

Al-Sahab Video Discusses Economic Crisis, Arab 'Corruption,' Torture, Part 1 of 2 September 23, 2009

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On 22 September, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website various links to a video by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production entitled "The West and the Dark Tunnel." The two-part video, approximately 107 minutes long, follows a documentary format and features messages from various jihadist figures, including Ayman al-Zawahiri, Abu-Yahya al-Libi, and Azzam al-Amriki (Adam Gadahn). The video attributes the recent economic crisis to the mujahidin and the September 11 attacks; discusses "the corrupt governments and regimes" in the Arab world; and addresses Muslim detainees. The video was disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A description of the first part of the video follows:

The first part of the video, which is 53-minute 39-second long, starts with a screen caption that reads: "The West and the Dark Tunnel: Part One" Then, the following Koranic verse is recited: "Those who devour usury will not stand except as stand one whom the Evil one by his touch Hath driven to madness. That is because they say: "Trade is like usury, but Allah hath permitted trade and forbidden usury" (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:275).

(Narrator:) "Sayyid Qutb, may God have mercy on him, said: "The scourge of usury is the scourge of the economy that grows, but not in a straight moderate manner, where the fruits of its growth and its blessing are distributed to all of mankind. Its growth is in a delinquent manner towards a handful of financiers who remain behind their large offices in banks, lending industries and commerce, with specific secured interests that force industries and commerce to follow a specific path. Its first goal is not to meet the interests and needs that please all mankind and guarantee regular work and a secure income that would ensure psychological tranquility and social security for all. Its goal is to produce the highest amount of profit even if it destroys, deprives and ruins the lives of millions. It planted doubt, worries and fear in the lives of all mankind. God Almighty is sincere when He said: 'Those who devour usury will not stand except as stand one whom the Evil one by his touch Hath driven to madness' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:275). Here we have seen a confirmation of this fact in our global reality nowadays." End.

Footage of jihadist man identified as "Shaykh Attiyah" is displayed, in which the Shaykh says: "It is not only usury, although usury is big and important in this Western capitalist economic system. It is a corrupt, wayward, and unjust system that collides with the natural desire that God gave to mankind. Meaning, it entirely collides with the laws of life and rules that benefit individuals and the society, as shown to us by God, the Most Kind, the all-Knowing, glory be to Him. It is a system based on beastly behavior and seven principles: greed, gluttony, injustice, selfishness, extreme materialism, abandonment of religion, non-belief in the supernatural and liberation from all the values and divine laws that God has revealed in His Books and sent with His messengers. It is a system that indulges in desires without restraints or true mercy to others. And what they boast of humane words and others is only a camouflage, or at its best condition, a psychological movement to please their conscience and to find social love, as Almighty God said on Ibrahim (may peace be upon him) that he said to his people: 'And he said: "For you, ye have taken for worship idols besides Allah, out of mutual love and regard between yourselves in this life"' (Koranic verse, Al-Ankabut, 29:25). Thus, we have seen this system become proficient in all things that serve these beastly and material ethics that do not believe in Almighty God. This system holds within its folds elements for its destruction, collapse and elimination. The current

collapse was not surprising or strange and is even still awaited and expected. This is a good opportunity for the proselytizers to show people the goodness of Islam, the religion of monotheism and the religion of worshiping one God Who has no partner, adhering and hoping to gain the Hereafter, and the economic, financial and blessed social systems it encompass that guarantee happiness in this life and the Hereafter for all humanity."

(Narrator:) "The Western civilization entered into a crushing financial crisis that began from the source of evil, America, and spread throughout the remaining nations of the world, to include all the economic sectors, striking them with a recession and paralysis. No one can predict when the world will come out of this dark economic tunnel. We will attempt to show the magnitude of this crisis by stating some economic numbers, starting with America. The budget deficit increased this year to \$1,300 billion. The unemployment rate increased to between 9% and 10%. The economic contraction is more than 6%, which is the worst performance in 25 years. The national debt reached \$12 trillion. This crisis also experienced five of the eight largest bankruptcy cases in the history of America's economy, which are: Lehman Brothers, Washington Mutual, Thornburg Mortgage, General Motors and Chrysler. But, what do these numbers mean in reality?"

Footage of Economist Magazine reporter Greg Ip in an interview with Frontline is displayed, in which Ip says: "Well, first of all, you might have a situation where there is one day when the government says, 'We need to sell several billion dollars of bonds, and nobody shows up -- no money to pay the Social Security checks and no money to give to the states for their Medicaid programs. Cut, cut, cut, cut, cut. Let us imagine a scenario where the politicians would love to keep the government going, but they cannot because there is nobody to lend us the money."

(Narrator:) "Therefore, the dim-witted American people are the ones who truly suffer under these circumstances. RealtyTrac, an organization that announces bank foreclosures on homes, stated that in April, 342,000 families, or one in every 374 homes in the US, have received at least one notice of foreclosure. Thousands of families had to leave their homes and were forced to live at campsites and shelters.

Footage of an African American is displayed with a screen caption that reads: "Colin, formerly homeless, and currently in charge of the shelter." Colin says: "Because of the mortgage crisis and the rising unemployment at its highest rate in 25 years, the increase in the number of homeless families is a manifestation of this global economic crisis, particularly in the United States. Today, we are working hard. We have fourteen rooms and they house fourteen families."

