Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Criticizes Saudi Scholars, Western Education in Saudi Arabia

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On 6 February, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a statement issued by the Al-Qa'ida ideologue, Abu-Yahya al-Libi, entitled "We Are Not Huthists, Do Not Focus on the Speck and Ignore the Plank." The statement includes several links to Al-Libi's text message. In his 10-page statement, Al-Libi criticizes the western education and schools in Saudi Arabia. He also criticizes the Saudi scholars for "discrediting jihad." The statement, dated 3 January, was signed by Al-Libi himself and disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the statement follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate, "The Al-Fajr Media Center Presents: "We Are Not Huthists, Do Not Focus on the Speck and Ignore the Plank "By Shaykh Abu-Yahya Al-Libi, May God Protect Him

"Praise be to God. Prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of God, his family, his companions, and those who were loyal to him.

"We are not Huthists. We are not with them nor are we part of them. God Forbid! The distance between them and us in religion, creed, methodology, ideology, and goals is as far as the East is from the West and indeed, they are very far apart. However, God ensured that those who manipulate His religion or law would be exposed. Their falseness would be revealed even after a while. We ask God to shroud us with His mercy, which will be a comprehensive kind shelter for all our sins.

"Those manipulators commit contradictions and are confused about marketing contradictory rules. They invent forms of aberrations and deviations. They weave and contradict, accept and refuse, nullify and rule, detail and tailor, allow and trespass, as well as praise and slander without any solid basis, valid restraint, or firm origin. In addition to all that, they are dragged by urges the same way a dog drags his owner, and pant the same way a dog pants (whether you attack it or leave it alone).

"God the Almighty said: ‘Relate to them the story of the man to whom We sent Our signs, but he passed them by: so Satan followed him up, and he went astray. If it had been Our will, We should have elevated him with Our signs; but he inclined to the earth, and followed his own vain desires. His similitude is that of a dog: if you attack him, he lolls out his tongue, or if you leave him alone, he (still) lolls out his tongue. That is the similitude of those who reject Our signs; So relate the story; perchance they may reflect’ (Koranic verses, Al-A'raf, 7:175-176).

"They subjugate the verses of God rather than abide by them, and put them to use according to what suits them rather than follow the teachings of these verses. Those who subject this to others and sell out their religion for life's pleasures are worse and more miserable. Isma'il Bin-Abu-Awis said: 'I heard my uncle Malik Bin-Anas saying: Rabi’at al-Ra’i said to me: who was the teacher of Malik, 'Malik, who is the immoral?' He said: I said: those who ate using their religion. He said: who is lower than the immoral? He said: I said: those who fixed the life of others by spoiling their religion.' There is a similar saying by Abdallah Bin-al-Mubarak, may God rest their souls.
"The current events between the Huthists and Al Sa'ud exposed those who backstab jihad and the mujahidin, and dedicate their pens, websites, and podiums to get to the mujahidin and to belittle them. They dig for their smallest mistakes, even if they have to make up mistakes, to place them in the circle of criticism, advice, or guidance and to claim that the enormity of the issue and the great deviation requires doing so. This leads them to distance themselves from forgiveness or from being courteous and requires them to be clear, specific, and honest.

"I consider what is happening over there a form of protection by God of the believers and the mujahidin, and cunning from Him against the manipulators. They were in an unenviable position. The purpose here is not to gloat; it is rather to expose the situation of the people, who based their sayings and judgments on the edge of a collapsing cliff. It is a cliff of wicked desires and false catastrophic opinions. It is to expose those who were driven by spewed adulation of the rulers, abominable exaggerated flattery of the tyrants, and willingness to please their uninhibited desires and lusts. The purpose is to expose those who accepted the difficulties and humiliations to please the rulers, devoted themselves to justify their falsehood and deviation, and feigned blindness toward their infidelity, aberration, and falsity.

"They avoided confronting their imposture and programs, which are used to separate the people from their religion and uproot it from their hearts in order to imbed the seeds of hypocrisy, heresy, immorality, and corruption.

