

**Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Video Statement 'Somalia: The Summer Cloud Has Vanished'**  
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Terrorism : New Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Video Statement 'Somalia: The Summer Cloud Has Vanished' from Al-Sahab On 30 July, a forum member posted several links on a jihadist website to a 40-minute 23-second video statement by Al-Qa'ida figure Abu-Yahya al-Libi entitled "Somalia: The Summer Cloud Has Vanished." The video was produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida, and released by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the video statement follows:

(Opening text)

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

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(Al-Sahab logo and introductory note)

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

"Al-Sahab is proud to present to you a speech entitled Somalia: The Summer Cloud Has Vanished by Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi, may God protect him, dated Rajab 1430 (July / August 2008).

(Koranic introduction) "'Hast thou not observed the hypocrites say to their misbelieving brethren among the People of the Book? If ye are expelled, we too will go out with you, and we will never hearken to any one in your affair; and if ye are attacked (in fight) we will help you. But Allah is witness that they are indeed liars. If they are expelled, never will they go out with them; and if they are attacked (in fight), they will never help them; and if they do help them, they will turn their backs; so they will receive no help. Of a truth ye are stronger (than they) because of the terror in their hearts, (sent) by Allah. This is because they are men devoid of understanding' (Koranic verse, Al-Hashr, 59:11-13).

(Al-Libi begins speaking) "In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate... Praise be to God. Peace and blessings upon the messenger of God, and upon his kin, companions, and followers. O Nation of Islam, may the peace, mercy, and blessings of the God upon you all. Anyone can manipulate anything. He can display his trickery, deception, and deceit through such an act. The only exception to this is the religion of God Almighty. If a person was take this path and embark on this passage, he will surely discover, from where he least expects, that he has actually transgressed against himself. It is a consequence of his own making, and surely wickedness befalls those that are astray. The people of hypocrisy have taken this path now and then. They are those God describes as: 'When thou lookest at them, their exteriors please thee; and when they speak, thou listenest to their words. They are as (worthless as hollow) pieces of timber propped up, (unable to stand on their own). They think that every cry is against them. They are the enemies, so beware of them. The curse of Allah be on them! How deluded they are, (away from the truth)!' (Koranic verse, Al-Munafiqun, 63:4). It is those people, with their pleasant appearances, their proper posture, their fancy adornment, their scholarly logic, and

their abundant eloquence, who are actually the owners of lost minds and empty hearts, where cowardice has taken them over, and fear has taken root, and caution has overcome them all together. Their virtues have diminished, while their evils mount. Despite all this, they remain, beguiled by their cleverness as they meddle in their faith, falsely believing in their own wittiness, unaware of the fact their God is watching over them.

"The Almighty says: 'The hypocrites- they think they are over-reaching Allah, but He will over-reach them. When they stand up to prayer, they stand without earnestness, to be seen of men, but little do they hold Allah in remembrance. (They are) distracted in mind even in the midst of it, being (sincerely) for neither one group nor for another whom Allah leaves straying. Never wilt thou find for him the way' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:142). No matter what plans they hash together, surely it will backfire. No matter what wickedness they plot, it will surely turn on them. No matter what their evil plans are, surely they will fail. It is all because God Almighty is aware of their secrets and their intentions. It is He that is aware of what they keep secret and what they publicize. They are in fact, and unknowingly, at war with God. God Almighty says: 'They may hide (their crimes) from men, but they cannot hide (them) from Allah, seeing that He is in their midst when they plot by night, in words that He cannot approve. And Allah doth compass round all that they do' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:108). Despite this, they do little to decrease their deceptions or the pursuit of their motives. This is a sure sign that God has forsaken them-- something that they are totally unaware of. You will see them hash out an issue then take a critical stance against it. One day they will praise something and the next they will condemn it. They may have fought for a cause in the past, but now they fight against it. Their actions are like a decaying tree, plucked from the ground, and is no longer of any use.