(Narrator:) "It is as if the worse has yet to come. The 4 June to 10 June issue of the Economist Magazine published: 'Many economists fret about an unpleasant scenario in 2011, when the stream of stimulus money will ebb, reserves will have been drained and revenues will still be meager. Medicaid enrolment may still be swollen by recession. Promises to retired workers, including pensions and health care, will weigh more heavily than they do now. This year was painful, but the years to come may be even worse.' The American administration is willing to borrow from China and Japan to compensate for the losses of larger companies and banks. As usual, those who pay the bill to save the rich are the taxpaying general public."

Excerpt from a speech by US President Barak Obama on GM bankruptcy, in which he says: "We inherited a financial crisis unlike any that we've seen in our time. This crisis crippled private capital markets and forced us to take steps in our financial system -- and with our auto companies -- that we would not have otherwise even considered. These steps have put our government in the unwelcome position of owning large stakes in private companies for the

simple and compelling reason that their survival and the success of our overall economy depend on it."

(Narrator:) "The anger of God did not spare the Arabs who rape the wealth of their countries. Among them were the kings, presidents, and amirs of the Islamic world. About 50 wealthy Arabs lost over 25 billion dollars. The vile al-Walid Bin Talal was the biggest winner. He lost approximately a quarter of his fortune. These numbers and the already strained economic situation affected the economy of the West and all its allies.

Footage of Joe Nocera of The New York Times is displayed, in which he says: "We had a contagion that operated almost around the globe. The panic from Lehman spreads to AIG, spreads to Morgan Stanley, spreads to Goldman Sachs. Suddenly, Ireland is having problems. Suddenly, the Bank of England is bailing out banks. Suddenly, Iceland is bankrupt. The state of Iceland, it is bankrupt, an entire country! Suddenly, China has gone from being one of the world's highest-growth countries to almost a no-growth country in the flash of an eye. That's contagion."

(Narrator:) "But the truth that media outlets are trying to evade is that, with the graces of God, the blessed invasions against America, and its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, are the main factors that expedited the emergence of the fall of the capitalistic economics that governs the rest of the economy of the world. This is the truth that could not be denied by those who were close to the former Bush administration after their economic policies were accused of being the reason for this crisis."

Footage of Forest Sawyer, Frontline correspondent, is displayed. Sawyer says: "Now way back in 2000, there were surpluses projected. And that had come after some good luck with the economy and some hard work. And then came along this massive tax cut. Was that in retrospect a mistake?"

Senator Judd Gregg (R), New Hampshire in an interview with Frontline, in which Gregg says: "No. Absolutely not. The surpluses that were projected weren't lost because of the tax cut. They were lost because of 9/11 and the effect that that had on the economy. You know, you've got to remember 9/11 was a cataclysmic event for our nation and it readjusted our nation in a lot of ways. But one of the ways it caused us to have to readjust was that we went into a very severe economic slide."

(Narrator:) "But, how did this effect happen? The whole situation was a result of the support and success granted by God. It is very simple. With the blessed invasions against America, the American economic wheel was at a standstill for a week."

(Alan Greenspan:) "Economic activity ground to a halt last week."

(Narrator:) "Therefore, he (Greenspan) was forced to pump billions of dollars into the American economy and lower the interest rate to one percent. This was done to stimulate the economy and raise consumption that had declined due to the fact that consumers did not feel safe. This is the feeling that was caused by the blessed invasions. Because of these measurements, the banks had funds and began to search for clients.

(Jimmy Adams, a realtor, in an interview with Paul Barry): "Everybody, everybody and anybody. Anybody who had a, what we call a FICO score of say 500, 525 to, all the way up to the top. Everybody was able to borrow money; it was really unbelievable who could borrow money."

(Paul Barry to Jimmy Adams:) "And what do you have to do to get a FICO score of 500?"

(Jimmy Adams:) "Nothing (laugh). Breathe, you know, fog a mirror. FICO score of 500 usually are indicative of people who have not paid their bills on time, or they have little to no credit, no credit history, no credit lines, maybe they've had a bankruptcy, a foreclosure or a repossession. That is what puts people into a 500 FICO score range."

(Narrator:) "This is how these loans, which did not have any assets, spread. It was in this. The interest rate was high and the arduous contracts were a result of the greed of banks and real estate mortgage companies. As a result, borrowers were unable to pay their debts and the percentage of real estate foreclosure increased, causing home prices to decline. It was a domino effect. Real estate mortgage companies went bankrupt followed by banks. But how did this affect the economies across the world?"

An interview with Satyajit Das, economic expert, with Paul Barry is displayed. Das says: "A German banker recently said to me with a thick German accent, 'Why is somebody not paying their mortgage in Lunenburg, West Virginia,' and this is a real town by the way, 'going to affect me?' And the reason is very simple. Because of the web of transactions in global finance and capital flows, people from all around the world have invested in the US."

(Paul Barry:) "Satyajit Das is a world expert on hedge funds and credit markets and an adviser to banks around the world. Based here in Australia he has long been warning how easily a crisis like this could develop."

(Narrator:) "With the success from God, the mujahidin understood this matter and rushed to take advantage of it."

(Satyajit Das:) "To give you an idea of how global capital flows, 85 percent of capital flows from Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East into the US. And a good chunk of that has gone into the subprime mortgage area or the mortgage area in general."

(Paul Barry:) "So the money comes from overseas and then gets lent to people in Cleveland, Ohio?"

(Satyajit Das:) "That is absolutely correct."

(Paul Barry:) "So when the people in Cleveland, Ohio, stop making their payments, repossession takes place?"

