Hashemi - who lied to the people and told them that the best way to expel the occupiers was to participate in the political process. But Al-'Alawi's government

finished its term, and the occupier did not leave. Then Al-Ja'fri's government also [finished its term], and the occupier [still] did not leave. And now Al-Maliki's apostate government is following in the footsteps of Al-Ja'fri's government, since it is nothing but another facet of that [same] government.

"In short, it is inconceivable that many [people] from the south [of Iraq, i.e. Shi'ites] should collaborate with America and its allies in ransacking [the towns of] Al-Faluja, Al-Ramadi, Ba'quba, Mosul, Samarra, Al-Qaim and other towns and villages, while their [own] areas remain safe from harm or retaliation.

"I say to our [entire] Islamic nation: Despite the courageous operations of the jihad fighters against America and its apostate agents... the unarmed Muslims in Iraq are [still] targets of an extermination campaign carried out by the treacherous and hate-filled gangs which were positioned in all the sensitive areas [of Iraq] during the previous Al-Ja'fri administration, and are still positioned [there] during the present Al-Maliki administration.

"Leaders from the [Sunni] Clerics Council in Iraq therefore issued a warning and called to save the Muslims from the terrible extermination campaign to which they are being subjected. Some prominent leaders among them were Sheikh Bashar Al-Faydhi, Sheikh 'Abd Al-Salam Al-Kubaysi and Sheikh Harith Al-Dhari. [Al Dhari] recently said explicitly that [the Muslims] were being exterminated, and that over 40,000 [of them] have been kidnapped, tortured and killed by the Crusader forces and by Al-Ja'fri's apostate forces...

"The Muslims must understand [this], and help their brothers in Iraq with funds and men, in order to stop the [campaign waged] against them by the Crusader enemy and by the [Iraqi] apostates. Our Muslim brothers in Iraq should know that they must not grovel before the Crusaders, or [take] half-measures [against them]. The [Muslims in Iraq] will have no escape [from their plight] unless they adhere to Islam, maintain their unity, avoid division and dispute and stick to jihad.

"Let your swords be your fortress. Take care not to be tempted by the parties and groups who joined these [Iraqi] governments. That is a grave matter, [since] these governments and political alliances are nothing but a ploy against you, and since your blood drips from the swords of these people every day. Only iron can dent iron. Anyone who hopes to convince these apostates, without weapons [i.e. by peaceful means], to stop fighting the Muslims in Baghdad and its environs, is like a fool who tries to convince the wolves to stop preying on the cattle. It will never happen, and the evil actions of the infidels, the Crusaders and the apostates will not be stopped except through war... Cleave to jihad and join the ranks of the jihad fighters...

"Finally, I have heard that my brothers the jihad fighters in Al-Qaeda have chosen the noble brother Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir to replace Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi as their commander. May Allah make him a worthy successor to [Al-Zarqawi], and may both he and I have patience and piety, [and may we] continue our jihad so that Allah's word will be supreme.

"[Al-Muhajir] must do his utmost to remain on the Shura Council of the Jihad Fighters, since all dissent is bad while unity is grace... I also advise him to focus his campaign on the Americans and on those who support and assist them in their war on the Muslims in Iraq. I pray that Allah will bless his jihad and all the *mujahidoon* in Iraq, and will help them to liberate Iraq from the Crusaders and hypocrites and to establish the rule of Islam..."

**\*"The Coming of an [International] Military Force to Somalia... [Can Only Be Interpreted] as a...Crusader Campaign"**

**"In addition, I want to address our brothers in Somalia and to say to them: Somalia embraced Islam [in the past], and Somalia then enjoyed the right guidance, the light, and the security [of Islam]. Afterwards, it parted ways [with Islam], on the day that Ziyad Beri rejected Islam, adhered to communism, and burned the honored religious scholars to death in the town square. The only path that will lead you to salvation is adhering to Islam and supporting [the rule of] the *Mahakim Al-Shari'a*, which are striving to establish an Islamic state [in Somalia]. You should know that the gang that the foreign agent General 'Abdallah Yusuf has formed is a traitorous gang of foreign agents. Their call to foreign forces to occupy the country is sufficient proof of their being foreign agents. Members of parliament who opposed this decision will not be exempt from responsibility [for it] unless they repent and resign from this oppressive group and wash their hands of it.**