"God Almighty has arranged for the act of jihad to be the greatest enemy and adversary to these kinds of people, as well as to expose their wickedness and evil plots. The worshippers of God, the mujahidin, are the most hostile towards them because of that. This glorious worship is what exposes their secrets, disgraces them, and reveals the truth about them. They are unable, under any circumstance, to appease it by their cheating ways until the end of the path. You see them mastering the art of creating excuses so they can clear themselves of it and abandon it, repudiating themselves from its people, at the same time making an effort to appease them and convince them that they are a part of them and on the same path. As God (to whom belongs might and majesty) says: 'They swear by Allah that they are indeed of you; but they are not of you. Yet they are afraid (to appear in their true colours). If they could find a place to flee to, caves, or a place of concealment, they would turn straightaway thereto, with an obstinate rush' (Koranic Verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:56-57). Some say: 'Go not forth in the heat' (Partial Koranic Verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:81). Another one yells: 'Grant me exemption and draw me not into trial' (Partial Koranic Verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:49). Others object, saying: 'Had we known how to fight, we should certainly have followed you' (Partial Koranic Verse, Al-Imran, 3:167). Others say: 'Truly our houses are bare and exposed' (Partial Koranic Verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:13), insisting and mumbling that 'Allah and His messenger promised us nothing but delusion' (Partial Koranic Verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:12).

"If the battle was fixed, its path unavoidable, and engaging in it inescapable, their excuses would vanish. They surrender to the truth of what they really are, which is concealed in their hearts. The images of hypocrisy are drawn on their faces just as God Almighty revealed to us their state: 'But when a chapter of basic or categorical meaning is revealed, and fighting is mentioned therein, thou wilt see those in whose hearts is a disease looking at thee with a look of one in swoon at the approach of death' (Partial Koranic Verse, Muhammad, 47:20). Thus, Qitada (may God have mercy on him) said: 'Every chapter which mentions jihad has categorical meaning and is the most powerful of the Koran against the hypocrites' God Almighty says: 'Verily Allah knows

those among you who keep back (men) and those who say to their brethren: Come along to us, but come not to the fight except for just a little while, covetous over you. Then when fear comes, thou wilt see them looking to thee, their eyes revolving, like (those of) one over whom hovers death. But when the fear is past, they will smite you with sharp tongues, covetous of goods. Such men have no faith, and so Allah has made their deeds of no effect. And that is easy for Allah' (Koranic Verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:18-19). This is one kind of people, and there are many of them present in our time. The good in life and the hereafter will come only to he who turns to God in repentance and returns to God honest and loyal, and not in deception. If it was not for them, the Muslims would have been blessed with an established state for Islam a long time ago. Those who waver, hesitate, and hold back are the greatest woes of this nation and do not place their hopes for kindness and suffering in God. They are preoccupied with their looks, ranks, going back and forth, and how they are received, and bid farewell. Would anyone in their right mind agree that those people be the ones to establish God's religion, where its laws rule, its supporters are respected, and its enemies humiliated? They are the first to support the enemy, escaping their religion and doctrine to appease them and reassure their hearts, allaying their souls. As God Almighty said: 'When they meet those who believe, they say: We believe, but when they are alone with their evil ones, they say: We are really with you, we (were) only jesting' (Koranic Verse, Al-Baqarah, 2:14). One must make an unwavering, decisive, and resolute decision with these kinds of disillusioned people. (This will) cut off the root of their conspiracies and ward off their evil and deceptive ways from the mujahidin and the nation. This is the principle that was revealed clearly by the Koran in an ordeal similar to the ordeal of those people. God (to whom belongs might and majesty) said: 'If, then, Allah bring thee back to any of them, and they ask thy permission to come out (with thee), say: Never shall ye come out with me, nor fight an enemy with me, for ye preferred to sit inactive on the first occasion. Then sit ye (now) with those who lag behind' (Koranic Verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:83). This is the kind of people that the fields of jihad and are exposed to, what makes them despair. The only thing they care about is fulfilling their wishes, worshipping their desires, and taking God's verses and making a mockery of them (even if the revelation, which illustrated their character and circumstances, had been interrupted, perhaps to identify some of their people).