(Satyajit Das:) "That is absolutely correct. It is like the old saying about the chaos theory: the flapping of the wings of a butterfly in the Amazon causes a Caribbean hurricane. And that is what we are seeing now."

(Narrator:) "No one could imagine that there is someone on the face of the earth who is able to strike the United States on their own territory. The terror of this shock had a big impact in concentrating the efforts, energies, and resources of the US Administration into one goal, which is the security of the US, even if this lead to its collapse."

David Wessel, Journalist, the Wall Street Journal, says: "I think the legacy of President Bush, in his mind, is not economic. It is that we did not have a second terrorist attack. He protected us

from another 9/11. And I think he prizes that above the fact that he squandered an opportunity of prosperity to try and resolve some of our long-term fiscal issues and to prepare for bad times like we have now."

(Narrator:) "Instead of searching for the real reason that pushed the mujahidin to carry out these blessed attacks, and instead of taking a look at themselves and rectifying the situation, the Crusader leaders of the West began reciting their lies and foolishness while disparaging the minds of the Americans by saying 'the mujahidin attacked us because they hate the lifestyle of the West.'"

Shaykh Attiyah appears again and says: "Yes, we hate their corruptive financial lifestyle that does not please God, the Great and Exalted, but this is not the direct or important reason for the war or even the only reason. Rather, the more important reason is their assault and crimes against us and our nation. They have been assaulting us for decades through direct occupation at first, followed by appointing collaborative regimes for them in our countries. Then, they support these regimes and corruptive governments against their people, who demand freedom and want to abide by Islam. In addition, they mocked our religion and the messenger of God, peace and prayers be upon him."

(Narrator:) "At the same time the West was exercising the killing and destruction policy under the US leadership against the Islamic nations, this Zionist-Crusader coalition was leading an attack that is more dangerous to the Islamic nation: an intellectual and social attack."

A screen caption appears that reads: "Shahid (Martyr) as we reckon him, Shaykh Abu-al-Nur al-Maqdisi, may God have mercy on him." Footage of Shaykh Al-Maqdisi is displayed, in which he says: "The despicable colonialism, the global Zionist, the malevolent Crusader, the apostate Communist, and the collaborators from their offspring of the agents who are in this nation are all united, collaborative, and in agreement to wipe out the light of Islam and turn the Muslim generations into apostate, non-believing generations against the principles and values that were called for by the honorable messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, and its banner, which was carried by the courageous forefathers and the noble brave people."

Shaykh Attiyah then says: "The cunning and discord they exercised upon our Islamic nation, as well as the plans to spread liberalism and debauchery, would have brought down a mountain if they were poured on it. They accomplished that by two means: desires and obscurity. As for the desires, there is so much to say about it. They began flooding the generation with the pleasures of art, sports, spectacles, the culture of amusement through women and photographs, the culture of enjoyment and pleasure, may God forbid, and all the means that move the desires and instincts without boundaries, kills the virtue and magnanimity, and kills the morals of life. As for obscurities, they fabricated a long line of intellectuals who are just like them, secularists who disbelieve in the religion, and atheists through various manners like resurrection since the days of the despicable Muhammad Ali until today, and through prizes, incentives, cultural exchanges, scholarships, Orientalists, and others, in addition to the means of public culture such as television, radio, journalism, and others. Even the educational curriculum, the account of Englishman Dunlop (Douglas Dunlop, Scottish teacher and missionary 1888-1922) who set the educational curriculum in Egypt, is not beyond us."

(Narrator:) "In spite of all of this animosity that the malevolent Crusader West holds against the Islamic nation, which is revealed through the decades of military and ideological attacks, not all Muslims realized that their real enemy is the Crusader West and their allies are our own people."

Footage of Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi is displayed, in which he says: "It is well documented that the Shari'ah has commanded us to differentiate ourselves from the polytheists in general and from the Christians and Jews in particular. The Prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, insisted on isolation and segregation from them. God Almighty has informed us of their true nature, the intensity of their animosity, and their hidden spite, so that we are aware of their intentions. However, sadly, and due to the massive efforts by the nonbelievers to misguide Muslims and dilute the realities of faith in their hearts and in their minds, and due to this increasing integration, assimilation, and mixing, most differences have been diluted.

"It is those differences between nonbelievers and Muslims that Muslims should have been aware of, protective of, or followed to differentiate themselves so as to not mix paths between the believers and the criminals. Through all this, the nonbelievers have been able to attain anything that they can lay their hands on. This includes articles of faith in Islam and its doctrine, to the point where they are able to rewrite it, corrupt it, and manipulate it in any way they can.

"They are very mindful of how Muslims should be towards them, and thus pushed for this massive corruption which God has warned of."

Archival images of Arab leaders meeting with US presidents, followed by footage of attacks against the United States.

(Narrator:) "In order to attain those dangerous goals, the Crusader West aligned itself with the tyrants of the Islamic world, those that have carried out their roles by bringing forth an array of scholars, academics, media personalities, and artists to aid in the spread of defeatist ideas to promote inaction, spread atheisms, tinker with the Shari'ah, and spread the roots of laziness and idleness among the ranks of the Muslims. It was then that the blessed campaigns against the US to lift the veil from the true nature of the Crusader West, led by the US, were launched. This was also to bring the Muslims out of their slumber and to make them realize the reality of their enemy."

