

Al-Libi Eulogizes Ibn-al-Shaykh, Vows 'Revenge' Against Libyan Regime

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On 25 July, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to a 26-minute 20-second audio statement of different qualities by Al-Qa'ida figure Abu-Yahya al-Libi entitled "Ibn-al-Shaykh: The Grave Rather Than Retreat." In the statement, he eulogizes Ali Abd-al-Aziz al-Fakhiri, also know as Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, who died in a Libyan prison earlier this year. The recording features a still image of Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi wrapped in a shroud. In the audio statement, Al-Libi accuses "the apostate, collaborationist regime in Libya" of killing Ibn-al-Shaykh. The video was produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida Organization, and published by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the audio message follows:

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

"Praise be to God, and peace and prayers be upon the Messenger of God, his household, his companions, and his followers.

"O ummah of Islam, may the peace and blessings of God be upon you.

"It was hard for me to see a modern and luminous chapter of history being folded secretly and eulogized in the corridors of darkness, to be a forgotten event and concealed news. This happens at a time during which injustice prevails, ruffraff control every corner, and tyrants are on the increase. Thus, the noble people are insulted while the base ones are honored; the dishonorable one is favored while the pious one is excluded; the faithful advisors are shackled while the corrupt and corrupting people are free; and the righteous people are killed while the evil sinners are being glorified. God is fully aware of the misdeeds of the wrong doers. God the Almighty says: "Think not that Allah doth not heed the deeds of those who do wrong. He but giveth them respite against a Day when the eyes will fixedly stare in horror. They are running forward with necks outstretched, their heads uplifted, their gaze returning not towards them, and their hearts a (gaping) void!" (Koranic verse; Ibrahim, 14:42-43).

"In a hideous crime that will be added to the list of dreadful crimes, the apostate and collaborationist regime in Libya killed the heroic mujahid, the steadfast muhajir (foreign fighter) and patient captive, brother Ali Abd-al-Aziz al-Fakhiri, also known as Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, may he rest in peace and may God reward him with a high rank in Paradise.

"This regime killed him while he was shackled and chained. It is as if Ahmad Shawqi (poet) meant him when he eulogized one of his jihadist grandfathers, Umar al-Mukhtar, saying:

"Lions are roaring while they are shackled

"And you will not find a lion in a prison crying because of humiliation

"The prisoner came with chains like a lion holding a spotted snake

"Shackles tied his leg and years changed his features

"Death is not for swords or fight and those who give the effective stab' (Poetic verse).

"Thirteen years ago, the guardians of criminality and the murderers, that is, the soldiers of Musaylimah (false prophet who came after Prophet Muhammad) of the age, namely Al-Qadhafi, the hater of the Messenger of God, peace be upon him, killed more than 1,300 prisoners who were pious young men of Islam. They were randomly shot in the darkness of Abu-Salim prison in Tripoli in a criminal incident that one finds hard to describe. It was a crime unheard of in our age, even though there are many similar crimes. These pure souls departed to their Creator, to God and His Messenger, after a journey of hardships in the cells of oppression, repression, and hatred.

"Yes, they died, but their pure bodies remained crammed in the cells whose miserable walls were stained with the blood that contained nothing but loyalty to God, His Messenger, and the believers. This forgotten incident remained a witness of the latent rancor in the heart of the arrogant tyrant Al-Qadhafi and his apostate quislings. He gave a practical lesson on the flagrant enmity against Islam and Muslims and announced through his outrageous action that the entire Muslim people of Libya mean nothing to this collaborationist and his filthy soldiers, and that killing the most righteous among them is easier for them than killing flies.

"God the Almighty said, in describing an abominable incident like this one about the haughtiness of the arrogant and callous (rulers) and their contempt for their people: 'Woe to the makers of the pit (of fire), Fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel: Behold! they sat over against the (fire), And they witnessed (all) that they were doing against the Believers. And they ill-treated them for no other reason than that they believed in Allah, Exalted in Power, Worthy of all Praise! Him to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allah is Witness to all things. Those who persecute (or draw into temptation) the Believers, men and women, and do not turn in repentance, will have the Penalty of Hell: They will have the Penalty of the Burning Fire' (Koranic verses, Al-Buruj, 85:4-10).