"The jihad that God Almighty ordained in order to distinguish people will not stop despite the acts of the spiteful, due to the grace of Almighty God. When the people of jihad adhered to the clarity of their banner, clarified their aims, were ready to fight for their purpose, did not compromise their religion or tamper with their jurisprudence terminology, these people became upset. They faced two options: either to join the mujahidin's rank to endure with them the burdens and the struggles in essence and action (and not just for pleasure), or to join the enemies of Islam, thereby declaring their non-belief and clarifying the truth about their allegiance. Those with empty hearts, weak souls, and worshipped desires could not be patient and endure the burdens of jihad, breathing its dust, in a journey they see which has no end. They chose the lowest instead of the best. God Almighty said: 'Or do those in whose hearts is a disease, think that Allah will not bring to light all their rancour?' (Koranic verse, Muhammad, 47:29). The most prominent example of this era, of which they are numerous, is the relapse of Shaykh Sharif, who followed those whom God has forsaken and who hated to please God. He abandoned his piety, disavowed his honor, and threw himself into the arms of the Cross...submissive and humiliated and rushing to them while fearing the Islamic Courts. He sought from them honor, which he left behind the day he abandoned the cloak of Islam. Today, in his degradation and humiliation, he is threatening and intimidating the 'Fearless Lions' who have exposed him by their steadfastness. His hidden intention was exposed before their firm faith. He started to repeat the sayings of his predecessor, in hypocrisy and hesitation. 'They say: If we return to Medina, surely the more honorable element will expel there from the meaner. But honour belongs to Allah and His messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites know

not' (Koranic verse, Al-Munafiqun, 63:8). God Almighty said: 'If any do seek for glory and power; to Allah belongs all glory and power' (Koranic verse, Fatir,35:10).

"First, I congratulate my beloved mujahidin brothers in Somalia for their steadfastness and for confronting this conspiracy which was planned by satanic cunning, where the masterminds of trickery met the minds of guile and planned it. They returned disappointed, weak, exposed, and shameful, and this is due to the grace and mercy of God to you. Praise Him for stopping their evil, exposing them, distinguishing their ranks, and making you the reason for all this. God Almighty said: 'That, and also because Allah is He who makes feeble the plans and stratagem of the unbelievers' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:18). God Almighty said: 'But the plots of unbelievers (end) in nothing but errors (and delusions)! (Koranic verse, Ghafr, 40:25). We should study this lesson for a long time in order to reflect, contemplate, realize the lessons, and remember the great advice it contains in order to become diligent in praising God Almighty, and so that His words 'Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe. Verily, Allah loveth not any that is a traitor to faith, or show ingratitude' (Koranic verse, Al-Hajj, 22:38), become deeply rooted in our hearts. We ask God Almighty to give us time to write and say what He will enlighten us with in this regard.

"I say to my beloved mujahidin brothers in Somalia, by God, your steadfastness in the face of this shameful conspiracy, which non-belief has pinned unparalleled hopes on. It has mobilized its masses to support, strengthen, bless, and praise with their hired pens, deviated ideas, corrupted vision and tampered references...as if Umar Ibn Abd-al- Aziz became the Caliph. I say, your steadfastness before all of this, did not only end the conspiracy of the worshippers of the Cross in Somalia, but it ended a comprehensive plot whose first step was in your land. Its chapters were planned with the utmost care and absolute accuracy, which they wanted to apply in many Muslim countries after the exposed secular cloak became ragged. They wanted bring us secularism in its new attire. Who knows? Perhaps we will hear soon about Islamic secularism...Especially with the abundance of the doubtful who drool while looking at the gleam of their temptations brandished by the hands of Americans who promise them and give them hopes. It is they who are lurking against you. 'If ye gain a victory from Allah, they say: Were we not we with you? But if the unbelievers gain a success, they say (to them): Did we not gain an advantage over you, and did we not guard you from the believers?' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa 4:141). Therefore, their endeavor has failed by the decision you took to continue to fight, and their dream was shattered with the first projectile that landed on the collaborator castle in Mogadishu as a welcome for their collaborator and loyal servant. If not for that, we would have seen a line of honorable shaykhs, who are collaborators, lined up in front of the American master while they promise their people that they will apply Islamic jurisprudence completely with the consensus of the parliament members..What a charade!

"So we ask from God, the Glorious, to reward you for the good deed and to bless your efforts and jihad. Today, here is Shaykh Sharif loudly crying for help from all the human devils to aid him and storm into his country and occupy his land in order to stop the mujahidin strikes against him. I do not know if he is crying for help from the Arab League, the Security Council, the African Union and others, or if he intends to apply Islamic jurisprudence completely as his parliament decided, for we read in the book of God that it must be applied completely in His words. 'O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for your friends and protectors. They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people unjust' (Koranic verse, Al-Ma'idah, 5:51). Did Shaykh Sharif, who the writers complemented and praised, cancel the signs of allegiance and enmity from the complete Islamic jurisprudence some of the naive people hoped that he would apply by his sinful hands? Or is there another Islamic jurisprudence that was sent

down to him and his followers that fanatics and extremists cannot understand? 'Only God with His power and might can change the heart of a man.'