Another footage by Abu-Yahya al-Libi is displayed, in which he says: "This grand blessed jihadist awakening came to bring back things to the way they should have been, dividing the world into two distinct camps, where each camp can clearly fall behind one path that, in no way, can be confused with the other. Through this, the vicious and cruel West has been exposed after hiding behind banners of human rights, equality, freedom, and civilization. The West has now openly professed its war on Islam. It has directed its media outlets from their previous mission of distortion and misrepresentation to an open campaign of animosity, confrontation, and direct spite against the faith and its sanctities. In doing so, the West has exposed itself on the battlefield, no longer able to hide its true nature.

"It is this clear separation that Shari'ah demands and is the first step on the path of victory and triumph, as stated when God Almighty says: 'Thus do We explain the signs in detail: that the way of the sinners may be shown up' (Koranic verse, Al-An'am, 6:55)."

The video shows footage of US losses in Iraq coupled with Iranian and Shiite key figures.

(Narrator:) "From among the blessed outcomes of the campaigns against the US was the fact that the US was dragged into an open war against the Muslim nation, embodied mainly in Iraq. Due to the great battle in Iraq, the true nature of the malice and spite harbored by the rejectionist Shiites against the Sunni population has also come to light. Many of their leaders

have sought out and aligned themselves with the invading Crusader enemy. Once they seized the opportunity themselves, they too went after the Sunni population in the most despicable manner."

Footage from an Arabic program is displayed, in which the host and guest become emotional as the caller intensifies his pleas.

(Caller -- Speech is poetic in nature:) "I call upon you from Baghdad. Woes to you Baghdad, for you were once the light of my eyes. I call upon you from Iraq. My eyes are saddened, crying out for Baghdad, so that I may be able to help her. Shaykh Muhammad, I too was among the thousands of Sunnis in detention. I was among men and women who have asked me to deliver their message. They ask who else other than the people of Islam will come to our aid. Let us call on the Russians or any other person so that they can come to our aid as we sit shackled in prison. The Sunni people are being killed and slandered. I was told to slander my mother, Aisha (the wife of the prophet) and Abu-Bakr (companion of the prophet) but I just could not. It was then that I was spat upon and had filth placed on my beard. Please, save the Sunni people (caller becomes emotional). (Inaudible) the Sunni people and the children of the Sunni people. They ran us out of our homes because we value Umar (companion of the Prophet) and Abu-Bakr."

An audio by Abu-Umar al-Baghdad is presented, in which Al-Baghdadi says: "The Al-Mahdi Army is part of a dangerous three-pronged entity. They have been brought up in the midst of the Khomeini rejectionist revolutionary doctrine. It is an entity that holds malice without equal, primarily towards any Sunni or Sunni follower, and secondly anything that is Arab. The Iran-Iraq war has well documented this hatred. It is this three-pronged entity that has a dangerous plan for a long-term strategic goal. Through this strategy, they aim to reach incremental gains. As for their main goal, they strive in full force to turn Iraq into a rejectionist nation where minorities of faith and race can only operate at the behest of Khomeini's rejectionist Iran. They strive for this goal using any and all methods of trickery and deceit, something that the Persians are well known for throughout their history and a trait of the current Magi policy of Iran."

Then, the video shows footage of arrested individuals and key jihadist ideologues.

(Narrator:) "It was God's will that these camps differentiated themselves from one another. The events that took place after the campaigns against the United States represented a stern test for the nation in general and particularly for the scholars and the seekers of faith. God has bestowed success among the honest among them, as they are many, praise be to God, for we consider them as such. They have been blessed with steadfastness along the path of truth and in their support and guidance for the mujahidin. They have stood with the mujahidin to stand in the face of this new Crusader camping and to repel the corruption that threatens this Islamic nation.

"Shaykh Abu-al-Walid al-Ghazzi al-Ansari, may God protect him says:

(Shaykh Abu-al-Walid al-Ghazzi al-Ansari:) "This great religion is a religion that is full of life and will continue to live by means of this Islamic nation through those that stand in the face of the enemies of God. This is a religion that counters every argument with its own argument. The revelation that God has blessed us with is guidance to people. The more the enemies of God Almighty ambush it and scheme against it, the more He utilizes for it those who defend it, the mujahidin for His sake, at whose hands God reveals the truth and grants them victory through Him and grants it (religion) victory through them.

"There is no doubt that this movement is the water of life and is its spirit. It is the practical demonstration and the actual implementation of what God has commanded concerning His

monotheism, the disbelief in tyrants, faith in God, support for the believers, antagonism towards the non-believers, love of God, support of the weakened, help for the oppressed, dictating the do's and don'ts, migration, spending and tracking. All of these are meanings that require the support of God the Almighty, with the help of God the Almighty for his worshippers, as He the Great and the Almighty says: 'For verily Allah is with those who do right' (Koranic verse, Al-Ankabut, 29:69)."

The video shows a still image of Shaykh Abu-Muhammad al-Maqdisi. The narrator then says: "In a message entitled 'Ramadan: The Month of Victories and Change,' Shaykh Abu-Muhammad al-Maqdisi, may God protect him, said: 'Yes, these are decisive days in which people were divided into two groups and God has turned a new page for Muslims that will change their bitter reality, God willing, from which they have suffered for decades.

"Thus, a believer should not fail his religion or remain passive and play no role in supporting his religion in such decisive days. The Almighty says: 'Not equal among you are those who spent (freely) and fought, before the Victory, (with those who did so later). Those are higher in rank than those who spent (freely) and fought afterwards' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Hadis, 57:10). Whoever escapes these wars to save himself will regret in the future (Poetic verse). Therefore, every Muslim must rise to the ranks of the supporters of religion, take their side, and catch their procession, wherever they are. He must raise his deeds and expectations to measure up to his great responsibility and the vital duty toward his religion to sacrifice the precious and expensive for the sake of the victory of his religion. It is his religion alone that is targeted by the enemies, whether he accepted or rejected this fact. Beware not to be deceived by which they have prepared you to do (Poetic verse)."

