

Abu-Yahya Al-Libi Condemns US Involvement in Yemen, Yemeni Government

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On 22 February, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to an article written by the Al-Qa'ida ideologue Abu-Yahya al-Libi, entitled "Yemeni Government to America: I Sacrifice Myself for Your Sake." In the article, Al-Libi condemns the Yemeni government for its support of the US "plans" for the region and for its fighting against the "mujahidin" in place of the US forces. Al-Libi states that since the United States is "bombing" and "killing" Yemenis, it is acceptable for the "mujahidin" to do the same to Americans and to travel "thousands of miles" to do so. The article, dated 13 January, is published by the Al-Fajr Media Center. OSC filed FYI as GMP20100222050012.

A translation of the statement follows: "Yemeni Government to America: I Sacrifice Myself for Your Sake. "Written by Shaykh Abu-Yahya Al-Libi, May God Protect Him.

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

"Praise be to God. Prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of God:

"As soon as the attempt to bomb the US plane took place a few days ago, the world stood on its toes, raising its head and mobilizing its media, its intelligence agencies, and its political institutions. The flood of analysis and decisions started incessantly gushing forth from these lairs. The interested parties among them hurried in search for a solution for this problem so that it does not happen again; they attacked, roamed, searched, ransacked, tested, and inspected, however their lost minds and sick hearts did not lead them to the source of the disease. They did not reach the core of the problem and the origin of the dilemma. Thus, they went back to square one, from which they had never even left. They tried to treat the symptoms and ignore the disease itself. This is only because they are sick with stupidity and stupidity has no cure.

"We used to think that the 'dying' United States, after all these years of violent war that cost it all its treasures, threw its dearest sons into the war's inferno and discharged all the maliciousness, viciousness, alliances and deviousness it possessed. We thought the United States realized, at least at the lowest level of understanding, that the threats, rude speeches, garnished words, tight security measures, activation of all the intelligence agencies efforts, and exploitation of the latest equipment would never provide it and its pitiful people with the security that it has aspired since the beginning of its Crusade. It will not even achieve it in the future. It has not found it and it will never even smell it. Therefore, the chief concern of the leader of the free world and the carrier of the banner of democracy, which it wants to spread or impose on the world, was focused on finding a way to achieve security for itself. This is even if it requires that it become cocooned around itself, instead of spreading its principles and civilization to the oppressed, poor, secluded, miserable, and vanquished peoples of the world!

"It has forgotten that an insecure person cannot provide others with security. A selfish person

only cares about himself, and if someone does not free himself, how could he free others? Therefore, The United States has become a hostage of its own crimes. This leads it to the complete realization that the 'Super Power' era is over, unless this greatness is the same as that of the state of the idiot (President) of Libya. Its politicians are completely aware that their country is collapsing day after day, even minute after minute, into an abyss, from which it will never get out. A body will not survive if there is no hope that the bleeding wound will be healed. Thus, its wise people, if there are any, have to know that the financial, economic, moral, political, and military losses inflicted on their country, while it is seeking to defend itself in its own way, will be double its losses if it admits its mistakes, confesses to its sins, stops its aggression, and preserves what remains of its self-respect. However, the obsession with superiority, megalomania, self-sanctification, God's-chosen-people mentality, racial superiority, the need to humiliate nations, and others more are hindering it from saving itself before it is too late, and perhaps it is already too late. By the grace of Almighty God, it will slide from one disaster to another, while staggering and stumbling like a drunk and confused person. Each time it discovered the flagrancy of its mistake and the enormity of its price, instead of treating and correcting it, it moved to another more awful mistake, hoping that this might be the way for survival. No one will be saved from God's wish except otherwise being forgiven by God.