"This will create degraded and corrupted generations that fight the religion, doctrine, morals, and chastity. They will renounce their Arab origin and cherish their western creator. The Ummah will suffer from these generations for decades, if not centuries, before it starts getting back on its feet.

"The technical university of Abdullah (King Abdullah University for Science and Technology) in Jeddah is a clear example, for it is the most heinous tree that has been ever planted in this land! Its fruits will not only look like devil's heads, but will also spread the devil's ideologies of liberalism, degradation, dissolution, and temptation.

"They will reflect paganism and heresy to an extent that will make the hair of the youngsters grow grey - which already became grey -. O by God, this is a bad omen for the good people of this land. You will start to see its hideous outcomes within the coming years, for what ever was heinously planted shall heinously grow!

"The Almighty God said: 'When We decide to destroy a population, We (first) send a definite order to those among them who are given the good things of this life and yet transgress; so that the word is proved true against them: then (it is) We destroy them utterly' (Koranic verse, Al-Isra, 17:16). They used to say that if God wanted to reform a group of people, He would send them a reformer; if He wanted to corrupt a group of people, He would send them a corruptor; and if He wanted to destroy a group of people, he would increase those who are indulging in luxury. Look at what God has sent you!

"The worst part about this is that people discuss this issue and limit its problem to the prohibition of gender-mixing and its effects. Although this is an important issue, the real problem is much deeper and more dangerous than this.

"Scholar Bakr Abu-Zayd, may God rest his soul, talked about the foreign schools. He considered these schools at his time to be hazardous and realized their dangers and evils. He sorrowfully
and honestly uttered these words: 'Today we come across the biggest ordeals in the beginning of this educational year, 1419. An ordeal that cannot be moaned has afflicted the Arabian Peninsula. It is so grave that the mountains of Uhud and Thahlan (two mountains in the peninsula) fell. Today, the 'dark house' is established in our country. We are afflicted with the strongest strike that shall break our backs; the establishment of the international foreign colonial schools. These schools are explicitly and publicly on our lands today. They settled in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula; the holy place of Islam and the capital and stronghold of Muslims. It is a bad and dangerous omen. It is the first mean of evangelization and the most hideous mean of Christianization and westernization. This will radically shift the sons of the Muslims from their Islamic holds - the public Islamic schools - to the hold of infidelity, misguidance, immorality, and atheism in the international foreign schools. O by God, it is a calamity that has inflicted the heart of the Arabian Peninsula.' (The International Foreign Schools 6)

"His moans and warnings were blown away by the winds (whims) of the government of Al Sa'ud and under the leadership of their blind Bedouin. Such schools became something familiar and people are proud to compete to enter and study there. Then, this mausoleum of the living (referring to the King Abdullah University) has been inaugurated in Jeddah, ignoring all the previous ordeals and calamities. Let Uhud and Thahlan fall!

"This calamity made us forget the previous ones; yet, this calamity shall never be forgotten with time (verses of poetry).

"The decision belongs to God in all times.

"The establishment and spread of these foreign schools should be an example for you to learn. The advisors have advised; the zealous have spoken; the whisperers have whispered; and the caretakers have taken good care. They, God willing, will be rewarded as He said: 'When some of them said: "Why do ye preach to a people whom Allah will destroy or visit with a terrible punishment?" said the preachers: "To discharge our duty to your Lord, and perchance they may fear Him' (Koranic verse, Al-A'raf, 7:164).

"The preachers were acquitted before their Lord whereas the criminals did not stop, but went too far in their oppression. Therefore, the fire of those schools grew bigger. The believer should not be bitten from the same whole twice. Thus, all these denouncing statements, casual fatwas, concealed preaches, substantive discussions, gives-and-takes, and pale compliments will not stop the vandalistic tide that is led by the idiot of the Peninsula.

"He proved, through his successive plans and continuous programs, that he does no care about anyone who opposes him. On the contrary, he is marching forth in his corruption and infidelity just like a mad camel that does not stop at anything. If he stayed like this - I ask God to take him soon - we would hear the Christian bells explicitly tolling and the churches being built high in the Arabian Peninsula.

