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[Terrorism: Abu-Yahya al-Libi Issues Statement 'Mullah Dadollah: I Pray That I Limp My Way to Heaven' On 6 June, a jihadist website posted links to a video produced by the Al-Sahab Media Production Establishment that contained a 20-minute and 49-second audio statement issued by Abu-Yahya al-Libi, one of the Al-Qa’ida leaders in Afghanistan and a Baghram prison escapee, entitled "Mullah Dadollah: I Pray that I Limp My Way to Heaven." The video begins with supplications against the enemy and a Koranic verse followed by Mullah Dadollah in various supplications, followed by a Koranic recitation. Al-Libi then appears on the screen with pictures of Dadollah in the background and a machinegun resting against the wall next to him. Al-Libi begins to speak, eulogizing the Afghani Taliban leader and praising him for the bravery and courage he displayed throughout his jihad life. He finally calls upon the Muslim nation not to believe the media and to realize that the mujahidin, such as Mullah Dadollah, are people who are not seeking fame or approval from other nations.

A translation of Al-Libi’s audio message follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

"Praise be to God, and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God and upon his family, his companions, and all of his followers.

"Brothers in Islam may the peace, blessings, and mercy of God be with you.

"The Islamic nation continues to offer its best men and to sacrifice its finest sons and leaders in order to protect its faith and the sharia and to prove that the preservation of its principles, the accomplishment of what is right, and the establishment of justice are more important and more dear to it than life, to which the unwise cling.

"It was planned for this justly balanced ummah (Muslim nation) to have an approach that does not include hesitation or purpose other than running toward God empty-handed except for faith, devotion, and endurance in the jihad for the cause of God. Everything, other than devotion, piety, and right guidance, is subject to extinction. Acting on this firm principle and deep understanding of it, the processions of truth went forward. The caravans of the true guidance (Islam) campaign came in succession, one after the other. Their martyrs continued to fall, but the caravans did not falter and their living continued to hold on to the covenant, empowering them, while setting examples for their future generations. They continue their walk, 'Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait: but they have never changed (their determination) in the least' (Koranic verse; Al-Ahzab 33:23).

"Yesterday, we said farewell to respected leaders and history makers and authors of heroic epics; men who came from distant countries and different ethnic groups but had comparable history and similar goals: Abu-Mus’ab al-Zarqawi, Abu-Umar al-Sayf, Shamil Basayiv, Abu-Muhammad al-Turkistani, Abu-al-Darda’a al-Kurdi, Abd-al-Hannan al-Afghani and others who left behind a breathing heritage and immeasurable contribution of high spirit and strong determination and
of overcoming difficulties and perseverance from which their nation can benefit after they are gone and from where they can release hidden and dormant forces. There will be men who will grow to speak of their deeds, imitate their lives, fill the gap they left behind, and follow their examples, just as the chosen one, prayers and peace be upon him, had said, 'God continues to plant in this religion seeds, which He uses in His obedience' (Hadith), and our nation is a fruitful nation. Today we bid farewell to a courageous leader and one of the noble leaders who were the products of this creed and the outcome of these events; who were moved by faith; and whose faith and yearning for heaven diluted the dangers they were facing. By the will of God, he went to join the awe-inspiring procession and the blessed caravan of martyrs. He is the adventurous hero, the lion of war, and the man who plunged into hardship, Mullah Dadollah, may God have mercy on his soul.

"After a life which he spent in the battlefields fighting the infidels and the misguided with his tongue and his sword and by continuously motivating the sons of his ummah and planting the hope of victory in the hearts of the desolate and the disheartened and consoling the afflicted and the ill-fated, he ended this rich life with his martyrdom in the cause of God. We consider him a martyr, but God is the final judge. What an honorable finish and a blessed end. Though his loss is a great misfortune for us, our consolation is greater because of the worthy way his life ended and his desire was realized. The Koran is sufficient to console us when afflicted, and its true verses lift up the haze of calamities and light up the darkness of sorrow. By it, the hearts are reassured, the souls are put at ease, and the wounds are dressed. Thus, let it be our provision when afflicted and our consoler to which we give preference over any misfortune. By it, we recite the consolation before the affliction."