"That has ended, but its grief and sorrows have not. Avenging it is still to take place. The victory was for those heroes, although they were in shackles. They triumphed for their exalted faith, deep-rooted ideology, and strong steadfastness. Our hope for them is to achieve greater victory and better dwellings in the midst of gardens and rivers (Paradise), in the presence of Omnipotent God.

"The tyrant and his quislings went low with their pathetic thoughts, illusionary arrogance, empty pride, and consecutive disgrace, 'but the Penalty of a Hereafter will be more humiliating still: and they will find no help' (Partial Koranic verse, Fussilat, 41:16).

"They did not wait for this crime to end or for the blood of the righteous to dry before they carried out yet another crime by killing our heroic brother, Ibn-al-Shaykh, may the Almighty God have mercy on him. It is hard to break the habit, and this apostate regime is accustomed to committing crimes, tampering with lives, and killing people. They are accustomed to punishing everyone who is suspected of opposition. They uphold the banner of the regime before them and the regimes that are like theirs. (God said): '(Pharaoh) said: If thou dost put forward any god other than me, I will certainly put thee in prison!' (Koranic verse, Al-Shu'ara, 26:29).

"Afghanistan knew Ibn-al-Shaykh, may God have mercy on him, as a muhajir (foreign fighter), a persistent fighter and a teacher. They knew him for his good character, coyness, ample humbleness, rare courage, unequaled stances, devotion in worshiping and reading the book of God, and his care and love for his brothers. God granted him love from those who saw him and

those who heard stories about him and knew his glorious deeds. God also enabled him to fill a gap which no one can endure, except the people of faith and patience. He stood firm to spread a forgotten knowledge. The nation was humiliated when it abandoned this knowledge. The enemies coveted it when they forsook this knowledge. The wicked violated it when they abandoned this knowledge. It is the ultimate submission (to God) to prepare for jihad for the sake of the Almighty God, as commanded by Him in his Book when He said: 'Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:60).

"The Islamic ummah did not taste humiliation and become disgraced except when it abandoned the steeds of horses and followed the tails of the cows, and when it abandoned the shooting and got busy with amusement and trivial things. The mujahidin of the training camps, in which Ibn-al-Shaykh was present and active, adopted the saying of the poet:

"He fell, and the pillars of glory collapsed;

"The fortresses are now vulnerable, after being secured by him;' (poetry)

"When the worshipers of the cross began their aggression against the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and descended their horses and men upon it, Ibn-al-Shaykh, may God have mercy on him, was among those who rolled up his sleeves. They stood all together in the face of this aggression. They endured and stood steadfast in fighting and confronting the aggressors. He stayed with his brothers in Tora Bora until the last moment. When they started to run out of places and the winds of betrayal and apostasy began to blow in their direction from the US collaborationists, he and some of his brothers headed toward Pakistan, whose unwanted tyrant ruler had committed, like many others, to stand side by side with the global protector of the cross, the United States, in its war against Islam and Muslims.

"His journey in the prisons of the Crusader started there. He was captured with a number of his comrades and stayed some time in Kohat prison. Then he was delivered to the guardian of the cross and was transferred to Kandahar, and then to Kabul, where he stayed for a short time, where he was subjected to torture and punishment. When they failed to get any information from him, they threatened to deliver him to Israel, Jordan, or Egypt. Indeed, he was transferred to Egypt inside a coffin, just like dead people, in a long journey from Kabul to Cairo.

"He stayed in the prisons of the Egyptian Pharaoh for a year, and what horrible places these were. They forced him under pressure to make false confessions. He was later sent back to the prison of darkness in Kabul, where he stayed for several months. During that period he lost weight, until one of the doctors of the prison said that he will certainly die if he stayed like this. He was then transferred to a prison in the Banshir Valley, north of Afghanistan, in July 2003. It was there that I had my first encounter with him, where I found him to be a thin and weak man. Being originally thin, his back was arched. But I swear to God that he was a true example of patience, steadfastness, and had good faith in God. He continuously read the Koran in his tender voice, and inspired his fellows to be patient and make good use of their time in learning the Holy Koran by heart, for which he had immense love, in the same high spirits and his sublime soul. Many times I asked him: 'How are you Ibn-al-Shaykh?' He would answer by saying: 'I feel like a million bucks!'