"So where are the owners of pens who manipulate jurisprudence? They are known by the tone of their words. They are among those who call themselves the Council of Muslim Scholars. They attempted laboriously to convince the mujahidin to put down their weapons and surrender to the new amir. They blackened pages with embellished words. Why do we not hear a whisper or a faint sound from them today? Does their Council not provide advice and show concern only with a poisoned dagger that stabs jihad and the mujahidin? Now your Sharif, who you vindicated, has grinned, showing his canines. He revealed his true call of help to the nations of unbelief to occupy Somalia, even Christian Ethiopia, which he for so long voiced his opposition and disagreement against. He openly announced his alignment with the camps of unbelief and his rejection of the camp of belief. Show us your claim of advice that you gave Islam and Muslims. Show us your zeal for their homeland and their blood. You voiced your opinion to stop their bloodshed...Or is the danger posed by the mujahidin who raise the banner of 'There is no god but God' harsher to Somalia and the Somalis than those who uphold the banner of the one who says that 'Allah is one of the three in a trinity' (parital Koranic verse, Al-Ma'idah, 5:73) and who are like them. We seek refuge in God from the forsaken. God the Exalted says: 'If anyone's trial is intended by Allah, thou hast no authority in the least for him against Allah' (Koranic verse, Al-Ma'idah, 5:41).

(Narrator) (The screen displays text while the narrator reads.) "The Scholar Ibn al-Qayyim (God bless his soul) said: 'What religion and what goodness are in whoever sees the sanctities of God being violated, his boundaries lost, his religion abandoned, and the method of His messenger (prayers and peace be upon him) led astray, while his heart is cold and his tongue is silent? He is a mute devil. Also, he who speaks falsehood is a talking devil. Does not the calamity that befalls religion come only from them? As long as food and authority are granted to them, they do not care what happens to religion, and the best of them is the sad lip-smacker. If we give away some of the best of his power and riches, he would spare no efforts and exert himself and work hard. (I'lam al-Muwaqa'in: 2/177).'

(Al-Libi resumes speaking) "My fellow mujahidin, the heroes of Somalia, whose firm strength destroyed a series of conspiracies one after the other. I commend them, and advise them to fear God the Exalted, be faithful to Him in their words and deeds in private and in the open, and to turn to Him in prosperity and hardship. 'Behold, he that is righteous and patient, never will Allah suffer the reward to be lost, of those who do right' (Koranic Verse, Yusuf, 12:90). You should be certain that God the Exalted will grant you victory. Therefore, be careful. Do not ask someone else who would betray you. Do not turn to someone else who would give up on you. By God, one (Koranic) verse that brings serenity to our hearts is enough for us, and its recitation blesses our hearts and souls. We also foresee the intentions of our enemies through that. God said: 'If Allah helps you, none can overcome you. If He forsakes you, who is there? After that, who can help you? In Allah then, let believers put their trust' (Koranic Verse, Al-Imran, 3:160). Koranic verses have discussed this meaning, which any mujahid should not ignore. God confronts the enemies of Islam and harvests their heads. Say to Sharif that God is our Lord, whereas you have no lord since, he has sought glory from his masters and guardians. How could the guardians, whose victory is weaker than the strings of a spider, counter the strength of He who is more powerful than anything on earth and the sky?

"God the Exalted said: 'The parable of those who take protectors other than Allah is that of the spider, who builds (for itself) a house. But truly the flimsiest of houses is the spider's house. If they but knew' (Koranic Verse, Al-'Ankabut 29:41). Consequently, turn to God when it comes to