"These are neither fabrications, nor pessimism, nor exaggeration in warnings. Shaykh Bakr Abu-Zayd, may God rest his soul, has already sent out a warning when he said: 'Establishing these schools is a bold step in favor of their religious and cultural authority. The steps to follow the establishment of these schools are to include setting up churches, publishing Bibles and Christianizing books, establishing evangelist media means, and launching foreign courts and missionary centers. This is the case nowadays all around us and in all the Arabian Gulf countries - and in the Islamic world - without any exception.' (The International Foreign Schools 6)
"The mausoleum of the living, which has been established in Jeddah, should be destroyed. It will not be stopped by writing, prolonged discussions, or blaming. The best way to get rid of its evil and to protect the coming generation from its decease is to do the same thing that the Prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, did. He ordered to set the Al-Dirar Mosque (mosque of mischief) on fire and turned it into ashes. The best guidance is that of Muhammad, peace and prayers be upon him, so did the Amir of the Believers Ali Bin-Abi-Talib, may God be pleased with him.

"It was narrated by Abu-Ubayd al-Qasim Bin-Salam, on the authority of Rabi'ah Bin-Zaka, that: 'Ali Bin-Abi-Talib looked at Zararah, and asked: 'What is this village?' They answered: 'It is called Zararah where people commit adultery and sell wine.' Then, Ali Bin-Abi-Talib asked about the road to this village and the people answered: 'Bab al-Jisr.' One of the people said: 'O Amir of the Believers, we will arrange a ship that will take you there.' Ali Bin-Abi-Talib said: 'This is servitude, and we do not need that.' Let us march to Bab al-Jisr.' They marched until they reached it, then Ali ordered the men to set the entire village on fire and said: 'The malignant destroy only the malignant.' The village was entirely burned for the western part and stopped at the orchard of Khuwasta Bin-Jabaruna.'

"While wine - as evil as it is - plays with the minds of the people only for a temporary period of time, the influence of these buildings, which inculcate the immoral ideas, spread the vice, make the falsehood seem alluring, and promote the poisonous conceptions, is more dangerous to the ummah, as it is apparent. This is because of the long time, for which these buildings last. It is also attributed to the frequent inheritance and the swift spread of them.

"In this context, I would mention the books of the philosophers, which people have shown competition in translating them. Then, the ordeals accompanying the translation of these books befell the religion in succession. Because of these books, the sciences of the religion have become extremely difficult and fragile. May those who help promote and construct these buildings perish and be inclined to shame. One should not be terrified by the impressive decorations, the luxurious halls, the pieces of equipment and technologies, and the well administration of these buildings. All that angers God is the same, even if it is a gold cow. Indeed, God does not look at your outward appearance or your bodies; rather He looks at your hearts and deeds. Although God has named as mosque the building constructed by the Jews, He ordered the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, to demolish this building and not to stand forth for prayer therein. God Said: 'And there are those who put up a mosque by way of mischief and infidelity - to disunite the Believers - and in preparation for one who warred against Allah and His Messenger aforetime. They will indeed swear that their intention is nothing but good; But Allah doth declare that they are certainly liars. Never stand thou forth therein.' (Koranic verses, Al-Tawbah, 9:107-108).

"What has harmed our ummah is that it was deceived by the alluring appearances, and that it did not attempt to contemplate the facts. As a result, both the evil falsehood and errantry have found their way to the ummah. Moreover, the ummah has swallowed all types of poison, believing it to be pure honey. Consequently, doctrines were undermined, hearts became lifeless, and morals were deformed. In addition, vice has spread, evil people were respected, and righteous people were humiliated. Lessons should be learnt from the American University in Beirut, Cairo, and their counterparts. Those institutions graduate huge numbers of heretics, atheists, corrupters, and worshippers of their own desires. Those graduates spread the demolishing ideas, which have been decaying the body of the ummah and increasing its suffering. May God destroy them and destroy their dirty dens.
"Back to the Huthists issue, we all know what the Al Sa'ud mufti has said about the jihad in Iraq. He has shamefully put numerous obstacles that prevent people from the jihad.

