

Azzam Al-Amriki Video Message 'The Mujahidin Do Not Target Muslims'

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On 11 December, a forum participant posted a message on a jihadist website along with links to a video message from Azzam al-Amriki entitled "The Mujahidin Do Not Target Muslims." The 17-minute 42-second video is in English with Arabic subtitles, and was produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center. In the video, Azzam al-Amriki says that "the mujahidin declare themselves innocent" of attacks on "Muslim homes, mosques, schools, and markets in Afghanistan, Swat, Waziristan, Peshawar, Baluchistan, and elsewhere in the Pak-Afghan region." He also denounces the local media as "willing weapons of propaganda in the pockets of the Crusaders and their puppet governments and armies allied with them."

A translation/transcription of the video follows:

(Unidentified speaker) "O God, Revealer of the book, He who is quick to account, Mover of the clouds, defeat the tribes. O God, defeat them and quake them.

(Screen text reads in Arabic) "The Mujahidin Do Not Target Muslims. By the brother Adam Yahya Gadahn (Azzam).

(English text) "The Mujahideen Don't Target Muslims. Brother Adam Yahye Gadahn (Azzam) (Azzam al-Amriki appears, speaking in Arabic)

"Praise be to God. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, his family, his companions, and those who allied with him. Thereafter...

(Azzam al-Amriki begins speaking in English)

"As the Americans and their allies drown in desperation and defeat, and clutch at straws in Afghanistan, and as the Pakistan army continues its ultimately futile operations in Waziristan, Swat, and the tribal belt, and as the mujahidin resolutely defend their strongholds and continue to deal crushing blows to the pillars of the regime in Islamabad and Kabul, we have also begun to see an increase in random bombings and attacks, which target innocent Muslims, often in known centers of support for the mujahidin. These criminal acts usually result in large numbers of casualties, especially among women and children. And invariably, the enemies of Islam and Muslims pin the blame for them on the mujahidin. And invariably, the mujahidin's denials of responsibility fall on deaf ears, whereas the uncorroborated allegations of the regimes are carried without criticism and in a one-sided way by the so-called independent media in Islamabad, Kabul, and other world capitals. Why? Because these media are now willing weapons of propaganda in the pockets of the Crusaders and their puppet governments and armies allied with them. Not only do these immoral and biased media organizations shamelessly slander the mujahidin, they also conspire with the regimes to cover up the true extent of the losses suffered by the apostate puppets of the Crusaders, and even describe those killed as martyrs.

"If there is any irony to be found in all of this tragedy, it is that the very same media and governments which once wanted you to believe that the blessed operations of September 11, 2001 were actually carried out by the CIA or the Mossad, and not the mujahidin, are today telling you that the mujahidin, and not agents and mercenaries of the ISI (Inter-Services

Intelligence), RAW (Indian intelligence Agency, (Research and Analysis Wing)), CIA, or Blackwater are the real culprits behind these senseless and un-Islamic bombings, which target Muslims in their markets, mosques, schools, shops, and streets. These hypocrites want you to believe that the same mujahidin who, as everyone has seen and attested to, are by the grace of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala (Almighty) able to strike deep within the headquarters of the apostate regime's intelligence organs and military establishments, and are able to infiltrate the residence and offices of their foreign infidel sponsors. They want us to believe that these same mujahidin are now so at a loss for targets that they have been reduced to bombing innocent Muslims, shopkeepers, shoppers, and commuters, and killing and maiming defenseless men, women, and children without mercy and without regard for morality, principles, and the laws of Allah.

"But I ask every intelligent and thoughtful Muslim to ask himself: Who are the likelier culprits in such brutal, heartless, and unjust attacks? Are they the mujahidin, who have sacrificed everything to defend and liberate weak and oppressed Muslim peoples wherever they might be, and who have dedicated their very lives to the implementation of Islam and its Shari'ah, which forbids the taking of even one innocent life? Or are the real culprits the armies and spy agencies who answer to no god other than money and no law other than the law of the jungle, and who massacred innocent women and children previously in Lal Masjid (Urdu for Red Mosque), Shindad, Kunduz, and elsewhere in the region, and even as we speak, in Waziristan. Then tell me, what possible benefit could there be for the mujahidin that would make them perpetrate such ugly incidents? On the contrary, the perpetration of such deplorable acts and the pinning of responsibility for them on the mujahidin only serves the enemies of Islam and Muslims, who are today staring defeat in the face, by the grace of Allah first and foremost, and then by virtue of the mujahidin's resolve and the help they have received from the supportive mujahid Muslim public, who are now being targeted.

"As we have seen, after such incidents, the real killers of Muslims and destroyers of Muslim homes, mosques, schools, and markets in Afghanistan, Swat, Waziristan, Peshawar, Baluchistan, and elsewhere in the Pak-Afghan region. In other words, Obama, Clinton, Belur, Karzai, Kayani, Gilani, Zardari, and the rest of the bob (as received). These people are able to stand up and mouth platitudes and hypocritically state that they are the defenders of Muslims against the so-called Islamic militants and extremists who supposedly planted these bombs. But what the puppet media don't tell you is that the mujahidin have condemned, and continue to condemn, all attacks which indiscriminately kill and wound innocent Muslims in their markets, mosques, streets, schools, and homes. The mujahidin declare themselves innocent of these attacks and pronounce them part of a cynical, calculated, and clandestine international campaign by the secular political forces, devious intelligence agencies, and obedient puppet media designed to drive a wedge between the mujahidin and the same Muslim public which has for more than eight years backed and supported them in their victorious jihad against the Crusaders and their allies in the Pak-Afghan region.