The video then displays a still image of Shaykh Dr Sa'id Bin-Zi'ayr, and the narrator says:

"Shaykh Dr Sa'id Bin-Zi'ayr, may God set him free, said (in Shaykh Bin-Zi'ayr's voice) 'In the speech of the pope (REFERENCE to Pope Benedict XVI), there was a hint about the sword of Islam and that Islam is spread by the sword. I compare the sword of Islam to the sword of the Crusaders. The sword of Islam is the sword that brought civilization to Spain and the sword of the Crusaders is the sword that established the Inquisitorial courts in Spain. The sword of Islam obligated self-defense, and the sword of the Crusaders destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The sword of the Crusaders, led by the Western coalition, is what brought destruction to Afghanistan and Iraq. It burned down the land and people and set everywhere ablaze. By such statements, the pope is still pouring oil on fire."

The narrator then says: "The price of standing by the truth was a flood of sacrifices and afflictions that were offered and endured by those scholars who were firm on the truth and would not change. We ask God to grant them and us steadfastness."

A still image of Shaykh Abu-Qatadah al-Filistini is displayed. The narrator then says: "Shaykh Abu-Qatadah al-Filistini, may God set him free, said: 'One of the greatest blessings, which your brothers are experiencing here, is their trust in God and this religion and the course of jihad, which has achieved for the Muslim ummah what could not have been achieved in hundreds of years through the efforts of the preachers. The meaning of the (doctrine of) Loyalty and Disavowal became most clear between the Muslims and the polytheists. God has shown the disbelief of the unbelievers and their hatred for and denial of what cannot be denied except by an infidel or a blind person. The relationship between your brothers and God has increased in obedience, loyalty, and humbleness. They are able to enchain our bodies only, but our spirits are stronger than their prisons. Our words of the truth can never be controlled by their chains.

Bodies were never a scale of victory or defeat. The scale of truth and its sublimity is the real measure. I wished I could tell you in detail about the conditions of your brothers here in prison one by one, but the condition and time are not enough. However, be informed that the matter is too great to be described and the meanings are too big to be expressed by words. I wish that God enable me one day to write some of what I have seen, observed, and felt, as a fuel for the Muslim ummah and the mujahidin, so that they do not become victims of despair or sorrow and instead continue on their path. This is truly and honestly the path of the prophets and the saints. If the mujahidin and their loved ones see some of what we have seen here, they will realize the victory that is being achieved every day at their hands because of their jihad and steadfastness. Let people not be deceived by the fabricated and false news that claim that they (mujahidin) are the reason behind the imprisonment and torture of people. On the contrary, by God, they are the mercy that was sent to the people in prisons and all people on earth."

The video then shows footage of a number of Islamic figures. It shows Shaykh Yusuf al-Qaradawi with King Abdallah Bin-Abd-al-Aziz of Saudi Arabia and a still image of Shaykh Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, the grand imam of the Azhar, shaking hands with Israeli President Shimon Perez.

(Narrator:) "On the other hand, some people who are affiliated with the field of da'wah (call to Islam) suffered a set back and joined the ranks of the scholars of evil, forming a front to defend the apostate rulers through spreading doubts against the mujahidin, searching for barefaced excuses and pretexts for the arrogant tyrants. They exerted efforts to discourage people about jihad and defame whoever raises the banner of jihad and takes part in its arenas."

Then the video shows footage of Shaykh A'id al-Qarni saying: "First, I would like to thank the president, the national example, Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika. The project which he started, supervised, developed, and publicized is the right project. I congratulate him on this step." After that, the video shows different footage of Al-Qarni speaking to the Al-Arabiyah Satellite Channel saying: "This program has succeeded, thanks be to God, by the testimony of the far and the near. It achieved its aims and reaped its ripe fruits. The world, including the world's biggest country; the United States, testified that this program has succeeded. Many countries want to copy this Saudi experience."

Then, the video shows footage of a television interview with Shaykh Al-Ubaykan, saying: "We say here that there is no banner for the people of Al-Fallujah, because there is a ruler who stands against them and they are revolting against him and also there is no ability." The interviewer interrupted Shaykh Al-Ubaykan and asked him: "Do you mean the interim Iraqi Government?" Shaykh Al-Ubaykan answered: "Yes, and it is a true government."

The video shows Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri saying: "O our Muslim ummah, take the initiative of jihad. The governments have betrayed and the authorities have languished. This is the era of the jihad of the ummah. O Muslim who cares for supporting Islam, do not wait for permission of the leader of your organization nor your mufti (Islamic figure releasing religious opinions) who are forbidden to take part in jihad. The one who does not perform the jihad in his young age for decades, he will never perform jihad when he reaches old age."

The video shows footages of operations and some mujahidin.

(Narrator:) "The mujahidin did not pay attention to the callers of discouragement and hindrance. They continued their jihad, relying on their creator and master. They were not harmed by those who disagreed with them or disappointed them. God has enabled them to foil

the Zionist-Crusader project in the region, the most important aims of which were to control the strongholds of the countries of Islam, creating what they called the great Middle East. This would control the world's largest reservoir of oil and pave the way for the establishment of the great State of Israel from river to river (from Euphrates to Nile Rivers). This project was supervised by a group of the influential conservatives in the former Bush administration."