"As well, he has stubbornly fixed new issues with the aim of removing the illegitimacy of the jihad, or at least raising doubts about it, thus confusing the people. The mufti adopted the behaviors of spreading lies, prejudicing, and cheating. Such behaviors pleases both his masters and the masters of his masters; namely the invading Christians. Those invaders have never imagined that the mufti of the country of monotheism will raise doubts about the banner, under which the mujahidin in Iraq fight. They have never imagined that this mufti will consider what happens in Iraq as a sedition, from which one should, or must, keep away.

"The mufti has released a long statement in this regard, which was circulated by the media. This statement is an irrefutable proof of the corrupted religion of those who seek the friendship of and depend on tyrants. Therefore, it is the more obvious for those who kiss their heads and noses delightfully.

"What happened - and is still happening - in Iraq is that the infidel Christian states, which are already the enemies of the religion, have assaulted it with their cavalry and their infantry. They have hit this country from sea, land, and air. They have committed all kinds of atrocities, which bled the hearts, even though they became like a rock and even worse in hardness. Their attacks targeted the women, the men, the children, the mosques, the Koran books, and the houses. Their huge numbers used the bombs to destroy everything.

"These infidel troops were faced by small numbers of the faithful people and troops of monotheism. Those troops have dismissed the cowardice and debility. They have also sought the help of God and transcended all the borders and dams. They addressed the united ummah of Islam and called out its people to go to war. They paid no attention to the nationalisms, the ethnicities, or the names that tore the ummah to pieces. These things did not prevent them from supporting and aiding each other. The people of faith and ardency from all the corners of the globe have responded quickly to the call of the troops of monotheism, and came to them in individuals and in groups. They have endured all the hardships for the sake of rescuing their brothers, winning the pleasure of God with them, and preventing the infidels from fulfilling their objectives. They have been certain that victory comes from God, and that the truth will arrive and the falsehood is perishable. Therefore, they have determined to offer their bloods and other scarce sacrifices. Their sacrifices are considered a white spot on the forehead of this dark time, which is tarnished by humiliation and servility. The sacrifices are also a source of pride for those who have stayed for long at the stagnating pool of despair. The objectives of those people are as clear as day.

"Since their land is occupied by the Christian infidels, they defend it in a death-defying way. Their objectives is to establish an Islamic state, which submits to God only, follows His Shari'ah, support those who submit to Him, and show enmity towards His enemies. How clear these objectives are! It is astonishing that some assume that these objectives are confusing. In fact, they can be confusing only for those who live in luxury. The Prophet said about those people: 'The worst of my ummah are those who indulge in delights; those who eat all different kinds of food, and wear all different kinds of clothing, and are loose in their speech.'

"Al Sa'ud are worried that they may be harmed, that their luxury may be prejudiced, and that they are subjected to a temporary danger by a band of 'infiltrators.' Now, pure jihadist banners are raised. The current jihad has specific objectives. It releases plain and courageous fatwas. In addition, it keeps calling out the Muslims (to go to war.)
"After a long wait, we heard of the jihad, the encampment, the martyrdom-seeking, and the martyrdom-seekers. Supplications for the Jihad and the mujahidin were heard at the mosques, yet limited to those who are fighting in the south. The jihadist Koranic verses and hadiths were read out. The virtues of the jihad reappeared after a long absence. At this time, we knew that the common rule, on which many of the fatwas are based, is as follows: God's Shari'ah will be established only if it pleases the ruler. Hence, we come to know that the doctrine of infallibility is stronger in those muftis with their rulers than in the Rejectionists with their imams. Jihad in Iraq is the most outraging issue for Al Sa'ud. It is an unclear - probably blind - banner, for direct harm will befall their masters, the United States and its allies. However, when the evil approaches their thrones, even with bubbles over remote mountains and borders, calls for jihad will fill the horizons. At this time, jihad will be legitimate. Its banner will be extremely clear.

