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Terrorism: Bin Ladin, Jihadists, Others Eulogize 'Martyrdom Seekers' in Al-Qa'ida Video On 15 July, the Islamic Renewal Organization website posted several links to a 40-minute and 18-second video production issued by Al-Sahab Media Corporation, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida organization, entitled "Winds of Paradise, Part 1." The video production shows an approximately 50-second clip of Al-Qa'ida Leader Usama Bin Ladin in an old recording talking to his followers on the virtues of "martyrdom" in Islam. The remainder of the video production includes various clips showing jihadist fighters reading their final wills as well as statements by Shaykh Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid, the new leader of Al-Qa'ida in Afghanistan, and Abu-Yahya al-Libi. The Islamic Renewal Organization

at www.tajdeed.org.uk/forums is the official website of the London-based Saudi dissident group headed by Muhammad al-Mas'ari. The website is a popular place for pro-jihadist discussion and statements from terrorist and insurgent groups copied from other websites.

A translation of the video follows:

(The caption on the screen reads:) "In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Warning: This material contains Koranic verses and hadith (sayings) by the prophet. It is impermissible to broadcast it with music. With the compliments of Al-Sahab Media Production, Jumada al-Thani 1428 (beginning 16 June and ending 14 July 2007).

"To each mujahid who left his home seeking God's favor, to all those holding fast in the land of Islam, to each knight in the fields of war and battle, to each home that has offered a martyr for the sake of God, to all those and others we present this production."

(Begin recording) (Unidentified individual) "Oh God, you are the revealer of the Book; you are swift in reckoning, and you are the mover of the clouds. Defeat the parties. Oh God, defeat and shake them."

(Unidentified voice reads Koranic verse) "Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah. Then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded: that is the achievement supreme" (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah, 9:111).

(Usama Bin Ladin) "The seal of all prophets and messengers (the Prophet Muhammad), prayers and peace be upon him, wished for this status. So be aware and think: What is this status that the best of mankind, prayers and peace be upon him, wished for? He wished to be a martyr. He himself said: By Him in Whose hands my life is, I would love to attack and be killed, then attack again and be killed, then attack again and be killed. This whole broad life is summarized by he who is inspired by God, the lord of the heavens and the earth, praised and exalted is he. This noble prophet who is inspired by God summarizes this life with these words. He wishes for this status. Happy are those who are chosen by God as martyrs."
(Unidentified individual) "Our words would remain dead, motionless candles until we die in order to honor these words. Only then will they come to life and live among the living."


(Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid) "The convoys of martyrs on the path of God proceed, bringing to the Islamic nation the good news of the end of the times of cowardice and weakness, the end of the love of this world and the abhorrence of death. They also demonstrate the rising dawn of sacrifice, pride, strength, and bravery, and the abhorrence of this life and the love for martyrdom on the path of God.

"Oh our beloved nation, our heroic sons and brave knights went to the land of Afghanistan, the land of pride, dignity, jihad, steadfastness, and martyrdom. They have responded to the call of jihad on the path of God to drive out the usurper occupiers who desecrated the chaste soil of Afghanistan. They went to Afghanistan to pay the tax that each citizen of the nation of Islam should pay. They went there to end the humiliation and weakness of their nation. They never worried about their fate. Therefore, they had a tryst with martyrdom because God chose them and made them martyrs."

(Unidentified narrator) "May God have mercy on your soul, oh Usamah (Al-Hamawi). Everyone who knew you is asking God to bless you. All mujahid hearts have been pained over your departure. Let weeping women weep for Usamah."

(A masked man identified as Mujahid Haydarah al-Hawin) "I have never missed anyone as I am missing this brother. I tell him: Usamah, you have been the best of brothers and friends. I pray to Almighty God to make us meet in paradise as we met in this life. By God I testify that you were very kind to us, a loving and sincere friend. I pray to God to receive you and have great mercy on you."

(Narrator) "Usamah al-Hamawi is from the house of the prophet, may God’s peace and blessings be upon him. He was born in Hamah (Syria) and he has loved jihad since he was a child. His father was one of the great men who was educated by Mujahid Shaykh Marwan Hadid, may God have mercy on his soul. Years passed until Abu-Ja’far al-Iraqi took him to Afghanistan where society had been living under the Sharia law. God have mercy on him. He was very kind, and he treated his brothers by following great moral standards and bringing happiness to his brothers."