"Once he said to me: 'If God wants something to be, He prepares everything for it. America has entered two countries, where no one entering any of them has ever succeeded. These two countries are Afghanistan and Iraq. Its end will be in these two countries, God willing.' Yes, he

used to say these words while he was in those dark prisons in the Banshir Valley, whose dark rooms (cells) were only 2 x 1 meters in size. There were no signs of hope of any kind, except in the hearts of those who are confident in God's promise, sure of His fine disposition, Exalted be He, and who read His words: 'And for those who fear Allah, He (ever) prepares a way out, And He provides for him from (sources) he never could imagine. And if any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is ((Allah)) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose: verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Talaq, 65: 2-3).

"He stayed in that prison for five months, during which he got better and partly recovered his health. Then, he was sent back to the prison of darkness, because he withdrew all the confessions that had been extracted from him in the Egyptian prisons. He frankly said to the Americans: 'All that was extracted from me was under pressure, coercion, and torture.' This includes everything about the alleged relation between the infidel regime of Saddam Husayn and the Al-Qa'ida organization.' Then the Americans were at a loss, because war was at its peak in Iraq. Under the leadership of Shaykh Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi, may God grant him His mercy, the heroes were stoking the war flames and inflicting great losses on US soldiers. Keep in mind that the war in Iraq was based on the information that was given under coercion and pressure by Ibn-al-Shaykh, may God grant him His mercy.

"Then the Americans threatened to send him back to the prison of darkness, but he said: 'Do as you please, but this is the truth.' They did send him to the torture prison in Kabul in October 2003. That was my last time with him in prison. He stayed in the torture prison, or the prison of darkness, for some months, but he remained patient, in high spirits, depending on his faith, and despising the tyrants, who could not affect his steadfastness or his faith. Later, he was sent to the prisons of the tyrant in Libya, to be buried into oblivion behind their walls, together with the other forgotten people there.

"This was after the Americans' decision of war against Iraq was exposed, because Ibn-al-Shaykh was never sent to Bagram or Guantanamo, but all his movements were in the secret prisons of the Christians and the apostates. This lofty mountain stood in defiance with his faith and remained steadfast with his belief in God, repeating the words of God's prophet Moses, peace be upon him, when he stood in front of the leader of tyrants: 'I seek refuge in my Lord and yours, from every arrogant tyrant who does not believe in the Day of Judgment' (Koranic verse, Ghafir, 40:27). To those who tortured, tormented him and threatened him, he repeated what the Pharaoh's magicians said after they believed in Moses' God: 'They said: Never shall we regard thee as more than the Clear Signs that have come to us, or than Him Who created us! so decree whatever thou desirest to decree: for thou canst only decree (touching) the life of this world' (Koranic verse, Taha, 20: 72).

"This is what faith does to the people of faith, who hold tight to the Book (the Koran), and whose hearts are connected to their Lord in love, whose ultimate wishes are to do what pleases God, and who only see this Earthly life as an apparition of a shadow that is about to fade away. How good you were, Ibn-al-Shaykh, the pride of Libya, the mole on the cheek of its East, the pearl of Ajdabiya city, the mother of heroes and the best of men. You refused to pay a low price for your religion. On your slim body, the axes of desperate conspiracies of tyranny broke, and in the face of your determination and strong will, its (tyranny's) miserable attempts to extract one word from your mouth to approve the governance of a tyrant, failed. Instead, you chose death, saying to them with all scorn and disrespect: 'I call Allah to witness, and do ye bear witness, that I am free from the sin of ascribing, to Him Other gods as partners! so scheme (your worst) against me, all of you, and give me no respite. I put my trust in Allah, My Lord and your Lord! There is

not a moving creature, but He hath grasp of its forelock. Verily, it is my Lord that is on a straight Path' (Koranic verse, Hud, 11:54-56).

"We are fully confident that God will give life to men with your pure blood. Your brave stances will guide others who follow the path you have taken or who have graduated from your school. The Musaylamah of the age shall witness, very soon, God willing, how your remains, which were buried in the sands of Ajdabiya, will generate brave men and brave knights who rush to the battlefields and death sites, like heavy, sweet, pure and life-giving rain.

"They have planted your remains in the sands

"Like a flag to motivate the people morning and night.

"Oh, woe unto them, they have raised a beacon of blood

"To inspire tomorrow's generation with hate and dislike' (Poetic verses).

"When will the tyrants, who have ruthless hearts, realize that this gushing blood is the fuel that reinforces the procession of jihad and gives life to it? God the Almighty has spoken the truth when He says: 'The parable of those who reject Faith is as if one were to shout Like a goat-herd, to things that listen to nothing but calls and cries: Deaf, dumb, and blind, they are void of wisdom' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqarah 2:171).