Shaykh Attiyah appears again saying: "Everything happens according to the evaluation of God, His will in his creation. The cases are circles in a chain and every circle leads to another. Where were the neoconservatives and where did they go? Are they not a reaction to the revival of our Islamic ummah? Yes, the relationship between us changed to revolve now around religion. Therefore, when the battle turns into a religious battle in the first place, the people of Islam will be victorious, God willing. They have defeated and subdued us when they managed to take us away from the religion and when they deceived us for decades and centuries by making us think that war is over something else beside religion, such as political and economic conflicts, etc.

"They have taken religion away from the battle. This is what they did in Palestine. The conservatives of Bush are a reflection of this circle. Their war is religious. Almighty God says: 'Nor will they cease fighting you until they turn you back from your faith if they can' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Baqarah, 2:217). They would have launched the war against us whether we started it or not, because they realized that we woke up from our sleep and that we were coming. Therefore, it was wise that the mujahidin took the initiative as much as they could."

The narrator then said: "This hostile attitude against Islam and Muslims was not restricted to the conservatives of the United States only, but it extended to include the conservative camp in the entire Western world. It was very clear in the developments of the invasion of Iraq."

Shaykh Attiyah appears once again saying: "The issue was very clear in their war on Iraq. Look at this with me. All the Western countries that took part in the Crusader coalition in Iraq are led by conservative governments. Not only this, but the conservatives in the opposition supported the war. Take Germany for instance: Angela Merkel and her party supported the war on Iraq and called for taking part in it although they were in the opposition at the time. They lost the elections but they wanted to show that they clung to their principles. Can you imagine this? This Angela Merkel and her party were in the opposition and lost the election; nonetheless, they supported the invasion of Iraq and called for taking part in the war. By the way, they are now about to hold new general elections. They are at a crossroads. The mujahidin have warned them and gave them a chance to retreat, which was clarified by our brother Abu-Hafiz Talha al-Almani, may God protect and guide him.

"The amazing proof is that the conservatives in Britain, who were in the opposition at this time, supported the war. Because of those conservatives and due to his religiosity, Blair, who is a Labor, cooperated with Bush and the neoconservatives in the United States to take part in the war in spite of fact that in their systems the duty of the opposition is to oppose in order to weaken the government. However, when the issue was related to a principle and a doctrine, they supported the government.

"This also clarifies why the non-conservative governments, such as Germany, led then by the Democratic Socialist Party, Canada, Sweden, and Belgium, did not take part in the war on Iraq. This is a very important indication. I hope some of our brothers in the good jihadist media establishments on the internet discuss this topic carefully. Thank God, we are seeing the failure of the project of the neoconservatives even in the United States itself. (They moved from) their

intellectual and strategic retreats and setbacks and their multiple scandals to their defeat in the elections until their rejection by US society."

The narrator then says: "The last of the setbacks of the Bush administration was a shameful political defeat."

Footage of Azzam al-Amriki is displayed, in which he says: "George Bush Jr wanted to be remembered in history as the so-called warrior president who launched a successful Crusade against Islam and the Muslims. Instead, not only were his Crusades failing, but he will also be remembered in history as United States' worst president ever and a war criminal who left office enjoying the lowest approval rating of any chief executive in American history. He left office being hated even by his fellow Republicans. But now, thanks to him and to their support for him, the y are now a mino rity in Congress. The important question now is, will Obama and the Democrats learn from the predecessors' mistakes, or will they go on repeating them until they too leave office in humiliation and disgrace ? Unfortunately, and judging by their first seven and a half months since they were handed over the stricken American ship, the prognosis doesn't look good."

(Narrator:) "The Democrats took over and searched for the reasons of this disastrous crisis which the United States is living. They arrived at the conclusion that the major reason was that the US animosity towards Islam and Muslims has now become known to all the Muslims. Thus, their (Americans) search centers started to examine solutions that will get them out of this crisis. However, they always find patching solutions instead of radical ones."

Footage of document defining the RAND Corporation is displayed.

Al-Zawahiri appears on the screen saying: "After all these years, Bush left defeated to the dumpster of history, praise God. The US returned with a new deceptive face that smiles while sticking in our sides the same dagger that was used by Bush and his Crusader predecessors in the United States, Europe and the West. To continue with his deception so that the crimes of the United States go unnoticed and the ruling party continues leading their people to death and bankruptcy to satisfy their unlimited greed for money and gains, Obama resorted to the tactics of his predecessors of lying and selling illusions."

(Narrator:) As is the case with all the Mukhadhilin (people who discourage others from fighting), those who are fascinated by their love for life, and their hatred for death, their leader A'id al-Qarni took charge of defending Obama and improving his image in the eyes of Muslims. That was while his army was still occupying the Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and his aircraft were still dropping bombs on the heads of our sons, mothers, and our mujahidin in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gaza. That is because those who have no shame can do whatever they want.

Photos of children critically wounded are displayed.

