

## **Mustafa Abu-Al-Yazid Blames Blackwater for Peshawar Bombings**

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On 11 November, a forum participant posted a message on a jihadist website along with links to Arabic and Urdu versions of a Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid -- the leader of Al-Qa'ida in Afghanistan -- audio message entitled "Blackwater and the Peshawar Bombings." Links to the Arabic and Urdu transcripts are also included in the message. The seven-minute 27-second audio, produced by the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and disseminated by the Al-Fajr Media Center, is accompanied by a still image of Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid and the Blackwater logo. Abual-Yazid says that recent bombings in Peshawar "are the work of the Crusaders," citing the reported seizure of "weapons and explosives with Blackwater elements and Western diplomats."

A translation of the message follows:

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

"The Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production presents:

" Blackwater and the Peshawar Bombings "By the mujahid Shaykh Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid (may God protect him)

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"(Links)

"Pray for your mujahidin brothers.

"Your brothers at the Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production

"Source: Al-Fajr Media Center"

A translation of the audio follows:

(Screen caption)

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

"Warning: This is jihadist material and should not be accompanied by music.

"Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production

"11 Dhu al-Q'idah 1430, (corresponding to) 30 October 2009

"O ye who believe! If a wicked person comes to you with any news, ascertain the truth, lest ye harm people unwittingly and afterwards become full of repentance for what ye have done' (Koranic verse, al-Hujurat, 49:6)

(Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid begins speaking)

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate... Praise be to God. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, his family, companions, and those who were his allies.

"To the entire nation of Islam and the Muslim people in Pakistan specifically

"May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you.

"Today I will talk to you about the criminal bombings in Peshawar in the last few days, which targeted Muslim markets. The victims of these bombings were innocent children, women, elderly, and men (may God have mercy on them). This is our position on these criminal events:

"First: We condemn these bombings in the Muslim markets and among people, as we and our mujahidin brothers have indicated on several occasions. We are innocent of these bombings. The mujahidin only do jihad for the cause of God in order to raise His word high, implement His laws, and aid our oppressed Muslim people; not to kill them (we seek refuge in God). Let all Muslims know that it is impossible for the mujahidin to do such low work. They went out on jihad for the cause of God in order to protect the religion, land, honor, and blood of Muslims, which is being shed and violated by the Crusaders and apostates.

"Second: The mujahidin only target the army, security forces of the apostate state, and intelligence (agencies) that are responsible for shedding the blood the weak in Suhat, Waziristan, Bajur, Mahmud, Khaibar, Urkaza'i, and elsewhere. However, many agent media outlets ignore this and publicize the American propaganda in order to tarnish the reputation of the mujahidin.

"Third: The mujahidin choose their targets very carefully, which are very far from places frequented by the public, such as the Pakistani Army Command Center, military intelligence headquarters (ISI), and barracks for training special forces to fight terrorism.

"Fourth: We believe that such bombings are the work of the Crusaders, the enemies of God, and their allies in the government and intelligence. It is part of the dirty war that they practice. How could that not be when they are the ones who mean harm to Muslims? They do not have any consideration for any sanctity and Muslim blood is worthless to them. Today, everyone knows that Blackwater and other criminal groups have violated Pakistan with support from this corrupt and criminal government and its security agencies. They commit these ugly actions and blame them on the mujahidin through their media outlets in order to tarnish the image of the mujahidin and Muslims.

"These clear indicators demonstrate that these bombings are their doing:

"A. This policy has been used repeatedly in Iraq and Afghanistan, and now the despicable Americans are carrying it over to Pakistan. They have repeatedly stated that they are carrying over their experiences, as you have seen.

"B. These criminal bombings coincide with visits by American officials (may God bring them shame) to Pakistan. This is so they can say in their press conferences that those responsible for these acts are terrorists, 'whose hideouts we are shelling in the tribal regions,' as they say. They claim that America's objective is to help the Pakistani government and people to defeat them.

"C. Weapons and explosives with Blackwater elements and Western diplomats were indeed

seized in Pakistan, and this was reported in the Pakistani press. This happened by accident, and the matter was quickly brought to a close. The truth is that what was covered up was greater. They (may God bring them shame) have plans to assassinate and kill mujahidin supporters and sympathizers, including honorable scholars, preachers, opinion leaders, writers, journalists, and others.

"D. These bombings are carried out with car bombs parked in the markets. Intelligence agencies around the world are infamous for using these tactics. How often have they done this in Iraq and elsewhere?

"Muslim brothers, those who are behind such crimes are also those who are shelling the villages, houses, and mosques of the Muslims in the tribal regions and Afghanistan, with bombs weighing tons.

"Lastly, we call on the Pakistani Muslim people and Muslims everywhere to be aware of the size of the conspiracy on Islam and that the enemy respects no boundaries - religious or humane - in achieving his aims. (We call on them to be aware) that in war, criminals have the opportunity to commit their crimes. This is sedition and heretical innovation (ibtida). So trust in God, and know that with patience comes victory. Know the truth and its people, and support them. We especially call on the honorable journalists, intellectuals, writers, and people in media to stand by the truth and be fair. We call on them to strive to expose this conspiracy. Otherwise, Blackwater, the crusader forces, and the apostates will target them next if, God forbid, the mujahidin are defeated. For their mujahidin brothers are the first line of defense for them and their nation of Islam.

"God is the guardian of the believers. Praise be to God, Lord of all creation. There is no aggression save for on the oppressors. May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you. (Screen caption)

"Where are the brigades of Muhammad Bin-Maslamah (may God be pleased with him) (that are supposed to) support the messenger of God (the peace and prayers of God be upon him).

(Al-Sahab logo)

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