Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Gives Id Al-Adha Sermon, 'Asserts US Defeat in Afghanistan'

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On 27 December, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to a 20-minute 41-second video, entitled "Heralds of Victory and Breezes of Empowerment." The video features the Al-Qa'ida ideologue, Abu-Yahya al-Libi, giving Id al-Adha sermon (that was on 27 November 2009). In this sermon, Al-Libi discusses religious issues and how jihad and the mujahidin "will be rendered victorious." Al-Libi asserts that "the United States is humiliated at the hands of the Mujahidin" and that it "is looking for a way out from Afghanistan and Iraq." The video is produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and is disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the statement follows: "Id Al-Adha Sermon, Entitled 'Heralds of Victory and Breezes of Empowerment' by Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi"

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

"The Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production

"Presents: "The 1430 Id Al-Adha Sermon,

"Entitled "Heralds of Victory and Breezes of Empowerment' "By Shaykh Abu-Yahya al-Libi, May God Protect Him

(Links to the video message are posted here)

"Supplicate to God for your mujahidin brothers,

"You brothers at

"Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production

"Source: Al-Fajr Media Center." A translation of the video message follows:

"Praise be to God the Mighty, the Supporter, Who humbled and disgraced those who resisted Him. He humiliated those who became hostile against Him, Exalted be He, said, and His saying is the truth: 'Those who resist Allah and His Messenger will be humbled to dust, as were those before them: for We have already sent down Clear Signs. And the Unbelievers (will have) a humiliating Penalty.' (Koranic verse, Al-Mujadilah, 58: 5)

"God also said, and his saying is the truth: 'Those who resist Allah and His Messenger will be among those most humiliated. Allah has decreed: 'It is I and My apostles who must prevail': For Allah is One full of strength, able to enforce His Will.' (Koranic verses, Al-Mujadilah, 58:20-21)

"Praise be to God, Who honored those who supported His cause and were loyal to Him. Praise be to God, Who promised empowerment for those who follow His path and guidance, as He, Exalted be He, 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-Ma'idah, 5:56)

"The Almighty God, the Greatest and Exalted, said: 'Allah has promised, to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that He will, of a surety, grant them in the land, inheritance (of power), as He granted it to those before them; that He will establish in authority their religion - the one which He has chosen for them; and that He will change (their state), after the fear in which they (lived), to one of security and peace: 'They will worship Me (alone) and not associate aught with Me. 'If any do reject Faith after this, they are rebellious and wicked.' (Koranic verse, Al-Nur, 24: 55)

"Absolute and perfect Prayers and peace be upon God's beloved, and chosen Prophet, who has elevated God's word to be the highest, and honored His religion by protecting and maintaining it, upon his household, companions, and all those who follow his path and guidance.

"In a few years, the Romans (REFERENCE to the Western coalition) was defeated in Afghanistan, and after their defeat, they will be crushed. Their flags were pulled down and their cross was broken. God glorified His religion, granted victory to His soldiers, and glorified His Book (the Koran), despite their wills.

"Years ago, we still remember when their arrogant (former president George Bush Jr.), who was dumped into waste pin of history, as he stood, talking in arrogance, haughtiness, and tyranny about splitting the world into two parts, saying his phrase: 'You are either with us or against us.' Thus, the defeatists surrendered to him and the scared people followed him, some became humiliated with him, some went astray with him, and some lined up with him. Nevertheless, the people of righteousness and faith stood in honesty and deep faith to say what their predecessors had previously said: 'When the Believers saw the Confederate forces, they said: 'This is what Allah and his Messenger had promised us, and Allah and His Messenger told us what was true. And it only added to their faith and their zeal in obedience.' (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab, 33: 22)