"It is improper to compare the remnants of those who broke through the borders -- if they really did so -- to the massive armies that set off their march arrogantly and wantonly containing their women and men. It is improper to compare the weaponry of those violators to the weaponry of those who get unprecedented military equipments, technologies, and ground and aerial weapons of destruction. It is also improper to compare the goals of those who drafted projects and plans that, if implemented, would eradicate and eliminate Islam to the goals of this group whose number cannot reach one-hundredth of what the troops of the worshipers of the Cross are. Furthermore, it is improper to compare the sufferings of the Sunnis in Iraq at the hands of the savage Crusaders and their rancorous rejectionist followers to what the Huthists did and are still doing. We ask God to bring failure to all of them and to turn the war between them into the rescue of His monotheist servants and strength of the sincere mujahidin.

"It is not meant here to defend those Huthists, may God disgrace them, or to discuss the ruling of fighting them, for this has nothing to do with our concern or missions. Furthermore, we are not forced to get involved in every direction pursued by Al Sa'ud or to operate our train on the rail they establish. Many years ago, I wrote an article entitled 'The Fire of the Magi in the Arabian Peninsula.' Thus, let everyone refer to it, if need be.

"Yet, as I mentioned before, the likes of this mufti let the mujahidin in Iraq down and dissuaded those who want to join them. He overlooked and winked at what is being committed by the criminal Crusaders and their rejectionist supporters. He cast doubt on the righteous banner of jihad, under which the mujahidin fight, God tested him with something similar to that in a way that one cannot distinguish between the two cases; neither the argument nor the premise. He ran out of tricks, options, and methods of evasion. Thus, he recklessly followed the contradiction and disagreement. Thus, he issued the edict on the legality of the Shari'ah jihad against the Huthists. He urged and instigated, as well as egged on and prompted. Everyone has to accept that and woe unto anyone rejects or casts doubt on it!

"(Poetry line) 'If Hazam says anything, you have to believe her since whatever she says is the truth' (end of poetry).

"Do not protest or you will be an outcast. Actually, I do not know his opinion now on the verdict of jihad against the infidel flagrant armies that usurp Iraq and Afghanistan, against the Ethiopians that break through the Somali borders, or against the CIA elements and the mercenaries of Blackwater that break through the Pakistani borders and so on. I also do not know his opinion on the verdict of jihad against the neighboring Crusaders in the Arabian Peninsula that defend and protect the aggressors, according to their allegations, while wiping out their Muslim neighbors! They keep them alive to kill their brothers in Iraq, Afghanistan, and
Waziristan from their bases that are established on the peninsula's lands. What are you saying!

"May God reward Abdallah Bin-al-Mabaraka who said:

"(Poetry line) 'O you who use religion as a hawk to hunt the money of sultans, do not trade in religion for life as the errant monks do. You have used tricks for life and its pleasures by using a trick that takes you out of the religion' (end of poetry).

"We get used to such actions from the oppressors of Al Sa'ud and this is their custom and inner intent. You find them plotting against the religion and its people, fighting it by their latent vile, and unlimitedly spending huge money to discourage and keep others from it. For this purpose, they take as brother any cursed infidel from the worshipers of the trees, stones, Crosses, and Satan. They involve in all issues of Muslims on which their hopes are pinned until they bring about their lost, termination, or distortion.

"It is their custom until they are harmed or nearly inflected and they find that they have no other refuge but in the religion, they follow its direction; showing some piety, ease, asceticism, relief, and delight. They open a narrow window for it in a way that benefits them without harm, rescues them without difficulty, and surrounds them without being besieged. They took the scholars who curry favor with them as jokes and forced labors, as well as laughingstock and servants. Whenever they reach their goals and achieve their aim, the task of the religion is over; they turn against it, despise and disparage it, and throwing it just like a handkerchief, and so on.

"Their status is like the saying of God the Exalted and Almighty: 'They say, "We believe in Allah and in the apostle, and we obey": but even after that, some of them turn away: they are not (really) Believers. When they are summoned to Allah and His apostle, in order that He may judge between them, behold some of them decline (to come). But if the right is on their side, they come to him with all submission. Is it that there is a disease in their hearts? or do they doubt, or are they in fear, that Allah and His Messenger will deal unjustly with them? Nay, it is they themselves who do wrong' (Koranic verses, Al-Nur, 24:47-50).

