

Osama bin Laden Sends His Greetings to Afghans

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JALALABAD, August 25 (IslamOnline) – IslamOnline’s correspondent in Pakistan has received a copy of a message from an Afghan source who said that it was written by Osama bin Laden, at a time when there are efforts underway to unite the Al-Qaeda organization, the Taliban, and the Afghan leader Gulbudin Hekmatyar.

The Afghan source, who asked for anonymity, told IslamOnline Saturday, August 24, that the leader of Al-Qaeda network wrote this message a few weeks ago as a sign that he is still alive, although the letter was undated.

The source pointed out that a comparison between this letter and those found by the CIA and FBI showed great similarity.

The letter began with “I send this message to you.... I am your brother in religion and belief, Osama bin Mohammed bin Awad bin Laden.”

The message, written by hand, called on the Afghani people to engage in jihad, or holy struggle, and resist the American forces in Afghanistan.

“I can tell from my place that these great venerations drawn around the super powers do not equal a mosquito wing ... it is not worth anything in comparison with the power of God the Almighty with His support to His faithful mujahideen (fighters),” Bin Laden said in his message.

He added that the doubtful could ask the Russians how the “Holy Jihad” destroyed the former legend of the Soviet Union .

“We will closely witness, Allah willing, the fall of the United States of America, which ignored all human values, passed over all limits, and understands no logic but that one of power and Jihad,” he added.

Meanwhile, IslamOnline’s correspondent learnt from Afghan sources that there are great efforts underway to mediate among the Al-Qaeda organization, the Taliban, and the Afghan leader Gulbudin Hekmatyar to reunite resistance groups.

The Afghan source confirmed that some of the mediators were able to bring the views of both Taliban and Hekmatyar close to each other, pointing out that there is no basic conflicts between Al-Qaeda and Hekmatyar.

He finally added, “You will soon hear good news in this concern.”