"And say not of those who are slain in the way of Allah. 'They are dead.' Nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not. Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere, Who say, when afflicted with calamity: 'To Allah We belong, and to Him is our return'. (Koranic verses; Al-Baqarah 2:154-156)

"To our predecessors who are our masters and our role models, they were the example of patience during affliction, perseverance during tribulations, and self-control and cohesion in facing them so that there is no anxiety or panic. They do not rejoice if their arrows reach a people (enemy), and they do not panic if they are reached. This is their description, and this is how, God willing, we will be. Those men, just as they revived the ummah with their actions, roused its fervor with their fearlessness and propelled it toward sacrifice with the truth of their words, they will revive it, God willing, with their blood and awaken it with the wonders of their stories and move it forward with their good impact. It is as if they will never die. Our impact speaks for us, so after we (pass on), look at the impact. Truly, the story of faith is one, its school remains and its doors are open, and the person's grade depends on his diligence and jihad, his veracity and loyalty, his fervor and his patience. This is a beaming page from the past, the letters of which are written out by the light of conviction and the chapters of which are told by the desire to meet the Lord of all creation. There is no place in it for pedigree, lineage, genders, or colors. He whose actions slow him down is not sped up by his lineage.

"Amr Bin-al-Jamuh, may God be pleased with him, was a man who had a severe limp and he had four sons who were like lions, who witnessed scenes with the messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him. When the day of Uhud (a battle fought in 625 between Muslims from Medina and a group from Mecca) came, they wanted to constrain him and they said to him 'God, the Great and Almighty, excused you.' The messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him, arrived and he said: 'My sons want to restrain me from (moving) in this direction, but by God, I
hope to limp in Heaven.' The messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'As for you, God has excused you so jihad is not required of you,' and he said to his sons: 'You should not prevent him, for perhaps God might grant him martyrdom.' So he departed with him and was martyred on the day of Uhud.

"Today, as we are in the era of opulence and squandering, arrogance and licentiousness, and being attached to this life, the story of the faith is itself repeated and its details renewed because it has men who know its value, take from its wellspring, and move around freely in its vastness. The leg of Mullah Dadollah, may God have mercy on him, was severed in the battlefield while he carried out the adventures of misfortune. He could have distanced himself, relieved himself from inherent hardship and perpetual tiredness, and utilized the excuse given to him by God. 'It is no fault in the blind nor in one born lame, nor in one afflicted with illness' (partial Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:61). However, the spirit of faith by which he lived, the enjoyment of jihad that he tasted and to which he became accustomed, and the meaning of glory which flowed through his veins like the flowing of blood, rejected this for him. He chose for himself to be among the community of truth and the successful group, referred to by God as: 'Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day ask thee for no exemption from fighting with their good and persons. And Allah knoweth well those who do their duty' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:44). He was not affected by war, despite its severity. He did not give up, despite the hardships. His leg is gone and, God willing, arrived first at the place he loves (paradise). He remained loyal to it, steadfast to the path on which he said farewell to it. He refused to be among those who mine for excuses, the fabricators of justifications, and obscurers of their weakness with the most feeble of reasons -- the group of those who abstain (from jihad), the defeated, whom the Knower of All, the All-Aware described as: 'Only those ask thee for exemption who believe not in Allah and the Last Day, and whose hearts are in doubt, so that they are tossed in their doubts to and fro' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:45). To return to us, with his one leg, a bygone story and say with his candid and lucid action: 'I pray that I limp my way to heaven.'

"Yes, the Mullah Dadollah, may God have mercy on him, did not graduate from a military college to emerge to his ummah after its years as a slave to the khamisah (silk outfit), velvet, the dirham, and the dinar (currency), expert only in marching, banging on drums, sounding the trumpets, and performing salutes. However, he graduated from a school, the key to which is: 'Let those fight in the cause of Allah Who sell the life of this world for the hereafter. To him who fighteth in the cause of Allah, - whether he is slain or gets victory - Soon shall We give him a reward of great (value)' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:74), the badge of honor of which is: 'Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah; they are the people who will achieve (salvation)' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:20), and graduation certificate of which is: 'And if ye are slain, or die, in the way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all they could amass' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:157).