"The United States tried Somalia in the past, but its hopes were dashed in Operation Restore Hope. There was no hope in returning after a dozen of its soldiers were dragged on the streets of poor Mogadishu, which the United States came to rebuild. The city was rebuilt, except it was done so with the corpses and the body parts of men, children, and women. The poor of Somalia taught the United States that it could not rebuild a country through destroying religion and violating honors. They taught the United States that suffering through hunger is better than accepting submission and that the free woman will die of hunger rather than sell herself. The United States did not learn the lesson; considering it a studied matter. This is no surprise because they are the people who: 'They have hearts wherewith they understand not, eyes wherewith they see not, and ears wherewith they hear not. They are like cattle,- nay more misguided: for they are heedless (of warning).' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-A'raf, 7:179)

"The United States forgot this old lesson and kept on moving like a viper and staring like a falcon. It arrogantly attacked Afghanistan, and its arrogance deceived it. It pushed its people to their own doom, and they are still suffering in that hellfire. Lucky is he who learns from the lessons of the others, but the United States did not, and will not learn from anyone even from itself. God said: 'But when (once) Allah willeth a people's punishment, there can be no turning it back, nor will they find, besides Him, any to protect.' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Ra'd, 13:11) The United States thought that the battle ended when the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan was overthrown. It did not know that this was only the beginning. The coffins returned to America in convoys, and the soldiers lost their minds from the intensity of what they saw and experienced. Thus, psychiatric and mental hospitals were filled of those soldiers and suicide rates rose to unprecedented levels. This did not quench the thirst of the courageous land of Afghanistan for their blood. The land is still asking if there is some more.

"Then came the incidents of Iraq, and God only knows what Iraq is. After the false illusion of a victory in Afghanistan, (President George) Bush and his cursed party believed that the Earth is a ball that they can play with. Bush gathered his forces to occupy Iraq because the Iraqi people would greet him with flowers. That is what he thought. After that, as everyone knows, came the shameful defeat that banished their demons and shattered the fear of the United States and its powers. The United States is inflicted by a shame that cannot be concealed and by a curse that will follow it everywhere. Moreover, the US presence in the land of the Caliphate woke up the Islamic ummah and pumped the blood back in its veins after long dormancy. This gave hope to

the desperate people, who have been suffering for years from the oppression of the tyrants. The Islamic nation demonstrated sacrifices, steadfastness, strength, and determination that deserve to be recorded with shiny letters in the annals of history.

"Today, the United States is plotting on the Yemeni arena, but as cautiously as a crow. It has found agents and collaborators, who have said: 'we will sacrifice ourselves for your (United States) sake'. It thought that this would keep it safe and unharmed, as advised by the analysts of the RAND institute that said in one of their recommendations: 'Military force, and not necessary American soldiers, might be needed in case Al-Qa'ida becomes involved in an armed insurgency.

"The local military forces (local armies) usually have more legitimacy than the United States to carry out operations. Moreover, these forces have a better understanding of the conditions for these operations even if they need to develop their abilities on the long run in order to confront the armed insurgent terrorist groups.

"This means that there should be no apparent, or just a minuscule, presence for US military forces.

"US military forces can play a very important role in developing the abilities of these local military forces, but they must resist being pulled into direct confrontations with Muslim societies, because their appearance in such a way will increase recruitment among the ranks of the terrorists.' (End of excerpt)

"It is clear from their recommendations that the presence of these local military forces is guaranteed. They speak as if these are their armies and forces that are under their command and control. They also speak as if they were their soldiers, who can replace the US forces in any of the wars related to the United States. According to their claims, the only role for the US forces is to elevate the standard of their agents (local forces,) increase their capabilities, and master the training of their dogs so that they can be obedient. This is so that the naive do not feel that this is a US fight, but is a Muslim-Muslim one or, in other words, it is a fight of a legitimate government against insurgents or gangs of terrorists. Thus, this will not result in an uprising or incite their zeal. Therefore, the ugliest crimes will be committed and Muslims will be not move because he who takes responsibility for this war is named Ali, Salih, or Ahmad, not George, Biden, or Clinton. This pushes us to emphasize a number of issues and to correct some of the mistaken concepts from both the religious and practical perspectives that are repeated by many as follows:

"First: There is invalidity of any differentiation between the external and internal enemy in terms of the judgment regarding fighting. Moreover, they built some religiously incorrect rulings based on this differentiation, such as that fighting should be limited to the external enemy. Their pretext is that the external enemy is targeting us all, peoples and governments, and that we have to foil the enemy's opportunity and unite in order not to allow any gap to divide us. This is a fake pretext. It is silly and superficial enough not even to merit discussion. There is the claim that our Muslim peoples do not comprehend the reality of fighting the internal enemy (the apostate governments). Undoubtedly, this may be real in many countries due to the confusion practiced by the mass media and the false concepts propagated by the scholars of evil. This is added to the spread of ignorance among the people and the absence of many of the important Islamic facts. However, when remedying the situation, we reversed the case. Instead of seeking and exerting efforts to elevate the status of the nation, draw its attention to the dangers of the near agent, and expose its clear collaboration, we started to lower our understanding, fundamentals, and deeds in order to keep pace with this deteriorating reality. We degraded ourselves and coped with it.

