

Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid Eulogizes Baitullah Mehsud, Vows Revenge

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On 30 September, a forum participant posted several links on a jihadist website to a video message from Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid, leader of the Al-Qa'ida Organization in Afghanistan, entitled "Condolences and Congratulations for the Islamic Nation on the Martyrdom of Amir Baitullah Mehsud, may God have mercy on him." Abu-al-Yazid eulogizes Baitullah Mehsud, who is commended for "mobilizing the Taliban and creating a council for the unity of the mujahidin." He concludes by addressing "the criminal Americans and their apostate Pakistani supporters" and says: "We will avenge his death." The 8-minute 22-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 follows:

"(Text) Condolences and Congratulations for the Islamic Nation on the Martyrdom of Amir Baitullah Mehsud, may God have mercy on him. "(Text) Shaykh Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid (may God preserve him) "(Text) In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate...'Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. Of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait, but they have never changed (their determination) in the least' (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:23).

(Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid appears, begins speaking) "In the name of God. Praise be to God, and peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God. We give our condolences and congratulations to the Islamic nation on the martyrdom of one of its brave heroes, one of its unrivaled leaders, one of its men who was true to God, and God was true to him. He (God) had the best ending for them, which is martyrdom for the cause of God. We consider him one of those who God referred to as: 'Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. Of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait, but they have never changed (their determination) in the least' (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab, 33:23). We give our condolences and congratulations especially to the Islamic nation in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and their tribes (particularly the Mehsud tribe) on the martyrdom of their devoted son and brave leader Amir Baitullah Mehsud (may God have mercy on his soul and place him in the highest heavens). 'To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return.' (Partial Koranic verse, Al-Baqara, 2:156). O God, reward us for our crises and let us benefit well from them. Everything that God gives and takes belongs to Him. Everything to Him has a destiny. Let us be patient and sacrifice.

"Amir Baitullah was a student of Shari'ah (Islamic law), and began seeking Shari'ah knowledge early in life. He accomplished a lot. However, when the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan was created, it was in need of people to support it, strengthen it, and stand up to the enemies who wanted to inflict harm on it in northern Afghanistan, so he joined the ranks of the mujahidin of the Emirate early, under the leadership of the Commander of the Faithful Mullah Muhammad Omar (may God preserve him.) Amir Baitullah was a man with a great conscience and high aspirations. He was concerned with raising and preparing the sons of his tribe in order to fight the enemies of God in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He also aspired to send his mujahidin soldiers to fight the nonbelievers in their own countries. I heard him say myself: 'I want to break the pride and arrogance of the Americans, and hit them in their own country.'

"God blessed the Mehsud tribe with holy jihad. It was transformed from a state of ignorance, corruption, and banditry to the light of the Shar'iah, security, and jihad for its cause. This was due to God, good-hearted mujahidin, and the courageous, strong, and righteousness Amir

Baitullah (may God have mercy on him). God also bestowed upon it many martyr brothers for the cause of God. Most of the martyrs in these areas were sons of this good-hearted and blessed tribe. This was due to God first, and then from their leader and amir (may God have mercy on him), and then from courage, forwardness, and encouragement to fight and kill for the cause of God and despise the enemies of God.

"Amir Baitullah (may God have mercy on him) was a generous, strong, courageous, and noble person when it came to making decisions, especially the decision to host, aid, and shelter his migrating mujahidin brothers. It was he and the sons of his tribe (the generous heroes) who did that. Despite all the attacks, destruction, and killings by the hands of the apostate Pakistani Army in the Wazir tribe in the Wana and Shikay areas, who were first to host their migrating and mujahidin brothers (may God reward them), he did not stop hosting, aiding, and sheltering his migrating brothers. After they left the Shikay and Wana areas, and with the approval of the amir Baitullah, they headed to the Mehsud tribes. The sons of this strong tribe were ordered to open up their homes and hearts to their brothers. The apostate army did not give them time. After this hosting, the army began its unjust and criminal campaign on the Mehsud tribe. It began by shelling a Mehsud-run center for preparing the mujahidin, and 50 of the best men from the tribe were killed (may God have mercy on them). After these incidents, and after the withdrawal of the defeated and vanquished Pakistanis at the hands of the Mehsud, amir Baitullah (may God have mercy on him) and the sons of his tribe continued with their generosity towards the migrant mujahidin brothers. They continued to support, shelter, and aid them. This was a blessing from God on the migrant mujahidin and the supporters from the sons of the tribe. Souls, thoughts, goals, and ideologies were united, praise be to God. We bring glad tidings to the nation of Islam. Despite losing the hero Baitullah, thousands of the sons of the tribe are all Baitullah. They will take revenge on the criminal Americans and their apostate Pakistani supporters. Glad tidings to you America. Harm will be brought upon you. Baitullah laid down roots in his tribe that you will not be able to pull out.

"Amir Baitullah (may God have mercy on him) strived for the unity of the mujahidin in the tribal regions and in all of Pakistan. We bear witness that he put forth a great and appreciated effort for that cause. He gave one sacrifice after the other for that cause. May God bless his efforts in uniting most of the mujahidin by mobilizing the Taliban and creating a council for the unity of the mujahidin. Despite his severe illness, the conditions of war, and continuous shelling by Pakistani war planes and malicious US spy-planes in the tribal regions, he travelled long distances in order to strengthen and support the unity of the mujahidin, which goes to show that he will have a good ending. This was a day or two before he came under attack. We ask that God accept his work and make him an example and role model for the leaders of jihad in their search for unity. We give our condolences and congratulations to the Islamic nation, the Mehsud tribe, and its mujahidin. We say to the criminal Americans and their apostate Pakistani supporters: 'We will not forget the blood of this fighting hero. We will avenge his death (with the permission and help of God). 'And Allah hath full power and control over His affairs, but most among mankind know it not' (Partial Koranic verse, Yusuf, 12:21). Praise be to God, Lord of all creation."