"We express our condolences to the families of the Muslim men, women and children killed in these criminal acts. And we ask Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala (Almighty) to have mercy on those killed, and accept them as Shuhada (martyrs) and to quickly heal the wounded. We also express the same in regard to the unintended Muslim victims of the mujahidin's operations against the Crusaders and their allies and puppets, and to the countless, faceless and nameless Muslim victims of the murderous Crusader-sponsored and directed campaigns of terror currently underway in Waziristan, Swat, Afghanistan, and elsewhere in the region.

"These victims are victims whose suffering and losses you don't and won't see and hear about.

Why? Because the puppet media has been ordered to refrain from showing you the real face of the enemies of Islam who claim to be acting in defense of you. My Muslim brothers and sisters in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kashmir, India, Bangladesh, and the region, the corrupt puppet armies and affiliated intelligence agencies who fight and kill their own populaces and displace them and leave them homeless for a few billion dollars of Crusader bribes...They aren't your friends and protectors. The atheistic, ethnic, and tribal nationalists who murder their own A'awam (commoners) to advance their evil ideologies and to please their Mushrik (polytheist) patrons and paymasters...They aren't your friends and protectors. The apostate secular regimes who oppress, rob, and imprison you, and sell out the sovereignty of your countries for personal profit...They aren't your friends and protectors. The opportunistic political parties, who ask for your votes and money in the name of Islam and then break all their promises once they come to power...They aren't your friends and protectors. The corrupt police forces, which get fat off the bribes they forcibly extract from the poor and helpless Muslim masses...They aren't your friends and protectors. The anti-Shari'ah judiciaries, who judge according to un-Islamic constitutions and statutes instead of the Koran and occupy their time with regulating sugar prices instead of going after the criminals who plant car bombs in your midst and destroy entire cities and villages in the tribal belt of Pakistan...They aren't your friends and protectors. Your true friends and protectors are the Muslim mujahidin, who have risen up to defend you and your religion from these criminals, whether individuals or institutions, and from the foreign infidel powers which support and direct them in their war against Islam and Muslims.

"So my Muslim brothers and sisters, don't be deceived by their evil plots, and don't let them dissuade you from continuing to support the mujahidin morally, physically and financially. On the contrary, such plots and such spilling of innocent blood, as we have seen in Peshawar and elsewhere, should only increase your resolve and determination to stand by the mujahidin in their battle against the aggression of the Crusader occupation forces and their local allies. Because after Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala (Almighty), they are your only hope for deliverance from these foreign invaders and the criminal apostate regimes, apostate political parties, and apostate armies who see absolutely nothing wrong with sacrificing their sovereignty, security, and Muslim citizens in exchange for a few billion dollars worth of American kickbacks.

"In closing, I address all associated with or belonging to these regimes, parties and armed forces, whether in Afghanistan, Pakistan, or elsewhere in the region: those who have made the foolish decision to stand with America and its allies in their losing war against Islam. And I address along with them, the members of the irresponsible puppet media which have agreed to be the loyal mouthpieces and pawns of these criminals in the propaganda war being waged parallel to the military campaign. With the fateful choice you made to side with the unbelievers in their Crusade, you have not only betrayed Islam and Muslims and left the fold of faith, but you have also caused the destabilization of nations and the displacement and death of thousands of weak and oppressed people. The blood of countless innocent Muslims is on your hands, and the security and very future of the countries you claim to defend and serve has been placed in jeopardy, because your external enemies are taking advantage of your heedlessness as you fight and kill your fellow countrymen for American dollars. Keep these facts in mind as you listen to the words of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala (Almighty) in Surat al-Nisa, verses 17 and 18.

(Koranic verse recited, text onscreen, with English subtitles below) "Allah accept the repentance of those who do evil in ignorance and repent soon afterwards. To them will Allah turn in mercy, for Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom. Of no effect is the repentance of those who continue to do evil, until death faces one of them, and he says: Now have I repented indeed. Nor of those who die rejecting faith. For them have we prepared a punishment most grievous' (Koranic verses, Al-Nisa, 4:17-18)."

(English subtitles for Koranic verses) "Forgiveness is only incumbent on Allah toward those who do evil in ignorance (and) then turn quickly (in repentance) to Allah. These are they toward whom Allah relents. Allah is all-Knowing, all-Wise. Forgiveness is not for those who do evil deeds until, when death comes upon one of them, he says: 'Now I repent'; nor for those who die while they are disbelievers. For such We have prepared a painful punishment."

(Azzam al-Amriki reappears, says above Koranic verses in English after the recitation.)

(Azzam al-Amriki resumes message) "This is a severe warning from Allah to every unbeliever, apostate, and sinful Muslim, and anyone with an ant's weight of goodness in him cannot help but be affected by it. So isn't it about time that you face up to your mistakes and repent of your apostasy and other deadly sins? Repentance is still possible as long as one is still alive. But if one chooses to continue such a futile fight, one may not have much longer to live, because history and experience shows that death often comes suddenly to people like you, who wage war against Allah, His messenger, His religion, and His believing slaves. So repent today before your death rattle signals that your time is up, at which point regret and repentance will no longer be of any benefit.

"Praise be to God, Lord of all creation.

(Onscreen text) "Where are the descendants of Salah al-Din to liberate Palestine(?"

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