"At that time, those who pretended to be wise and those who had false ambitions spoke. They did not know that God has unveiled their secrets and exposed their hidden intentions, by saying about them: 'those in whose hearts is a disease - thou seest how eagerly they run about amongst them, saying: 'We do fear lest a change of fortune bring us disaster.' Ah! Perhaps Allah will give (thee) victory, or a decision according to His will. Then will they repent of the thoughts, which they secretly harboured in their hearts. And those who believe will say: 'Are these the men who swore their strongest oaths by Allah that they were with you?' All that they do will be in vain, and they will fall into (nothing but) ruin.' (Koranic verses, Al-Ma'idah, 5: 52-53)

"At that time, the whole world abandoned that small faithful group. However, the Amir of the Believers stood in his profound faith, reliance on the Almighty God, and confidence in God's promise, saying that word that was then registered and will remain echoing in the memory of history: 'I have two promises: Bush promises me defeat, but God, Exalted be He, promises me victory. We shall see which of the two promises will come true.'

"Today, we can see which of the two promises has come true. It is the promise of God, Exalted be He. It is the promise of the One Who never breaks His promise. The Almighty God, Exalted be He, said: 'O ye who believe! If ye will aid (the cause of) Allah, He will aid you, and plant your feet firmly.' (Koranic verse, Muhammad, 47:7)

"God is Great. God is Great. God is Great.
"The Crusader state was humiliated and the religion of the Arabian, al-Mustafa (Prophet Muhammad) was glorified by the sword. Our hopes would be ashamed to demand seeing him in our dreams."

(End of the poetic verses)

"Yes brothers, the Almighty God has glorified His Book (the Koran), honored His soldiers, and humiliated His enemies. Praise be to God for an evil that You turned away, a trouble that You removed, a blessing that You descended, an enemy that You crushed, an ally that You supported, a religion that You glorified, and a Shari'ah that You empowered.

"Yes brothers, our trust in God ought to be like this. I wanted to start by what Almighty God started with when He reminded the companions of His Prophet of His great blessings that were bestowed on them on the day of the Al-Ahzab (an Islamic raid), as saying: 'O ye who believe! Remember the Grace of Allah, (bestowed) on you, when there came down on you hosts (to overwhelm you): But We sent against them a hurricane and forces that ye saw not: but Allah sees (clearly) all that ye do.' (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:9)

"Yes brothers, we reached this phase and we saw the good tidings looming in the horizon and the depiction of empowerment appearing for every true believer, who believes in the promise of Almighty God. However, the Muslims and the mujahidin did not reach this outcome easily on a trip of leisure, but this trip was accompanied by suffering and pain until they attained what God enabled them to achieve.

"O brothers, as we remember this blessing that we attained by the support of Almighty God, we have to remember the fruits that were produced by this battle that lasted for only a few years.

"Yes brothers, this battle lasted only a few years particularly that this battle was against the United States, which the people of the West and the East have prostrated for and when its name was mentioned, the people would tremble, shiver, and shake as if it is God and God the Almighty is the much Superior over all these matters.

"As for today, where is the United States, where is its power, supremacy, tyranny, superiority, and stature. It has fallen under the feet of the barefooted, the poor, and the feeble, who live in the valleys, on the summits of mountains, and under the trees. Furthermore, they live in an unstable weather conditions, misery, and hunger. However, they were proud of their religion, relied on God, and trusted the Almighty God’s promise until He humiliated this empire at their hands.

"One day, in a similar situation, I had said that the United States would be humiliated as the former empires were humiliated and its pride would be rubbed in the dirt. Today, we see how the United States is humiliated in the mud of Afghanistan and Iraq and it is humiliated like the former empires. Now, the United States is trying to find a way out from Afghanistan. They said: This is the new strategy. There is nothing but the strategy to flee, escape, and rescue what is left for them to be rescued.

"Yes brothers, Almighty God bestowed this great, enormous, and revered blessing on us to remember it among ourselves as showing one’s appreciation for God’s blessings will add more of
His blessings for us.

"Almighty God said: 'And remember! Your Lord caused to be declared (publicly): 'If ye are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you; But if ye show ingratitude, truly My punishment is terrible indeed.' (Koranic verse, Ibrahim, 14:17)

"However, as we said my brothers, the great outcome that the mujahidin have reached in Afghanistan was not like a trip of leisure. It was a trip of sacrifice, effort, patience, steadfastness, and trust in Almighty God.