The duty was to seek to fight the so-called internal enemy once there was an opportunity while motivating the people, inciting them, and exerting the utmost efforts to enlighten them about the reality of the enemy and the battle being waged against them and to explain the religious duty about this situation. When the people refrain from fighting in a clear religious battle; especially if the mujahidin resort to fighting in it, two issues must be combined: First, they should carry out fighting and attacking the enemy. Second, they should urge the believers to join the battle. All this must be done after relying on God as He told His Prophet, God's prayers and peace be upon him: 'Then fight in Allah's cause - Thou art held responsible only for thyself - and rouse the believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers; for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment.' (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa, 4:84)

"Commenting on this verse, Scholar Ibn-Atiyah said: 'It appears as if this command was only to the Prophet, peace be upon him; however, we never find in any source that fighting was commanded only to the Prophet, God's prayers and peace be upon him, rather than the entire ummah in any given period in history. The meaning, God knows best, is that the verse literally addresses the Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, but it refers to every single person. It is as if the verse is saying you Muhammad and every one of your nation should 'fight in the cause of God - Thou art held responsible only for thyself.' Therefore, every believer must feel that he is fighting even if all alone. The Prophet said in this respect: 'By God, I will fight them until I die.' This is in addition to the saying by Abu-Bakr during the times of the apostasy (after the death of the prophet): 'If my right hand betrayed me, I will fight them with my left hand.' The verse then addressed the Prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, asking him to urge and motivate the believers to carry out their duty.' (Al-Muharir al-Wajiz 2/164)

"Those, whom God blessed with the honor of carrying out jihad and becoming involved in the practical details of this holy duty, and following its daily developments and ongoing events, can notice the vast difference between theory and practice, and between suggestions and implementation. They will find that the difference between theorization and the facts on the ground is like the difference between fact and fiction. This is not an exaggeration rather it is the truth. Those who have gone through this realize this fact. Hearing is not like seeing. This can be applied in regard to the issue of making distinction between the internal enemy and the external enemy, especially from parts attacked by the enemy. Based on reality and practice; it is a purely hypothetical concept. It is no less difficult to implement it than it is to fight this internal enemy, if not more difficult. It is true that there might be some purely tactical actions, which lead to the weakening of the enemy, such as spreading discord among them, or weakening their resolve by offering some temptations to this side or that. These types of actions stem from political and military dexterity and should be mastered and used whenever it is deemed feasible to implement them. Nevertheless, these kinds of purely military actions must not be evolved into established models that are used as a criterion for what is right and what is wrong.

"The second: in the past, the main element for fighting the apostate governments was based mainly on the issue of revolting against the infidel rulers, and overthrowing them because they maintain a governance system, which is different than the system revealed by God. It is an issue, which produced many despised ideas, and deviant groups, whereas, today, the apostate governments are engaged in proxy wars in an exposed manner to foster the occupation of Muslim lands firstly and secondly to ensure the safety, the welfare, and security of the infidel countries, mainly the United States. This is most apparent today in Pakistan. The Yemeni government is following in the same footsteps. This necessitates that the mujahidin focus their media, statements, and studies on exposing this type of clear treachery and proxy wars carried out by these apostate armies, which are engaged in defending the infidel countries, and in taking up the task of fighting Islam and torturing Muslims at the behest of infidels. Any observer with

