

Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Video Message 'East Turkestan: The Forgotten Wound'

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On 6 October, a forum participant posted several links on a jihadist website to a video message from Abu-Yahya al-Libi entitled "East Turkestan: The Forgotten Wound." Al-Libi condemns the Chinese Government and calls for broad support from the "Islamic nation" for the "the wounded Muslim Turkestani people." The 19-minute 49-second video was produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the video message follows:

"(Text) In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

"(Text) Warning! We do not allow music with our productions.

"(Text) The Al-Sahab (Establishment) for Media Production, 1430 (corresponding to 2009)

"(Unidentified voice) In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate...The Al-Sahab (Establishment) for Media Production presents: A video message entitled 'East Turkestan: The Forgotten Wound' by Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi (may God preserve him) in Sha'ban 1430 (corresponding to August/September 2009).

"(Koranic verses recited by an unidentified speaker and displayed on the screen) 'And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? Men, women, and children, whose cry is: Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors, and raise for us from thee one who will protect, and raise for us from thee one who will help!' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisaa, 4: 75).

"(Abu-Yahya al-Libi appears, begins speaking) Praise be to God. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, his family, his companions, and those allied with him.

"My dear brothers, may the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you.

"If a Muslim in India complains, I lose sleep. If a Muslim cries in China, I cry. Anywhere the name of God is mentioned I rise to defend the nation. The Shari'ah of God gathered us together and built for us kindness and faith. A deep wound is bleeding in our Islamic nation, but that is not new. Many Muslims did not know about it or feel it, despite their long suffering, the severity of their ordeal, their great anguish, and their constant appeal to their brothers. This is due to the division, separation, disagreement, and alienation that our Islamic nation has lived in for a long time. It is no longer like one body. If one organ complains, the rest of the organs would support it by fever and sleeplessness. It plunged into the mud of ethnicity, dispositions, and disputes about the meanings of one nation. It was split into parties, every party happy with what they had. Its enemies conspired against it from every direction the same way eaters conspire against a bowl. That was not because we are a minority. We claim that we are a nation of 1.5 billion Muslims. However, we are infected with scum and alienation. Weakness, love for life, hatred for death and fighting has brought us to cowardice, inability, and laziness in all our limbs. We were lured by the despicable infidels of the East and West. Punishment and agreement...

"God the Exalted said: 'Unless ye go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty, and put others in your place. But Him ye would not harm in the least. For Allah hath power over all

things' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawba, 9:39). The massacre of today was not committed by the hands of the criminal worshippers of the Cross, nor was it committed by the lowly Jews, whose crimes and ugliness the Islamic nation has gotten accustomed to. They did not remove the knives from their bodies for even one moment. However, the new massacre, which is ongoing, is being committed by hands of the pagan Buddhists and atheist communists against the oppressed Muslim people in East Turkestan. These people have been gulping the agony of injustice, forms of oppression, and images of humiliation for many decades, which confirms the clear truth that was stated many times by the Holy Koran. This truth is the enmity, spite, and grudges that fill the hearts of the non-believers, regardless of their nationality and faith. Only an ignoramus who does not know his creed will be fooled by them. God the Exalted said: 'If they were to get the better of you, they would behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and their tongues against you for evil. And they desire that ye should reject the truth' (Koranic verse, Al-Mumtahina, 60:2). He also said: 'O ye who believe! Take not into your intimacy those outside your ranks. They will not fail to corrupt you. They only desire your ruin. Rank hatred has already appeared from their mouths. What their hearts conceal is far worse. We have made plain to you the signs, if ye have wisdom' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:118).