(Narrator:) "The following are excerpts from an article of him (A'id al-Qarni) entitled "Welcome Barack Obama,' saying: "The President of the greatest nation came to our home and talked to us with flexibility, though we knew that he was speaking out of power. (We knew that) he was not a president of a university or a director of a company or a dean of a faculty. He is the critical-decision maker in the world. The Arab poet says: 'Do not oppose him who, if he says, it is done.' Barack Obama chose the words of his speech carefully. He did not hurt our feelings, but his behavior, in his journey and speech, was that of the most responsible person in the world. He started in Riyadh, the capital of the cradle of Islam. He doubled it in Cairo, the melting pot of

civilizations and the mother of the Arab culture. He extended his hand to the Islamic world. He supported the call of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for inter-religious dialogue. What is the proper thing to do in this situation? Our wise people, our decision makers, our orators, and authors must answer him with a rightly guided, wise, rational, and flexible speech. They must thank him and encourage him to implement what he has promised. They must go along with him step by step. As for the speeches of condemnation, threats, suspicion in his intentions and disapproval of what he had said, these come from reckless, twisted, and thoughtless logic."

(Narrator:) "He (referring to Al-Qarni) concluded his words with the following: 'We tell Barack Obama, what a blessed moment, O Abu-Husayn!'"

Dr Mohammad Al-Ahmari, who is identified in the video as an Islamic thinker, says: "He also used praise. There is an Arab proverb which says 'Praise a Bedouin, and you can get anything from him.' Thus, this praise makes people comfortable, but at the end it is not, most probably, in their interest. Look at Obama's speech, for example. A group of Jews participated in discussing his speech, before he made it, to the extent that they were able to take away the expression 'the Muslim world.' It was taken away from the speech.

"Actually, before his taking power, before the other (Democratic) party came to power, there was a need to change the language of speech used when dealing with the Muslim world. This means that the language should include some praise and recognition so that they (Americans) can, after a while, resolve their problems by involving the Muslims against each other in resolving this issue, just as it happened in Afghanistan in the past. The Arabs and Muslims helped a lot in that regard. They now need to use a smooth language in addressing the Muslim world so that they help in resolving problems, particularly in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

(Narrator:) "A political- financial alliance, presided by the owners of big companies, controls the United States. The interests of this alliance do not change, even if the administration changes. "Robert Baer, a member in the CIA for more than 20 years, exposes this matter and the methodical corruption of the consecutive US administrations in buying people's conscience, especially the conscience of the rulers of the Gulf (countries)."

The video shows part of an interview with Baer

(Interviewer) "You were a briber?"

(Baer:) "I bribed all sorts of people. That is what I was trained to do. During 21 years in the CIA, I spent millions of dollars in cash bribing government officials, bribing Gulf princes, buying hookers for Gulf princes."

(Interviewer:) "Where you ever competing with multi-national corporations?"

(Baer:) "That was who we competed with, because they could pay real money. Let's face it, the CIA were pikers when it came to this. It was the big corporations that could out-buy us any day of the year."

(Narrator:) "This scheming to corrupt and steal the nation's wealth strongly appears in the Al-Yamamah deal, whose threads continue to be exposed everyday."

An anchorman in the background speaking in English says: "Peter Gardner was a high travel agent working in London when the Al-Yamamah contract was signed. One of his clients was

Prince Bandar's cousin, the Saudi Prince Turki Bin-Nasir. He was the deputy commander of the Royal Saudi Air Force, in charge of administering the Al-Yamamah contract."

(Gardner:) "I could see the lifestyle of people improving vastly during this period."

(Anchorman:) "You mean Prince Turki Nasir?"

(Gardner:) "Yes, his lifestyle changed greatly."

(Anchorman:) "All of a sudden, he had more jets or more mansions?"

(Gardner:) "Well, it was the long-time building taking place in Beverley Hills, and there were very nice aircraft that were appearing, and there was a yacht. Money did not seem to be tight anymore."

(Anchorman:) "It was not just Prince Turki Bin-Nasir's family that was benefiting. When his son married the daughter of Prince Bandar Bin-Sultan, it was Gardner's travel agency that made the arrangements for their lavish two-month round the world honeymoon."

(Gardner:) "I went (inaudible) to set things up. They knew exactly where they wanted to go. They wanted to start in Singapore, and then from Singapore they went to Bali, then afterwards, they went to Hawaii."

(Anchorman:) "Who paid for Prince Bandar's daughter's honeymoon?"

(Gardner:) "It was paid by BAE (Systems)."

(Anchorman:) "Did you ever ask why it was set up this way? Why is BAE paying it and not the Saudi royal family?"

(Gardner:) "Well, I did raise the question with BAE, and BAE made it very clear to us that this is a highly confidential government-to-government contract."

(Anchorman:) "A country-to-country contract? To provide travel services, honeymoons, Rolls Royces, and so forth?"

(Gardner:) "Yes. It is unusual. I had never seen anything like it before, and I haven't seen any like it since. It was unique."

(Narrator:) "But the signatory of this deal, the Sultan, was the one who received the lion's share. Money was transferred to his accounts in Swiss banks. As for his son, who is the main person behind this deal, \$2 billion were transferred to his account in Washington as a commission for his contribution to reaching this deal."

A video shows David Leigh, executive editor of investigations at The Guardian.

(Narrator:) "When this shameless bribe was asked about the spread of corruption in the ruling Al Sa'ud family, he answered in a way that probably Satan would be ashamed to say."

(Bandar Bin-Sultan:) "What I am trying to tell you is, 'so what?' We did not invent corruption. This happens since Adam and Eve. I mean Adam and Eve were in heaven, and they had hanky-

panky and they had to go down to earth. This is human nature. But we are not as bad as you think."

(Narrator:) "It is these corruptive samples of rulers, who destroyed the word and the offspring, who are the ones with whom the West is pleased and supports, because they help it in robbing the wealth of the Muslim nation and repress its sons that rebel against its tyranny."