(Haydarah al-Hawin) "God’s mercy on Usamah. He had the nature that invariably attracted people to him, extreme humility. I lived with him for four years and he was my commander all these years. He was responsible for me in units and during operations. He was a commander but was not really a commander. We always asked him to do whatever we wanted and asked him to do things that were heavier than he could bear. We have never heard him say any harmful word or anything that angered any of the brothers. God have mercy on him. He was my extremely humble brother. He was always cheerful to his brothers."

(Narrator) "Usamah began his new journey after he joined the ranks. He participated with his friends in their jihad and steadfastness. He was characterized by serving his companions. He was the best of commanders and friends."
(Haydarah al-Hawin) "I met the martyr Usamah, may God have mercy on his soul, for the first time after the departure (al-inhiyaz) from Afghanistan. He was tall with a long beard. His military uniform was distinguished. His character was distinguished among the brothers. I used to say: God be praised, we have such a character in the arena of jihad. I look back at him now as a knight of Islam, as though Saladin is back with us."

(Narrator) "The days passed and there was the Al-Wara battle of which he was a pillar. While the mujahidin were preparing to leave after the battle, the beloved of the mujahidin won martyrdom in the wake of an aerial bombardment. His soul rose to heaven and he left this world with the smile that never left his face. God have mercy on you, oh Usamah, and make paradise your abode." (Here the video shows the head of Usamah after he died.)

(Haydarah al-Hawin) "God be praised. His face was cheerful. He looked as if he were smiling, as though he were not dead. I found some of his effects in his jacket. (Words indistinct) which I took from him during his command. I pulled these things from the jacket and I placed them in front of me and in front of this man. Then the man smelled a strange scent of musk. He said: Just smell, can you not smell this? I told him that I was distraught and could not pay attention. I then smelled the musk. By God, I had never in my life smelled like this smell. There was some banknotes with spots of his blood. (The video shows him pulling pieces of paper money from his pocket and holding a banknote up to the camera.) It smelled of musk. I smelled this musk for over 40 days after he was killed, may God have mercy on his soul."

(Abu-Yahya Al-Libi) "The Islamic nation continues to offer its best men and to sacrifice its finest sons and leaders in order to protect its faith and the Sharia and to prove that the preservation of its principles, the accomplishment of what is right, and the establishment of justice are more important and more dear to it than life, to which the unwise clinging. It was planned for this justly balanced ummah (Muslim nation) to have an approach that does not include hesitation or purpose other than running toward God empty-handed except for faith, devotion, and endurance in the jihad for the cause of God. Everything, other than devotion, piety, and right guidance, is subject to extinction."

(Jihadist song) "I am in paradise; I have not died. I have been born again in paradise. By God, I am still here and happily living under the sponsorship of God."

(Narrator) "Oh Muhammad, what made you leave the centers of knowledge and join the arena of fighting? Perhaps your conscience told you that knowledge without work is useless. Then you responded. Muhammad Anwar is better known as Abdallah Al-Afghani, an Afghan man from Jalalabad. He studied, may God have mercy on his soul, and attended the Peshawar Islamic schools, and he heard his comrades speak of the duty of jihad. He listened very carefully and went looking for training camps, leaving everything behind."

(Abd-al-Mannan al-Afghani, a comrade of Muhammad Anwar, in Pashto with Arabic subtitles; translated from the subtitles) "Brother Abdallah, may God have mercy on his soul, loved jihad and had always been wishing it since he arrived at the training centers. He was waiting for the moment when the training would start. This moment was a turning point in his life."

(Narrator) "Abdallah, may God have mercy on his soul, was of high moral character. He served his brothers and loved the Arabic language."
"Abdallah, may God have mercy on his soul, was modest. He was not argumentative. He hated differences and divisions. He always advised his brothers and loved them."

"Abdallah was asked to be instructor for his brothers and then he was appointed a translator within the first groups that went to Zabol."