"That is Turkestan and its tragedy, wounds, and moans. Turkestan...And what do you know about Turkestan? It is a wounded body with swollen eyes and bitter agony. Its situation? Such tragedies have fallen upon me that if it had fallen upon the day, it would revert back to night. Islam entered the land of East Turkestan, which is called Xinjiang by the Chinese today (meaning the new colony). Islam entered the land of East Turkestan by the hands of the victorious proselytizer leader Kutaiba Ibn Muslim al-Bahili (may God have mercy on him) in 96 Hijri (714 C.E) when he opened Kachghar City. Since then, the light of Islam prevailed in that remote land. Its people held on to Islam despite the severity of the suffering. They did not accept an alternative to it despite all the lures. East Turkestan is part of the Islamic lands that cannot be divided, which experienced the breeze of proselytizing and the stepping of the horses of the heroes of Islam. It was decorated by the blood of the martyrs past and present, and a large group of scholars graduated from it. Its Muslim people did not disconnect their faith from the nation of Islam, despite the organized and continued efforts by the pagans who tried to separate them from their religion and bury their identity.

"Although the West commits crimes against the Muslims from time to time, and their crimes become known to media outlets (people see and hear about the crimes), Muslims rise to aid their brothers with every method and trick. However, the crimes committed by the pagan Chinese against the Muslims in Turkestan are carried out in silence and in the most despicable ways. The crimes are also carried out in the harshest ways that man can imagine, including savagery, barbarity, extermination, annihilation, harshness, torture, and poisons of hatred, the likes of which man cannot find. Tens of thousands of Muslims were killed without anyone noticing or having anyone rise up to aid them. 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Koranic verse, Al-Imran, 3:173).

"Yes, successive Chinese governments have tried vigorously to cut all ties between the wounded Muslim Turkestani people and the Islamic nation. They had things done to them, and tools of destruction were held over their heads so that their numbers would decrease day by day and their Islamic character melt away bit by bit. In order to achieve this, the governments employed several Satanic methods invented by malice, greed, and avarice, and executed by barbarianism and the abandonment of values. The government continues to develop and add to these methods time and again. The overstrained and injured people are now on the verge of extinction, the loss of their Muslim identity, and the disappearance of their traits and attributes.

"The most significant measures taken by the atheist governments (which are unknown to many Muslims) are:

"1. Naming East Turkestan 'Xinjiang,' or 'the new colony,' making the historical name a forgotten one, as is the case today in the lost lighthouse of the West, Al-Andalus. This is also the case with the Jews, who are trying to change the name of Palestine to Israel. Whereas East Turkestan was once part of the Islamic state, it is now, after the Chinese occupation, nothing more than a Chinese province. Its wealth is soaked up and looted to the extent that many Muslims know virtually nothing about this Islamic region. One of the most important aims of changing names (of places) is to cut the ties between a people and their history, which is represented by this name. From here, (governments) instill in them a feeling of belonging to the Chinese nation, and that they are an integral part of it.

"2. They are engaging in a programmed flooding of Turkestan with relocated Chinese emigres, just as the Jews are doing in Palestine. The (governments) encourage them to (relocate), working to settle more than 200 million (ethnic) Chinese in Turkestan so that (the original) population (more than 30 million) becomes a minority that melts away in this raging sea of greedy emigres. The atheist governments have expended much effort to achieve this goal, offering major incentives to all Chinese citizens who want housing in their new colonies. They have provided them with work, houses, farms, and land, all taken by force from the original Turkestani Muslim owners to the point that some statistics show that Chinese now make up more than 60% of the Turkestan population.

"3. In addition to this influx of Chinese emigres into Muslim Turkestan, the Chinese Government has taken drastic measures to force and terrorize the Muslim (population) to limit their birth rates. A Muslim family is not permitted to have more than two children. Violators expose themselves and their families to the most severe forms of terrorism. Heavy taxes are levied against them, and through the modern and civilized law against burying a newborn child, forced abortion and anti-fertility injections are no longer considered abhorrent, nor are they objectionable in the civilized state of godlessness.

"4. The closing of all Islamic schools, institutes, and universities and the complete prohibition of religious instruction, including Koran instruction and studying at home and in mosques, particularly for those under the age of 18. What religious teaching is permitted takes place under the direct supervision of the Chinese communist authorities. In addition to this, there is forced education based on ingraining the atheist doctrine and the glorification of the atheist leaders so that they may be role models for the young to take after and adopt their school of thought. Despite all this, the atheist governments have striven to kill, imprison, and kidnap all scholars and students, and to make an example out of them in the dark corners of their prisons, until Turkestan became completely devoid of them, left only with migrants fleeing with their religion, captives buried in their cells, or those who have disappeared and are complaisant to their evil.