"Here is Jimmy Carter, a former Democratic president and one of the great supporters of Obama. He praises shameless Bandar."

(Anchorman asking President Carter:) "Do you know Prince Bandar?"

(Carter:) "Of course, very well."

(Anchorman:) "How would you describe him?"

(President Carter:) "He is a master diplomat. As a friend of mine, he has been quail hunting with me, which is about as close in the south as you get to know another person, to invite him to quail hunting. So, Bandar is a close friend of mine."

(Narrator:) "In spite of the integrity and respect for the law which the West claims, they ignored all these values and stopped the investigation into the scandal of the Al-Yamamah deal, because Bandar carried a message from his father to Blair. In the message, he threatened that if he does not stop the investigation, Al Sa'ud will end their alliance with the West in their fight against Islam and Muslims, or what they call the war on terrorism."

The video shows Blair and Bush standing, and a journalist asks Blair whether he was aware that his government was approving payments to a friend of Bush, based on which he stopped the fraud inquiries.

(Narrator:) "Immediately after stopping the investigation in this scandal, Abdallah, accompanied by Bandar, visited Britain to make sure that the investigations had already stopped, and in return to renew the commitment to fight Islam and Muslims and to dedicate more of the resources of the nation to create more job opportunities for the sons of the Crusader Britain."

Then, the video shows excerpts of a speech by Queen Elizabeth II, in which she speaks about working together against the terrorists, who, as she said, "threaten the way of life in both countries."

(Narrator:) "For the continuation of this alliance between the Crusader West, led by the United States, and the Al Sa'ud government, the kingdom of Al Sa'ud was the first Arab country to be visited by Obama in order to stress the importance of the role of the Riyadh government in fighting Islam and looting the wealth and money of Muslims. This was contrary to what Obama claimed during his electoral campaign, that he would lessen his country's dependence on tyrannical governments in the region. This shows that the changes that Obama had called for were nothing but void slogans to win the votes of Americans who were disappointed by the Bush administration. As for his promises of closing down Guantanamo and other secret prisons, he began to retract them one after the other. He additionally ordered the expansion of Bagram detention camp, the circumstances inside of which the conspirator media outlets avoid covering, which are worse than those in Guantanamo."

(Abu-Yahya al-Libi:) "The issue of the US prisons is too profound and extended to be restricted to the detention camp in Guantanamo. There is a network, or let us say a jungle, of secret and publicly known prisons where the United States is still keeping hundreds of mujahidin and average Muslims as prisoners inside the United States and overseas. We are not among those who measure things according to the US scales. Neither are we among those who are led by the effects of its promoters and propaganda, but we have our pure Shari'ah scales for evaluation. Our religion makes it compulsory for us to release Muslim captives from the hands of the infidels, no matter who or in which prison they are, even in prisons of Afghanistan, Iraq, the United States, Guantanamo, or any other place in their jungle of secret prisons between which they transfer prisoners in their secret journeys. Obama claims that he will close the Guantanamo prison while his occupation forces in Afghanistan are expanding the Bagram prison and constructing a special huge section in Boycherkhi where they have already transported a number of Guantanamo prisoners."

(Narrator:) "Among the setbacks of Obama was his giving immunity to the CIA executioners who have practiced and continue to practice the worst kinds of torture on Muslim captives, either directly -- which the CIA and its allies have admitted -- or indirectly by assigning agents to do the job on their behalf, as was the case with the murderers of Blackwater and agent Jack." Then, the video shows an example of torturing a detainee by drowning his head in a bucket of water. It also shows beating prisoners before and after waterboarding them to extract confessions.

(Narrator:) "Assassin Dick Cheney claimed that big results were achieved by using barbaric ways of torture by the US Army and its intelligence. Those stunning results are shown in the following shots."

Then the video shows a US soldiers humiliating a prisoner and making fun of him.

(Narrator:) "These shots also show the collusion of ISAF with the mercenary murderers. Those officers of the NATO forces utilize the capabilities of the alliance to search for alleged explosives, to which Muslim captives guided them after their torture. The black comedy in this context is the declaration of the Obama administration that airing the pictures of the US captive was an infringement of human rights and international laws, while they ignore the abominable practices that man is too ashamed to mention, and which they use against hundreds and thousands of Muslim captives in their secret prisons and detention camps."

Then the video shows Azzam al-Amriki speaking with an Arabic voice over.

(Azzam al-Amriki:) "The American people, while they are concerned about the fate of the young US soldiers from Idaho who is captured in Afghanistan, must also start thinking of the conditions and sufferings of the thousand of Muslims detained by their government, locally and abroad, such as Dr Umar Abd-al-Rahman, may God expedite his release. He (Dr. Umar) is an old man in bad health who is under very cruel detention conditions in local US prisons for more than 15 years, after arresting him for a trivial infringement of US law and then convicting him on false accusations faked by a sneaky informant. The Americans have to understand that what matters is not whether our brothers are being held in Cuba, Afghanistan, Diego Garcia Island, Belmarsh prison, or Michigan, Montana, or Fort Leavenworth. What matters is that they are being held without right by those who deny God's divine law and often disparage the basic principles of ethical behavior, even if they hypocritically claim that they follow the proper behavior."

A Koranic verse is recited that reads: "Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion - the one which He has chosen for them; and that He will change (their state), after the fear in which they (lived), to one of security and peace: They will worship Me (alone) and not associate aught with Me. If any do reject Faith after this, they are rebellious and wicked (Koranic verse, Al-Nur, 24:55)."

(End of Part 1)