fear, patience, faithfulness, and sincerity. I should not commend you, because you might be more capable of making recommendations. Secondly, the great Companion Abu Al-Darda said: 'You fight with you deeds.' Thus, keep the sincere advice of this great Companion in your mind. You are fighting the unbelievers and adulterers who have resisted God and His messenger with your good deeds, which include sincerity, fear of God, patience, self-confidence, reliance on God, faithfulness, supplication, and agreement on the truth. This is the reality that the worshipers of this life have not and will not acknowledge. They only seek victory from an armored tank, smart bombs, sophisticated weapons, or piles of supplies. However, we are not against reasons that could legitimize, although we are not among those who consider it or rely on it. We follow the statement of the great companion Ibn-Rawaha, who said: 'We do not fight people by numbers, strength, or majority. Rather, we do so by the religion with which God blessed us.' Be mindful of disobedience, as well as your enemy! Disobedience brings down armies more than thousands of soldiers. God the Exalted granted victory to the faithful people on the day of Badr, whereas they were shameful. God said: 'Allah had helped you at Badr, when ye were a contemptible' (Koranic Verse, Al-Imran, 3:123). However, on the day of Uhud, their army collapsed and was dismantled after they reached victory because some soldiers were disobedient in the presence of those who reminded of it and cautioned them against it. But, the order of God was executed. God the Exalted said: 'What! When a single disaster smites you, although ye smote (your enemies) with one twice as great, do ye say? Whence is this? Say (to them): It is from yourselves, for Allah hath power over all things' (Koranic Verse, Al-Imran, 3:165). My beloved brothers, You should know that the enjoyment of victory could cause more damage to the mujahidin and jihad than the distress of defeat. Therefore, whenever God grants you victory or prepares it for you, you should remember your situation: isolation, small number, and strength of your enemy. God saved you from all that and blessed you. Comfort comes from God. God the Exalted said: 'Call to mind when ye were a small (band), despised through the land, and afraid that men might despoil and kidnap you. But He provided a safe asylum for you, strengthened you with His aid, and gave you good things for sustenance, that ye might be grateful' (Koranic Verse, Al-Anfal, 8:26).

"Third, You must be steadfast on the path of jihad. Do not deviate from it by even a fingertip. Do not budge from it by a hair, for by God, it is your honor and life, your empowerment and continuity, your victory and conquest. In its arenas is the source of your sustenance either on land or sea. Hold on to it. Hold on to it even if it is abandoned. Even if people were inflicted with hardships on account of it. Even if it was rejected by whoever rejected it. You have seen the favors that God bestowed upon you who showed forbearance in His cause and endurance before its difficulties and hardships. You have witnessed what God has done with those who have fiddled with it and employed it for personal fortune and not for worship of God. They used it as an excursion devoid of effort and exertion to acquire spoils without savoring its bitter taste. When victory is achieved and conquest is achieved, they say we were alongside you. Thus has God exposed them in the middle of the path (midway) and revealed the machinations of their souls, and bared their secrets, and made them an example to those who want to learn a lesson, and a lesson for those who take example. He who fiddled and hesitated, and employed deception, cajolery and evasion and engaged in the throng of jihad will not carry it to the end...those who say every time their secret is uncovered and their affairs are exposed: 'We meant no more than good-will and conciliation!' (partial Koranic verse, An-Nisa, 4:62). So gather against your enemy as one man, and do not feel pity for them in the religion of God until you break their power and their force deserts them. Prepare yourself for a jihad that will not see an end but with the departure of this life in following the example of the companions of the messenger (prayers and peace of God be upon him), who used to say: 'We are the ones who pledge to Muhammad to carry out the jihad for as long as we live.'

"Part of holding on to the worship of jihad includes holding on to its clear religious terms and by

stressing them and making them an upheld slogan that we should not feel ashamed to declare and proclaim, for there is no good in us if we feel shame about that and seek outlets and interpositions that we employ to cajole our enemies with. And know my beloved brothers, that holding on to the terms of jihad and its vocabulary are no less important today than holding on to its rules and principles. How different they are between the holders of shallow banners and others? For example, we are not among those who call the jihad resistance and suffice with it, for God is the one who chose this noble name for us and used it as a title for the love and subservience and sincerity we show towards him. However deep we look into dictionaries and scrutinize its lines and consult with the far and near, we will not find better than what God has chosen for us, or what is noble than what he honored us with. Thus we will not take off a shirt God has dressed us with. And how many words have started just as expressions? Here they are today, turned into methodologies that draw ideas and established principles that are as far as can be from guidance and truth. You and us are the mujahidin in the cause of God, fighters against the enemies of God. We are not mere combatants to drive away enemies that occupy our land, for this is a type of cajolery used by some to attenuate the harshness of the enemy. God Almighty has said to his prophet (prayers and peace of God be upon him): 'Their desire is that thou shouldst be pliant, so would they be pliant' (Koranic verse, Al-Qalam, 68:9).