**"Every Muslim in Somalia must know that anyone who aids the apostate 'Abdallah Yusuf and the invading international forces will [be considered] an infidel in the full sense of the term and will be excluded from the community of believers; prayers will not be said for him, he will not be buried in a Muslim cemetery, his wife will be divorced from him, and he will have no rights of inheritance.**

**"I bless the jihad fighters in Somalia and ask Allah to strengthen you, to guide your gunfire and to give you victory over your enemies. Beware the stratagems of the infidels, for they are numerous and convoluted. One of these stratagems was [the Yemeni President] 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih's call to you and to your opponents to hold talks in San'a. He is an obedient American agent. Do you not remember that he was caught red-handed supplying oil from Aden to the American destroyer "Cole", which was on its way to enforce the blockade on the Iraqi people? He also cooperated with the Americans and allowed them to bomb, from their planes, the jihad fighters Abu 'Ali Al-Harithi and his brethren on Yemenite soil. These actions, not to mention others, are contradictory to Islam...**

**"There can be no dialogue with 'Abdallah Yusuf and his helpers other than that of the sword, and there is no time to be lost. Descend swiftly upon them in battle, and make sure not to let him escape from you like he has escaped in the past. For a Muslim must not be bitten [by a snake] from the same snake-hole twice.**

**"As for the international forces, the matter is simple. They lack fighting spirit, and they have no cause for which to fight. Ask Allah for help, and prepare the necessary means - especially anti-tank mines and anti-armor RPGs. Be steadfast, like your brothers in Iraq and Afghanistan, in this Crusader world-war against our Islamic nation, for you have already seen, a few years ago, the defeat of America and its allies in your land, and this time the victory will be even easier.**

**"I say to the Islamic nation: we lost the Caliphate and it was dismantled. It fell under Crusader occupation approximately a century ago, and since that time the Crusaders have stood between us and the reconstitution of the Caliphate, or even the establishment of any Islamic nation. An example of this was their recent invasion of Afghanistan and the pressures they put on Sudan to make it give up on establishing an Islamic state.**

**"In this context comes the readiness to send military forces to Somalia according to America's recommendation, claiming that this is meant to help the [Somali] citizens and to establish security. They are lying about this. The Somalis have been suffering from tribal warfare ever**

since America was defeated there some 15 years ago. Can any reasonable person believe that they became aware of this tragedy only now? Or perhaps the real motivation [for sending the troops] is that the *Mahakim Al-Shari'a* [movement] has conquered the capital and exerted its influence over most of the important regions in attempt to establish an Islamic state. We cannot interpret the coming of a military force to Somalia - even from a state that claims to be Islamic - except as a continuation of the Crusader campaign against the Islamic world.

"We warn all the nations of the world not to agree to America's request to send international forces to Somalia. We swear to Allah that we will fight its soldiers on Somali soil, and we reserve the right to punish [the countries participating in the international forces] on their own soil, or anywhere else, at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner.

"I urge the Muslim youth and businessmen to contribute generously and to supply all of the jihad fighters' needs through reliable intermediaries - especially in Palestine, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Sudan. Be alert to the fact that the situation in Iraq is severe, and fear God, for your own sake and for your brothers' sake. For if you let Baghdad fall today, tomorrow you will lose Damascus, Amman, the [Persian] Gulf, and Riyadh. This is serious and is no joking matter. Danger imperils the entire region. Whoever studies history learns the lesson...

"Take care not to wait and tarry, as some of the Muslims did when they tarried in saving the Islamic government in Afghanistan. This is a golden opportunity and a personal obligation [incumbent] upon everyone who is capable [of fulfilling it], and you must not miss this opportunity to establish the nucleus of the Caliphate..."