some contemplation will realize that the actions of the governments and their armies are the worst and most heinous sins mentioned by our ancient scholars, may God bless their souls. The worst form of loyalty presumed by our ancient scholars was that some who claimed to be Muslims would come to the aid of the enemies when their armies attack the Muslims. In addition, they presumed that this kind of support would be restricted to the battlefields. However, for the infidels to take defense in safe places, not directly involved in the fighting, relying on those who claim to be Muslims to accomplish the mission of killing Muslims for them, is something that no mind could imagine. It is the lowest degree of wretchedness, which fits only those who are detached from their humanity; not to mention from their religion and honor. God almighty said: 'Those who turn back as apostates after Guidance was clearly shown to them,- the Evil One has instigated them and busied them up with false hopes. This, because they said to those who hate what Allah has revealed, "We will obey you in part of (this) matter"; but Allah knows their (inner) secrets.' (Koranic verses, Muhammad, 47:25-26) Nevertheless, what about those, who said that they would obey you in all matters? Did these governments ever disobey a command by the United States? This shows that these governments are worthless and have no weight in the eyes of the West, except when they are ready to defend it (the West). This is what the Yemeni Government expressed in its readiness to do that after it was promised some support. This is the policy of begging, which have been adopted by the Pakistani Government for a long time. Therefore, focusing on this point is very important because it means destroying the wall, behind which the United States hides in order to carry out its evil and to run its wars without provoking the Muslim people.

"Here we must remember that what pushed the United States to follow this method and to avoid confrontation were the massive losses that it suffered on the fields of jihad that it dared to enter. This is an indirect announcement of its defeat and a new way to flee from the battleground. It is an acknowledgment of its inability to achieve control and its other goals using its army. Thus, it moved to another experiment, which is war by proxy and the exporting of agent forces. This means that the mujahidin have won half of the battle and have traveled a distance, God willing, because these countries receive their strength from the strength of their leader, the United States. They believe that it is able to do anything and fear it in secret and in public. When God guided the mujahidin to drag the United States to this level when it is fearful of a direct confrontation and accepted that its army gradually removes itself from the battle, then this will make the collaborating countries fall towards weakness and inability, even rapid collapse. This is because it is actually clinging on to what is weaker than a spider's web. The United States is now between two choices, each is more difficult than the other: either it directly enters into the confrontation and it has repeatedly tried this and discovered that it was a lethal and failed method, or it can continue to spend from its treasury and to seize opportunities that it regards unprecedented. Those who see the humiliating conditions that the US Administration had for the financing and helping of the Pakistani army will know that it has begun to realize the failure of war by proxy as it discovered in the past the failure of its army in the fields of direct confrontation. It has commenced a war of deals, in which the support is only based on certain filed operations where its slaves fight, with every dollar spent being accounted for. As they repeatedly say, there will no longer be any blank checks. The mujahidin must not hesitate to delve into this battle with all the courage and strength that is required. This will, God willing, uncover these regimes for those who are still deceived by them. This will break their backs after the supplies and slaves have been exhausted.

"Three: With its massive media capabilities, the US has tried to tell the world that the reason for the campaign against Yemen that it had plotted an attempt to down one of its aircraft. This is so that it can appear before the simple minds as the helpless victim, who was assaulted and grudgingly had to defend himself. This is a fallacy and is not strange for the leader of clear lies

and ugly witchcraft. It is hard to give up what is accepted, but it is strange for anyone with a brain to spread this silliness.

"The Yemeni tribes were subjected to bombing by US aircraft long before the incident of the US plane bombing attempt. Many Muslims, women, men and children, were killed in this crime. Some Yemeni parliamentarians even spoke about this. If the killing of civilians is a condemned crime then what is the difference if they are killed by these planes or on board of them? Why it is acceptable that this is done with diabolical missiles by a heinous condemned crime if it happens with a primitive explosive device? '...and certain it is that either we or ye are on right guidance or in manifest error.' (Partial Koranic verse, Saba, 34:24)

"In the message, in which he talked about a new strategy for Afghanistan, Obama said that he would not leave a safe place for Al-Qa'ida, citing Yemen and Somalia. This is as if the entire Earth is his to allocate to whatever agents he wants. This is a clear and open declaration of a war which has been declared and ongoing from before.