"Mullah Dadollah, God rest his soul, did not receive his certificate and his attributes from a university of diplomacy, nor did he graduate from such a university proficient in the art of flattery, eloquence, lies, or drama to perform in front of the media. He received what he had through the grace and reverence of Islam, faith, and Truth, and by shunning evil. His guidance in this was what Umar said: 'We were nothing before Islam, then God honored us with Islam, but if we ever seek glory with other than Islam, God will humiliate us.' 'Mulla Dadollah, God rest his soul, did not reach that which he did by visiting the capitals of infidelity, by humiliating himself, or by respecting, adhering to, or recognizing any international legitimacy, nor did he turn to the polytheist (United) Nations or care for the decisions of the Security Council, nor did he care to stand in front of the polytheist and enjoy any applause for
any ornate speech of his. Instead, we feel he reached a virtuous rank in the ummah through his patience and his awareness. 'And We appointed, from among them, leaders, giving guidance under Our command, so long as they persevered with patience and continued to have faith in Our Signs' (Koranic verse; Al-Sajdah 32:24).

"When the legions of infidels invaded his country by land, air, and sea, and when his own countrymen agreed to uproot Islam from Afghanistan, emulating and admiring the decadence and corruption of the West and its culture, this lion stood in the midst of them all as 'men said to them: 'A great army is gathering against you:' And frightened them: But it (only) increased their Faith: They said: 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs'.’ (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:173)

"As evil spread throughout the land, God threatened and promised 'it is only the Evil One that suggests to you the fear of his votaries: Be ye not afraid of them, but fear Me, if ye have Faith' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:175). So he roamed throughout the land, from one mountain to another, from one village to another, and from one valley to another, instigating Muslims to fight. He brought them tidings of victory that comes with patience. They saw him delve into fierce battles, the likes of which even the strongest cannot withstand. Every time he was warned and cautioned of death and of getting killed, his courage and his eagerness responded: 'Wherever ye are, death will find you out, even if ye are in towers built up strong and high!' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:78) Thus, these legions of infidelity tasted death and agony at the hands of this hero and his brothers, breaking their unity and spreading discord among them. They became the joke of the world after having been the police of it. The utmost pride is felt by an army when a single member can disjoin all the soldiers. Oh you Crusader worshippers and all their collaborators, we bring you tidings of a summer like a sword that will cut through you, demolish your sites, and dismember you. The soldiers of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan have well prepared for the matter and the martyrdom seekers who have graduated from the university of jihad at the hands of Mullah Dadollah and his brothers. (They) have begun in this season of determination to gather as they compete for gaining the honor of being the first to take revenge upon the groups of treachery of apostasy. You can prepare all sorts of lies to spread as you wish for you are futilely seeking to cover up the truth and to distort the reality. We have become accustomed to the outrageous lies and to the embarrassing corruption of the truth by the media of Karzai. As the old proverb says: 'You may behave as you please if you have no shame.'

"Every time a suicide operation occurs in a remote village or in a road in the middle of the desert, a spokesperson of theirs comes out announcing that the dead were women, children, and the elderly. We all know that these imposters exert the biggest efforts to support their claims and to better their image; why else do they not show pictures of their dead and wounded in their media if they are truthful? Therefore, we warn all Muslims who get mislead by such falsities to separate themselves from these insignificant beings, from believing these lies, and to say to these criminals 'Produce your proof if ye are truthful' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:111).

"Oh ummah of Islam who carry the banner of monotheism, those who speak little and do much are your leaders so fight for the truth, avoid that which is prohibited, and feed this faith with your pure and fragrant blood. Walk in their path and be true to their promise as 'Those were the (prophets) who received Allah's guidance: Copy the guidance they received' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am 6:90) for they will not be affected by those who let them down and God has created many more besides us. He who carries out jihad does so for his own good and God is not in need of anyone.
"Our last supplications are praise be to God, Lord of all creation."