"5. The looting and confiscation of the treasures and wealth God bestowed upon the people of that Islamic land, such as oil, gold, iron, copper, platinum, and others. The Muslim people of Turkestan were used to extract and transport this wealth, getting nothing more than exhaustion, wretchedness, and suffering in return. Thus, this wealth made easy spoils for the construction of the atheist civilization.

"6. China conducted massive recurring nuclear experiments in an East Turkestan desert, where the largest nuclear missile and bomb test site in the world is located. This has resulted in the

deaths of hundreds of thousands of Turkestanis, the affliction of others like them with strange illnesses and diseases, and the forced migration of many from these regions. God the Exalted spoke the truth: 'In a believer they respect not the ties either of kinship or of covenant! It is they who have transgressed all bounds' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:10).

"7. The newest, most virulent, repugnant, and hideous of all: the forced displacement and transport of Muslim girls to the major inner cities of China. These girls are cut off from their families for many years, perhaps forever, under the guise of vocational training so that they are able to work in factories and elsewhere (so these atheists claim). Indeed, hundreds of thousands of these girls were displaced to drown in the sea of corruption, godlessness, longing for their homeland, and organized capture and dishonorable employment. This has left many Muslim women with no choice other than to kill themselves in order to escape the cursed law.

"(Poem)

"Therefore, the incidents we saw in Turkestan were not the products of a random incident, regardless of how big it was. It was a spontaneous uprising and in response to many decades of injustice, organized (ethnic) cleansing, suppression, humiliation, and shameful scolding, until a crisis was reached. Also, this was not the first uprising carried out by that wounded Muslim people, who defend and fight for preserving their identity, protecting their character, defending their honor, and keeping off the hand of the Pagan assailant from corrupting his creed.

"It is a duty for Muslims today to stand by their oppressed and wounded brothers in East Turkestan, stand for brotherhood and faith, and support and aid them with everything they can. Let the first steps in doing so be a wide, concentrated, and continuous media campaign in order to let the Islamic nation know the truth about what is going on over there, and expose the pagan Chinese imperialists who pretend to be gentle and forgiving in front of Islamic people in order to protect their interests. Apostate governments appease it while it draws its claws and fangs in order to secretly tear up that remote section of our nation and inflict on its people all kinds of torture and punishment. Let our brothers in Turkestan know that there is no way for salvation, or any method to remove oppression and injustice, except for an honest return to their religion, holding on to it as much as possible, serious preparation for the cause of God the Exalted, carrying weapons in the face of the harsh invaders, patience, sacrifice, depending on God the Exalted, and continually depending on and asking for help from Him. He said: 'O ye who believe! Take not into your intimacy those outside your ranks. They will not fail to corrupt you. They only desire your ruin. Rank hatred has already appeared from their mouths. What their hearts conceal is far worse. We have made plain to you the signs, if ye have wisdom' (Koranic verse, al-Naml, 27:63).

"O Muslims in Turkestan, rejoice in the relief of God that is coming. By God, this religion took no more than a night and day. No sooner did it spread East and West than were the godless and unyielding spited, and God did not show his command while they were willing. After torment comes ease. Relief follows difficult times. And after want comes plenty. 'Fain would they extinguish Allah's light with their mouths, but Allah will not allow but that His light should be perfected, even though the unbelievers may detest (it). He it is who has sent forth His apostle with the (task of spreading) guidance and the religion of truth, to the end that He may cause it to prevail over all (false) religion; however hateful this may be to those who ascribe divinity to aught beside God' (Koranic verse, Al-Tawbah, 9:32-33).

"As for the state of godlessness and obstinacy, it will be gone. Just as the Russian bear broke up and fell apart, so too will (China). They will face the same defeat and weakness until their state

fighters within their own home against the humble Muslims after once being a great state, feared by its dictator-counterparts. Let it know this when it is time: '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). God is capable of this, but most are not aware.

"Our last words are Praise be to God, Lord of all Creation.

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