(Narrator) (The screen displays text while the narrator reads.) "Professor Qutb (may God bless his grave) said: 'Thus it is bargaining then, and meeting in the middle of the path as they do in commerce. And great is the difference between belief and commerce, for the holder of belief does not renounce any of it, for what is small in it is as important as what is big. Rather in belief there is no small or big matters, it is the one truth whose parts complement each other. Its holder does not obey anyone, and does not renounce any of it ever. Islam and paganism could not have come together in the middle of the path, or come together in any path for this matter. Thus this was the state of Islam with paganism in every time and place. The paganism of yesterday and the paganism of today and the paganism of tomorrow are all the same. The gap between it and Islam cannot be crossed, and a bridge cannot be erected on it, and it cannot be dealt with and does not approve of a connection. Rather it is a comprehensive strife in which conciliation is impossible. The gap between it and Islam cannot be expressed, crossed, or related. It is only a complete struggle in which adaptation is impossible! (In the Shade of Al-Koran: 7:292).'

(Al-Libi resumes speaking) "Therefore, it is our duty to cut short the path for ourselves and decide on a well-grounded and clear reality that is neither ambiguous nor blurry. That is, the governments of the world, all of them, the apostate Arab governments, the Western Christian governments, the eastern atheist governments, or even any other government, will not agree or accept to rule by the clear Islamic jurisprudence. This noble Islamic goal will not be realized except through the empowerment of its people by means of force and fighting, strength and power. Any Islamic group or Islamic organization that has planned for itself a path and has not based its theme on preparation, jihad, weapons, and fighting can never attain this goal and will never achieve this purpose 'until the camel can pass through the eye of the needle' (partial Koranic verse, Al-Araf; 7:40). So Muslims need not increase their nation's weariness, confusion, rage, bafflement, and turmoil for the (application of) God's jurisprudence that we are striving to apply and consolidate. We will not implore anyone for its application, but we will impose it by the force of weapons. We do not need the acknowledgment of any country since God is content with us. Claiming this is but the beginning, and we will not stop until we find global legitimacy and recognize the boundaries and barricades that they have planned and established for themselves. Nationality and the mere sense of earthly belonging are criteria for differentiation, obtaining rights, and enforcing duties that are, by God, disguised and crippled defeats equal to and not less than the dozens of defeats that are happening in the battlefields. God Almighty said:

'Never will the Jews or the Christians be satisfied with thee unless thou follow their form of religion' (Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:120).

"Fourth: The best thing to differentiate between the people of truth and people of untruth in the battlefields is by declaring goals and being explicit in doing that, so as to avoid the least ambiguity or obscurity. These are criterion in which groups that have raised the banners of jihad and engaged in wars have erred in, for their aims remained foggy, have baggage, and are engaged in a bitter matter. The Koran has made this matter clear in a way that cannot be mistaken. It has defined the goal of jihad in a way that cannot be tampered with. God Almighty said: 'And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah altogether and everywhere; but if they cease, verily Allah doth see all that they do' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:39). Our fight, therefore, is to avoid tumult, polytheism, or any Muslim being allured away from his religion; so that all obedience would be to God Almighty. So do not let the criterion of your battle and the core of your jihad be based on the presence of the African Union Forces only. The issue is greater than that. How? Perhaps when people who belong to your race, who speak for you and have your same names are harder on Islam and more withdrawn than they are... So the presence of the African Union forces are nothing but a part of the great purpose of jihad and a step towards its realization. We are fighting in order to oust the foreign occupier from our land and in order to eradicate the roots of their apostate assistants who belong to our race. Also, to eliminate every administration or law or piece of jurisprudence that contradicts our religion...And so the religion of Islam, and the religion of Islam alone, would rule our entire lands, and so that all people become worshippers of God alone, in all aspects of their lives, and not make part of their lives for God and part of it to other than God. God the Great and Almighty said: 'Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds' (Koranic verse, Al-An'am, 6:162) 'and I am ordered by this and I am the first Muslim (from this nation)' (Hadith). So raise your voices with these elevated and noble goals, entrench them in your media and your statements, teach them to your warriors, and seek to apply them in your actual lives and lands."Fifth: It is because of the grace of God for the mujahidin in this era and in all the fields of encounters and fighting that God has saved them from pre-Islamic invocations, their bondage and their chivalry...And that they have raised the banner of allegiance to God, to His messenger and to the believers so as to be among the successful party of God...So that they can be from the successful party of God, about whom God said: 'As to those who turn (for friendship) to Allah, His Messenger, and the (fellowship of) believers, it is the fellowship of Allah that must certainly triumph' (Koranic verse, Al-Maidah, 5:56). Their jihad and gathering was for the religion of God Almighty, its support, and for the declaration of his word and the implementation of his law without soiling this with the dirt of nationalism, or pervert it with the calls of patriotism. God said: 'Verily, this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood, and I am your Lord and cherisher. Therefore serve me (and no other)' (Koranic verse, Al-Anbia, 21:92). They followed their prophet, (prayers and peace be upon him) who decided this principle in his words and deeds. He (prayers and peace of God be upon him) said: 'God has removed you from the wrongs of Al-Jahilia (pre-Islamic ignorance), its pride in forefathers, a pious believer, and a sinful wrongdoer. You are humans and humans are from mud. Those people who take pride in others are but the coals of hellfire or would be less to God than animals that use their filthy noses' (Hadith). The Muslim nation was only humiliated by its enemies after it surrendered to these calls that have torn it to pieces. Each Muslim people felt aggrandized about themselves and were aloof towards each other and moved away from the source of their glory, strength, and unity. They did not listen to what was said by the Commander of the Faithful Umar Ibn-al-Khattab (may God Almighty be pleased with him): 'We were the most humiliated people and God glorified us with Islam. So if we seek glory without that which God has glorified us with, God will humiliate us.'