"Whoever examines their stances and actions toward many of the Muslims causes, especially these causes that are linked to jihad, while withholding himself from whims in assessment, will clearly find that. The stark example of this is their attitude toward jihad against the Soviet Union when the winds of the West were supporting them, and then fighting it today when it is targeting their allies and masters; that is, the Americans and their followers. They follow the rule of the Jews who praise the ones they like and disparage the ones they like.

"Similarly, they took the rejectionists as brothers and sought their friendship. They pave the way to their polytheists and moaners to bemoan, hit their chests and curse at the graves of the companions, may God be pleased with them, in Medina Luminous. Moreover, they defend and protect them; criticize whoever criticizes them. They prevent the people from listening to those who warn against their evil and polytheism, fill the prisons with them, and mete out all kinds of punishments to them. Yet, when they feel the danger of the Huthists and their disgraced rejectionist supporters, they demonstrate their power and might, and utilize it against them. They are the same forces that were protecting them.

"This indicates the fact that overlooking their activities or facilitating matters for them was not out of weakness or impotency. However, it is out of their vile, negligence, and cooperation to reach a preponderant benefit that they sought. When the benefit is achieved, they overpower them. Woe unto the two parties! A religion that is led by those tyrants via their desires and is
subject to their whims cannot establish the truth. Nay, it is more likely to bring corruption to the countries and peoples.

"God the Almighty says: 'If the Truth had been in accord with their desires, truly the heavens and the earth, and all beings therein would have been in confusion and corruption! Nay, We have sent them their admonition, but they turn away from their admonition' (Koranic verse, Al-Mu'minun, 23:71).

"Imam Abu-Ja'far al-Tabari, may he rest in peace, interpreted this verse as: 'God the Almighty says that if He the Almighty followed the desires of those polytheists, ordained the predestination according to their will and intention, and left the truth they hate, the heavens and the earth, and all beings therein would have been in confusion and corruption. This is because they do not know the repercussions of affairs. They cannot differentiate between the true and corrupt ordinance. If matters are in agreement with their whims and wills, given that the majority of them prefer falsehood to the truth, heavens, the earth, and all beings therein would not be stable. This is the Truth. (Tafsir Al-Tabari: 19/57)

"Therefore, every sane person of dynamic thinking has the right to ask you a straight question, and to demand a conclusive answer that dispels ambiguity. The question is as follows: What difference did you find between the fight against the Huthists that you deem as legal praiseworthy jihad, regarding the participants in it as mujahidin that will be rewarded, and the fight against the Christian forces and their collaborators in Iraq that you deem as questionable, discouraging those who wanted to join it? It is a fight against those infidels, and yet you deem as blameworthy their quest to join this fight.

"In similar vein, we still hear and read that the Al-Qa'ida does not refrain from shedding the blood of innocents, and that it is not hesitant to shed the blood of Muslims and others, whom you labeled as civilians. This is a lie fabricated by Al-Qa'ida's enemies, and promoted by some Muslims out of ignorance, jealousy, or absurdity, so that this perception of the Al-Qa'ida is established in the minds and becomes an indisputable fact that is hard to challenge.

"Today, their country; the sole (monotheist) country is committing the same (crime). It massacres the innocents in public, and pours on their heads tons of piercing incendiary bombs, destroying the villages without caring about the inhabitants, and mixing the flesh of women with the flesh of children, old people, and animals. Yet, we did not hear from those (outspoken, bold) critics any whisper of protest. Rather, they remain supportive to their country in public and in secret. Had the accusation against the mujahidin of the Al-Qa'ida been true, which is impossible, their actions would have been more entitled to be justified, and to be overlooked by the tyrants of Al Sa'ud, who play with religion, take advantage of it, and mock it by their humiliating media. The reasons for this are many, including the following:

"The enemies of the mujahidin cannot be compared in anyway, in terms of numbers, munitions, or preparation, to the groups of infiltrators, whom the rulers of Al Sa'ud are trying hard to force away. There is no way we can compare the coalition of the Crusader forces with all its massive armies, sophisticated weaponry, and trained soldiers to tribes that are surrounded by mountains and that live in valleys and hills. They are just groups of infiltrators as dubbed by the media of Al Sa'ud.

