Osama Bin Laden’s Last Will?
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[Editors Note: We caution readers that we can not verify the authenticity of this text which is said to be the last Will of Osama bin Laden found at Tora Bora. Parts of this are very similar to that of Sheikh Abdullah Azzam which may be because he was a mentor to Bin Laden or this could indicate problems with its authenticity. Bits and pieces of this Will have floated around the internet in recent weeks however SANA News yesterday published this comprehensive version. Here it is in its entirety, translated to English by JUS translators, and published here, uncut and uncensored, for you to decide.)

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Osama bin Laden has said that the day of judgment for Kuffar (Unbelievers) of West and the Americans is now very near and that the attacks on New York and Washington were a continuation of the war America started. These views are to have been expressed by Osama bin Laden in what is allegedly his last will, which was recently printed in an Arab Magazine in London. The will is to have be written by last year, during American bombing on Tora Bora and is entitled" Last Will of Servant Osama bin Laden to Allah Ta'ala"

"Allah Subhana Wa Ta'ala has commanded that, when any one of us is going to embrace death, we should write a will for our parents, relatives and the Muslims as in difficult times these are like parents and relatives.

Allah SWT is a just witness to the fact that I took Jihad and death in the path of Allah as my aim and intention of life. The ayahs of swords are always echoing in my heart. If a Muslim asks himself why our Ummah is scared and frightened today, he will find only one answer - by adopting the luxuries of this world the Ummah has turned its back on the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of Prophet (saw) even though this very book has the solution to all problems of our Ummah.

Today the Jews and the Christians growl at us and attack us because of the wealth and the apparent opulence of this world, and this has become second nature to us. We are stagnant and like women, and the love of death has escaped our hearts. The hearts of my Mujahideen and me bleed when we see that America is slaughtering the men, women and children of our Ummah mercilessly while our Ummah watches this like a movie.

The biggest problem with our Ummah is their fear of death and it is the root cause of all other problems. Everything has been turned upside down. Today the coward Christians and the most disgraced nation, the Jews, have gathered at one place and are taking part in the mass murder of the Muslims while the Muslim governments are waving white flags of peace and are helping the enemies of Allah in accomplishing their tasks. There were some groups in the Taliban who did not show perseverance and many of them were captured and many of them left the grounds, even before facing the enemy.

Today our Ummah is waiting for our and the Taliban’s success, who ran the first Islamic government successfully and implemented Sharia’ah law (Islamic law). This alone was enough for the United States to oppose Taliban and so America gathered its ally’s and the Northern Alliance and made them stand
against the Taliban that resulted in massive destruction and murder in Afghanistan. The agent countries of the United States and the Northern Alliance Mujahideen spied against the Taliban for America and Britain. In the end the Taliban regime was brought to a halt in Afghanistan and the laws of Shariah were made obsolete. Veils were abandoned and the beard of the Sunnah of Prophet (saw) lost its meaning.

The Ummah is also aware of the fact that another problem is with the Ulamahs, who reject the laws of Shariah and explain the laws by keeping in mind the logic (maslehat) of this world. They have gone astray to such an extent that a common man of Ummah cannot even begin to imagine it. They came to Afghanistan to stop their Ulamah from destroying the statue of the idols. But the Ulamah of Taliban stuck to their true religion and rejected these Ulamah’s reasoning. Their point of view was that of the Jews and the Christians. They were denying the word of Allah (swt) "these Jews and Christians will never agree to you unless you follow them." These Ulamah were fraudulent in their duties, which could have been detrimental and was not helpful to our Ummah.

If Allah wills America will face defeat, just like the Battle of Mautah...where Prophet (saw) guided the Muslims and Allah Ta’ala granted the Muslims with victory and the enemies with downfall, despite the fact that the Muslims had fewer military resources.

The attacks on New York and Washington were a part of this war which has been geared up against America. In this sequence the first part was an attack on the American marines in Lebanon, which killed many American soldiers. The next one, the attack on American Embassy in Nairobi was an answer to the attack on Somalia, in which thirty one thousand Muslims were killed under the flag of the United Nations.

There is no doubt that right now we are weaker than the western nations by the definition of this world but Allah (swt) has given us an opportunity to destroy America and the West. Now this destruction has become the fate! Whether it takes a year or it takes many decades, it cannot stop now! The day of resurrection of the Kafir West and America has arrived!

O the youth of Ummah! Wish for death which is more beautiful than life, and hold onto those Ulamah who do not leave the side of piousness, devoutness and announcing truth, no matter how small they are in number. These Ulamah cry for the present state of their Ummah day and night. Refrain from adopting the lifestyles of the ignorant Nations. Their apparently calm and happy life is in fact a trap, which has surrounded them from all sides. Man made laws have taken their moral values to the epoch of devastation. The people belonging to these countries have made organizations to create mass destruction in the Muslim countries. These organizations are working to damage the ethics (and morals) of the Muslim women and the Muslim society.

The women of my Ummah! You have been given a heavy duty from Allah. Allah (swt) has given you the status, which no body else has. You are the mothers of our Ulamah and Mujahideen. You are the institution which educates the Ulamah and the Mujahideen before they start their struggle in the path of Allah. The lives of the Ummahat ul Mo’mineen (Mothers of the believers) are a guide for you.

To my wives who have been given the responsibility to bring up my children. May Allah give you reward you for it Ameen! After me you will be a witness to my children. From the very first day of starting your lives with me, you knew that my path is filled with hardships in this world. You abandoned the comforts of your parents' houses and stood by my side in the difficult hours. Your lives were adorned with Ibadah and I am sure that you will increase in your Ibadah when I am not here. You have the responsibility of my children. I give them into you hifazah (sanctuary) after Allah and hope that you will bring them up as good
Muslims, like Muslim mothers do.

My sons! As a father I could not give you the time which was your right because I have spared my life for the struggle in the path of Allah. I decided to fight the Kuffar (unbelievers) for the sake of the Muslims. This path has deceit and is surrounded by dishonest and the deceitful people. This dishonesty and deceit has brought us to this present day condition. But Inshallah (if Allah wills) I am not going to stray from the path of Allah. I advise you of Taqwa (abstinence from this world and fear of Allah), because this is the most precious asset of this worldly life. I also advise you to stay away from the leadership of Al Qaida, just as Hazrat Umer Radhi Allah u Anhu advised his son to stay away from Khilafah.

In the end I advise the Muslim Mujahideen to pay attention towards their battle groups. Besides fighting with the Jews and the Christians, it is also necessary to evacuate your groups from the hypocrites. These hypocrites have caused unforgiving harm to the Ummah and the forces of Islamic countries have become a tool for the West. Today we have Muslim generals who act like woman and it is futile to expect help against Kuffar (disbelievers) from them therefore it is necessary to remove these hypocrites from the Muslim battle groups.