"The infiltration of US intelligence into the core of the Yemeni government is something that is not hidden from anyone. It is the US that commands and oversees, as well as orders and runs matters. Its embassy is a lair of plotting, treachery, recruitment, and corruption. Its vessels and warships on Muslim seas only carry death and destruction. By the US standards and the world of hypocrisy behind it, this is not a crime that is worth anyone's weeping over it or striving to defend it. This is because the targeted land is Islamic and the spilled blood is Muslim blood, the cheapest thing in our age. Sadly, many Muslims, including scholars, issue their judgments about affairs based on the interpretations given to them by the media. They feed their thoughts from it and so become its victims and therefore you see the sad contradictions regarding many issues, even though they are clear and their truth is evident.

"This is if we deal with matters from the narrow country-based view, meaning that we judge the United States for only its crimes in Yemen. These are, doubtless, many and we have only pointed at a few. However, if we judge the United States with our pure Islamic method, which regards the Islamic ummah as one and its body as one, as our prophet, God's prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'The believers, in their compassion and mercy to one another are like a body that if one organ complains, the rest of the body would come to its aid with alertness and fever.' (Hadith) In the rendition by Muslim: 'Muslims are like one man. If his eye complains, his entire body complains. If his head complains, his entire body complains.' (Hadith) I say: If we judge the United States according to this justice, and if we look at its clear and filthy crimes, which never cease, then the search for justifications to fight it in its homeland becomes unnecessary and a waste of effort.

"(Poetic verse) The morning is known, without an announcement. I do not need a notification for it. (End of the poetic verse)

"These borders that they stuffed us into it do not mean anything from a religious perspective. They divide the ummah and tear at this one body. Accepting them and dealing on their basis is a false jahili (pre-Islamic ignorance) inclination and a deadly acceptance. Therefore, the calamity for the Muslims in the Far East is the calamity for his brothers in the Far West. It is his duty to alleviate him and come to his aid with alertness and fervor, and do what he can for this. The least of what is possible are prayers without any attention to color, language, ethnicity, or otherwise, as long as everyone is under the umbrella of: 'There is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God.'

"It is unnecessary to point to the main issue for Muslims and their greatest tragedy. Does anyone except the United States support the state of Israel, embrace it, oversee it, and supply it in its transgression and oppression and its killing of the people of Palestine. They are imprisoned, violated, torture, besieged, made hungry, and killed by the Israelis without any accountability or fear of punishment?"

"Thus, the US invasion of Yemen is preplanned. In truth, with what we mentioned, it is already a reality; its signs only appeared now with the activation of its agents in Sana'a so that they can come forth with uncovered heads. The incident of the aircraft was merely used as a simple excuse to carry out the oppression, transgression, and criminality that the United States was born with. It has fed on this and habits are hard to break. I am saying this, even though it is clear, so that some idiots do not say that the mujahidin have lured a superpower into targeting them and dragged the country into hardships that are not needed, like what we hear every once in a while. This is as if Muslims, before the arrival of the United States, were living in the state of Harun al-Rashid (Eight century Abbasid Caliphate) and not that of the Al-Aswad al-Ansi (figure from the days of the prophet, who claimed to be a prophet, reviled in Muslim history).

"Fourth: Based on this, the mujahidin, in Yemen and elsewhere, should not limit themselves where religion has given them space. Just as our enemy announced this open war, our war against it should also be open. Since their aircraft, warships, and forces have traveled thousands of miles and crossed borders to kill, bomb, besiege, starve, sabotage, destroy, pursue, and arrest. They announced that it would not leave a safe place for it, then we as well must take risks and travel thousands of miles, target them and take away the security that is their most valuable goal and wish. They will not have wealth, an economy or prosperity without it. They are the ones who chose that the war would be like this, in this space and time. They must pay the price for what they have planted. The mujahidin must strive to overcome the protecting barrier (the local forces) in order to strike at what is hiding behind it. This is not because fighting those collaborators is a religious problem, this is something that we have resolved, but this is so that we are not distracted much by fighting those scum and deplete a large part of our enemy and let the United States and its people enjoy the security that they long for. Their president even said in his recent address: 'If our security is on the line, then our life is on the line.' Prepare, rely on your God and intensify your campaign; it will be one of the two good (fates, victory or martyrdom). '...And if any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is ((Allah)) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose: verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion.' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Talaq, 65:3) Thanks be to God, the Lord of all creation.

"Our final prayer is; thanks be to God, the Lord of all creation.

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