"Of what the Muslim nation in general, and the jihad group in particular, is proud of is that it has emerged from the filthy sea of Al-Jahilia to the place of pure belief so that its men, from the east and from the west, Arabs and non-Arabs, can gather around one word, the revitalization of the one nation. What the agent of the US in Somalia is attempting to turn into a point of shame against the true mujahidin by saying that their ranks include foreigners is exactly what we are proud of. Those agents are the ones who replaced what is good with what is low. They threw Islam behind their backs and took refuge in Al-Jahilia and took that as a shelter to hide behind in fighting Islam in general and the mujahidin in particular. They raised their voices seeking the help of infidel countries and their international agencies because they discovered that there are foreigners in Somalia, according to them, fighting alongside their mujahidin brethren. Woe to all who move away from religion. How they are moved everywhere by their inclinations, just like a dog drags around its owner...The brothers in belief, who were brought together around one word and belong to one nation, were made by you into foreigners, only because they were not born or raised in Somalia. Then what will you say, as possessors of wisdom, cunning and politics, regarding the infidel countries that you call for in help day and night to rescue your withering rule and protect your crumbling palace? God speaks the truth: 'Is then one who is on a clear (path) from his Lord, no better than one to whom the evil of his conduct seems pleasing, and such as follow their own lusts?' (Koranic verse, Muhammad, 47:14).

"My mujahidin brothers, adhere to the call of Islam, renounce the calls of Al-Jahilia and its people, and beware to revert to it after God saved you from it. Fight real jihad for God. He has called to you and not made excuses in religion, the creed of your father Abraham. He is the one who called you Muslims. Prayers and peace be upon him (the prophet) said: 'He who preaches the calls of Al-Jahilia is a burning coal in hell. A man said: O messenger of God, even if he fasts and prays? He (prayers and peace of God be upon him) said: Yes' (Hadith). So preach the call of God, with which he has called you Muslims and believers, the servants of God. Finally, you must agree and unite your words. Beware of disagreements and divisions. Increase your prayers and calls to God. Strive to teach people about their religion and entrench in their hearts the meanings of loyalty to the believers and the disavowal from nonbelievers. Be their role models in humility, piety, justice, steadfastness, bravery, and sacrifice. Win them over with kindness, without relinquishing what is correct or the forgoing of rights, following the example of your prophet (prayers and peace of God be upon him) to whom God said: 'It is part of the mercy of Allah that thou dost deal gently with them wert thou severe or harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about thee. So pass over (their faults), and ask for (Allah's) forgiveness for them; and consult them in affairs (of moment). Then, when thou hast taken a decision put thy trust in Allah. For Allah loves those who put their trust (in Him)' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:159). Our final prayer is thanks be to God, Lord of all creation.

(Text on screen) "Either we live in Islam or we die the death of the brave. Al-Sahab for Media Productions, 1430 (corresponding to 2009)."