"Another reason is the dearth of the number of the mujahidin and the modesty of their potentials in comparison to what the enemies have as mentioned before. Logically, those who are weak and besieged, and who are certain of their death, will defend themselves by whatever
means they have. Thus, how can we compare the attacks carried out by the groups of infiltrators in the outlying areas of the Al Sa’ud country to the aggression of the infidel Crusader forces against the lands of Muslims, on their own ground, chasing the mujahidin in every village, city, valley and house? Look at the aggressors and the victims in both cases, and then draw a fair judgment.

"Another reason is that the mujahidin are fighting enemies that are mingling with citizens, and moving amidst them, and whose bases are built in the middle of their residential areas. On the other hand, the groups of infiltrators, as the name indicates, are mere infiltrators. This means that they have left their areas of residence, and isolated themselves from their families, women, and children. What is the need therefore to destroy their villages?

"Moreover, the country of Al Sa’ud is of great capabilities and potentials, and possesses sophisticated weaponry, accurate missiles, full treasury, as well as experts and expertise. This necessitates that it is capable of reaching its goals with great precision without the need to apply a scorched land policy, as they call it, especially since its goals and enemies, according to them (the Saudis), are isolated groups of infiltrators. Therefore, what legal ruling does prompt it (Saudi Arabia) to overlook all the capabilities it has, and deliberately bombard the villages and residential places to kill the innocent inhabitants?" As for the mujahidin, they do not possess Apache Helicopters or even sailplanes, nor do they possess smart bombs or stupid ones. They do not possess developed tanks nor primitive ones. Their enemy is not an isolated enemy; rather, their enemy mingles with the people in the cities, and not on mountains. The most powerful weapon the mujahidin have is the martyrdom operations or the explosive charges. Thus, if the accusations that they kill innocent people were true, their actions, in comparison with the actions of the soldiers of Al Sa’ud, would be certainly justified. Those who level such accusations against the mujahidin are left with nothing. They can only direct their criticism to Al Sa’ud and their massacres against innocent civilians. They must be as bold and outspoken as they used to be whenever it comes to criticizing the mujahidin. They should say: (Together against the terrorism of the Al-Qa’ida and Al-Sa’ud) or else, they must acknowledge the legitimacy of the actions of the mujahidin, including killing innocent people, which they claim that the mujahidin are perpetrating, in the same manner that they acknowledge the apparent actions committed by Al Sa’ud. They are two doomed options, and there is no way out from them. Or else, let them explain to us the distinction that puzzled us. If they convince us, then, our hearts will be reassured, and we will understand the reason behind allowing Al Sa’ud to kill deliberately whoever they want and as many innocent civilians as they want. After all, who can deny what the religion allows for them? Whereas voices are raised whenever the mujahidin are accused of killing by mistake a single man even if he was one of the US giants or one of the London’s demons.

"The Almighty God said: 'O ye who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, your parents, or your kin. Whether it is (against) rich or poor, for Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest ye swerve, and if ye distort (justice) or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well-acquainted with all that ye do' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:135).

"We, the mujahidin, disavow ourselves from unjustly shedding the blood of any Muslim, whether that Muslim is a man or a women, young or old, sane or insane, pious or irreverent, knowledgeable or ignorant, impartial or partial, Sunnî or innovative, Arab or non-Arab, and nomad or urban. Whoever accuses us otherwise, God will be our judge, for the conflicting parties will appear before God.
"Our last supplication shall be: Praise be to God, Lord of all creation.

"Written by the one that seeks his Lord's forgiveness,

"Abu-Yahya al-Libi,

"17 Muharram 1431 (corresponding to 3 January 2010)."