"As we remember this blessing, we must remember the heroic and brave men, who took those difficult stands in order to restore the situation to normal and to tell the whole ungrateful and arrogant world, that God has given us the true promise and God will keep His word. With the will of the Almighty God, we shall overcome you and empower the religion of the Almighty God.

"The Exalted God said: 'We will, without doubt, help our apostles and those who believe, (both) in this world's life and on the Day when the Witnesses will stand forth.' (Koranic verse, Ghafir 40:51)

"Praise be to You God for all the visible and concealed blessings you have granted us.

"Dear brothers, this battle has been a battle for the entire Ummah, in which everyone has taken part. The orphan with his misfortune of becoming an orphan, the bereaved mother with her bereavement, the poor with his poverty, the vulnerable with his vulnerability, the rich with his wealth, the young man with his blood, the heroes with their patience, and the holy men with their prayers.

"This outcome is entrusted with the leaders of jihad to preserve. They should protect it. They must be resolved on this path that they have started with the sole help of Almighty God, Exalted He be. Let them rely on no one but God, for it is He, Who has granted them this victory and has empowered them. Should we turn to someone other than God, we will lose His favor. He will strip us off His blessing, and give it to someone else, because we would not be deserving of such favor. 'If ye turn back (from the Path), He will substitute in your stead another people; then they would not be like you!' (Partial Koranic verse, Muhammad 47:38)

"As I say this, I ask the Almighty God to forgive you and me."

"Praise be to God, the Venerable, the Mighty. Prayers and peace be upon His Prophet Muhammad, upon his household, all his companions and all those who followed his guidance and took his path until the Day of Judgment.

"On this day, dear bothers, we have to remember our brothers, who offered their blood as a sacrifice to the religion of the Exalted God, and whose bodies were torn in order to become bricks that would build the edifice of the Islamic Caliphate. The jihad and sacrifice convoy is still moving forward and is getting closer to the spread of the religion of the Almighty, Exalted be He.

"Therefore, we say, having full trust in the Exalted and Almighty God, and totally believing in His promise, that the religion of the Almighty God will not be restricted to Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Yemen, or Algeria. Rather, it will prevail in the whole world, as the loyal and honest (Prophet Muhammad) said. The Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said, 'God drew the
ends of the world, its eastern and western ends. The dominion of my Ummah would reach those ends which have been drawn near me.' (Hadith)

"The Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him also said, 'Surely, this religion will reach the boundaries of the day and night and God will not spare a rural or an urban dwelling except that he would cause Islam to enter it by elevating some and degrading others, a glory with which God elevates Islam and a humiliation with which God degrades apostasy.' (Hadith)

"Then the Prophet, Prayers and peace be upon him said, 'Prophethood (meaning himself) will remain with you for as long as God wills it to remain, then God will raise it up wherever he wills to raise it up. Afterwards, there will be a Caliphate that follows the guidance of Prophethood remaining with you for as long as God wills it to remain. Then, He will raise it up whenever He wills to raise it up. Afterwards, there will be a reign of violently oppressive (The reign of Muslim kings who are partially unjust) rule and it will remain with you for as long as God wills it to remain. Then, there will be a reign of tyrannical rule and it will remain for as long as God wills it to remain. Then, God will raise it up whenever He wills to raise it up. Then, there will be a Caliphate that follows the guidance of Prophethood Then the Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, stopped speaking.' (Hadith)

"This is a promise from the Almighty God and a declaration from His Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, that Islam will prevail over all religions and will spread to the whole world. God will enter every house, city, and village, both small and large into Islam. Their residents will embrace Islam and will be under the Muslim dominion. This is God's true promise.