"One of his rare stances, may God grant him His mercy, is that when he was arrested in Pakistan and was imprisoned in Kuhad, where he was the amir of that group which was imprisoned with him, the greedy Pakistani police and intelligence took an amount of money he had. They told him: 'We are ready to release you under the condition of giving us the money you have.' He said to them: 'I do not accept that except if you agreed to release all my prisoners.' They refused, although he knew that they will take the money whether he liked it or not, but he did not want to mark his pure white page with a black spot by surviving and abandoning his brothers, who did not hesitate to sacrifice their lives for him.

"Another stance of his, may God grant him His mercy, was when the Americans asked him when he was in prison whether he was a member of the Al-Qa'ida Organization. He frankly answered them: 'Yes, I am a member of the Al-Qa'ida Organization,' but at that time, he was not a member. Some of the imprisoned brothers asked him: 'Why do you say so, although you know the meaning of this word and its consequences?' He replied, in his usual simplicity, 'this is an honor for me.' The poet spoke the truth when he said: 'Those endowed with grace can recognize their kindred spirits from amongst the rest.'

"At a time when people were disavowing the mujahidin in general and the Al-Qa'ida Organization in particular, and when a simple inclination toward this name would subject a person to torture; at a time when the Americans were at the peak of their exhilaration and enragement, this patient lion refused to miss this honor -- and by God what an honor-- he said to the face of his torturers: 'Yes I am from the Al-Qa'ida Organization.'

"O proud hero, may God grant you His mercy. Sleep well after a long hard work, and restrain your soul as the decree of God has been ordained. In the morning, the brave people are praised. These were hardships that have now disappeared and a journey that has ended, God willing. (God the Almighty says) '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). Their Lord doth give them glad tidings of a Mercy from Himself, of His good pleasure, and of gardens for them, wherein are delights that endure: They will dwell therein for ever. Verily in Allah's presence is a reward, the greatest (of all)' (Koranic verses, Al-Tawbah, 9:20-22).

"As for you, O sinful liar, violent baseborn and tyrant of Libya, for a long time you went on cursing the United States and boasting about standing up against it. You anesthetized the people and intoxicated them by claiming your antagonism to it. You often killed the good people, accusing them of collaborating and having connections with it. Yet, today as the daylight shone, your shameless reality appeared and you barefacedly showed your collaboration and baseness. You killed, imprisoned, and tortured the youth and elders of Islam in obedience to the United States and in support for its Christian banner, as well as its Crusade. The flags of the United States are flying in the sky of Tripoli, where you buried in the darkness of its unjust prisons the people of faith, monotheism, and righteousness.

"O enemy of God, fie on you! You will not be of value. Your tyranny has lasted long, your evil has become rampant, your cunning has been exposed, and your day (death) has approached, God willing. I swear to God that your crimes will not be forgotten. The lions of Islam are lying in wait for you. The soldiers of jihad have approached you after they unified their word, confederated their groups, joined their hearts in love, and raised their banner in the Islamic Maghreb. The heroes of martyrdom have mobilized to take revenge on you and your type. Despair has not prevented them, hopes have not chained them, and the length of the path has not exhausted them, because they have seen the signs of God's mercy on them, and His accompaniment. He has drawn for them the path of glory, empowerment, and greatness, as He did for the heroes such as the heroic martyr Ibn al-Shaykh, may God have mercy on him, and the other leaders of this procession, which neither you, nor your masters, nor your benefactors can stop or cut its support, 'even if they backed up each other with help and support' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Isra, 17:88).

"In the past, I talked about you, and today it is addressed to you:

"O mean villain Mu'ammara, truth has a bright light that cannot be concealed.

"No matter how you seek to fight it, its brightness casts away blindness and its path does not dry.

"O vulgar, do you want us to live with the dirt of an intellect, deviating from the right path?

"Fie be on you. You will know that the impact of our swords is a hellfire, by which your heads will fall.

"You shall drink glasses of humiliation. Failed are those who drink from the glass of humiliation.

"Do not think that Ibn-al-Shaykh was just one person who died; no, his soldiers did not die.

"They are racing to the battle; their fuel is rage flowing against their enemy' (Poetic verse).

"Wait and we are waiting. Our last prayers are: praise be to God, the Lord of all creation."