"What the enemies of the Great and Almighty God are doing of spending their money and continuous cunning, day and night, in order to extinguish the light of the Great and Almighty God will be all in vain. All their efforts will be a source of grief in their hearts. The Great and Almighty God said: 'The Unbelievers spend their wealth to hinder (man) from the path of Allah, and so will they continue to spend; but in the end they will have (only) regrets and sighs; at length they will be overcome.' (Koranic verse, Al-Anfal, 8:36)

"Here you see, by your own eyes, the money spent by the United States and allocated for its Department of Defense has become a source of grief in their hearts. They are defeated, with the will of the Great and Almighty God.

"God to Whom be ascribed all perfection and majesty says: '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). It is He Who hath sent His Messenger with guidance and the Religion of Truth, to proclaim it over all religion, even though the Pagans may detest (it).' (Koranic verses, Al-Tawbah, 9:32-33)

"Let them die of anger, let them die of rage, let them die of grief, and let them die of regret, for the religion of the Great and Almighty God is still rising and its beam is still spreading. The people are still embracing this religion in crowds. We say in this situation as God Great and Almighty said it: 'When comes the Help of Allah, and Victory, And thou dost see the people enter Allah's Religion in crowds, Celebrate the praises of thy Lord, and pray for His Forgiveness: For He is Oft-Returning (in Grace and Mercy).' (Koranic verses, Al-Nasr, 110:1-3)

"The truth is on the rise, the falsehood is on the decline, and God shall not be asked for His judgments. If any situation is altered or changed, the Great and Almighty God never changes. God promised us relief after the hardship, and victory is achieved by our patience.
"Praise be to You, O Lord. Praise be to You, O Lord, for what You bestowed upon us. Praise be to You for what You granted us. Praise be to You for what You inspired. O God, may Your prayers be upon Muhammad and his household, just as Your prayers were upon the household of Ibrahim. May Your blessings be upon Muhammad and his household, just as Your blessings were upon the household of Ibrahim. You are the All Praiseworthy, the All Glorious.

"O God! Glorify Islam and Muslims and humiliate polytheism and the polytheists. O God, grant victory to your believing mujahidin worshipers and provide them with a verily conquest. O God, make their arrows hit the aims, make their opinions guided, make their feet firm, bring their hearts together, unite their words, and make them one united rank as You like and wish. O God, let them support Your religion, and let Your religion support them. O God, release our captive brothers, O God, set them free. O God, grant them salvation and hasten their rescue. O God, return them to their families safe, secure, and victorious. O God, grant victory to Your religion, Your Book (the Koran), and Your believing worshipers.

"O God, grant victory to the mujahidin in Afghanistan and provide them with a verily conquest. O God, return their country better, stronger, and faster than before, Lord of all creations. O God, grant victory to the mujahidin in Waziristan, O God, grant victory to the mujahidin in Iraq. O God, give them the empowerment you like and be pleased with. O God, grant victory to Your worshipers the mujahidin in Somalia, O God provide them with a verily conquest, O Lord of all creations. O God, grant victory to Your worshipers the mujahidin in Yemen, O God make their arrows hit the aims. O God, grant them more strength, steadfastness, and right guidance, O Lord of all creations. O God, grant victory to the mujahidin in Algeria, O God, make their feet firm, their plans wise, and their steps blessed. O God, assist them with Your soldiers, You Who own the soldiers of earth and heaven. O God, grant victory to Your believing mujahidin worshipers in Palestine, O God, unite their words, guide their hearts, make their feet firm, and raise their banner. O God, let them humiliate Your enemy and theirs. O God, grant victory to the mujahidin in Chechnya and make them firm and strong, O Lord of all creations. O God, grant them patience, make their feet firm, and grant them victory over the infidels. Our last prayer is praise be to God, Lord of all creation."

(The audience is saying 'Amin' after his supplications)

(A jihadist chant is heard in the background)

The video ends with a screen caption that reads "Where are the brigades of Muhammad Bin-Maslamah, may God be pleased with him, to support the messenger of God, prayers and peace of God be upon him." Then, it is followed by the logo of the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and the following caption: "The Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production, 1430 (corresponding to 2009)."