"He remained in administrative duties but he did not like this type of work because this would prevent him from fighting. He was sad. His brothers tried to allay his fears. After some time, those responsible agreed to send him to Zabol. Three months later, he got what had been looking for."

"After a long period of monitoring the strongholds of the apostates, he began preparing for the operation. When the mujahidin surrounded one of these strongholds and were prepared to open fire, bullets of the apostates hit Abdallah. His soul left his body and he left this world. May God have his abundant mercy on his soul."

"But those who are slain in the Way of Allah, He will never let their deeds be lost. Soon will He guide them and improve their condition, And admit them to the Garden which He has announced for them" (Koranic verse; Muhammad, 47:4-6).

"I am in paradise; I have not died. I have been born again in paradise. By God, I am still here and happily living under the sponsorship of God. Oh great martyr. You have not loved this life of ours and have not followed the corrupt path in humiliation."

"Many died but their qualities did not; And many lived but they were virtually dead." (Narrator) "Abu-Turab al-Pakistani is one of the lions of God. He loved jihad early in his life. When he saw that he was able to fight, he went to Kashmir and fought the worshippers of the cow, those who are sitting on the chests of the oppressed Muslim people there. Amid the winds of jihad, Abu-Turab was on a tryst with the summit of pride: Afghanistan."

"Abu-Turab, may God have mercy on his soul, loved to join Islamic religious lessons. He was cheerful and generous with great perseverance and steadfastness. He always prayed and asked for mercy from Almighty God."

"Oh God make us hit our targets. Strengthen our hearts and grant us victory, oh Lord of the heavens and the earth. Oh God unify our hearts. Oh God affirm our feet on the ground, oh lord of the universe."

"He was known for his courage, daring, and wisdom. He was a commander at the Kabul front. When the mujahidin needed reinforcements at the Dakhar front, the hero left for there, a commander of a group of Al-Ansar Brigade. He participated in many battles and personally led his units. As the battle developed and danger loomed, he acted as a generous hero."

"O ye who believe! When ye meet a force, be firm' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:45). 'And call
Allah in remembrance much (and often); that ye may prosper' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:45). 'And obey Allah and His Messenger' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:46). The fourth is: 'And fall into no disputes, lest ye lose heart and your power depart' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:46). The fifth is: 'And be patient and persevering: For Allah is with those who patiently persevere' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal; 8:46). Do not leave any of the wounded in this place (indicating the room in which he was standing with his men).

(Al-Battar al-Muhajir, in Urdu, with illegible Arabic subtitles)

(Narrator) "Days passed and it was time the lion wedded the houri whose beauty he had always praised. After he had prepared himself for an operation, he slept in that center and then came under spiteful aerial bombardment. The soul of the lion of Pakistan ascended to his creator, the knight alighted from the horseback of glory, and manhood mourned for its twin brother. May God have mercy on your soil, oh Abu-Turab."

(Unidentified speaker) "Citing Anas Bin-Malik, may God be pleased with him, Al-Bukhari said that the prophet, may the peace and blessings of God be upon him, said: A journey in the path of God is better than the entire world and everything in it. To be closer to paradise by a step or to have a place to hang your whip there is better than the entire world and everything in it. If a woman from the people of paradise appeared to the people of this earth, she would spread light between the heaven and the earth and would fill the space with scent. Her veil on her head is much better than the whole world and everything in it." (At this point the jihadist song is repeated.)

(Narrator) "The knight left after he won what he had wished. He joined the blessed convoy whose first steps were started by the imam of the mujahidin (the Prophet Muhammad) who said: I would love to mount a raid in the path of God and be killed, then mount another raid and be killed, and mount yet another raid and be killed. Umar al-Maghribi was born in 1980 and lived in Jeddah. He spent his young years there until the castles of America collapsed in the New York and Washington raids. Then Umar divorced the world and left for Afghanistan."

(Al-Maghribi) "Oh youth of the Islamic nation: Abide by God's rules and the instructions of his messenger, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. God said: 'And slay them wherever ye catch them.' God also said: 'Fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:5)."

(Narrator) "Al-Maghribi was a good listener and he liked to learn. He urged virtuous deeds and fought vice. He had a good voice when he read the Koran."

(Man identified on the screen as "Abdallah al-Shami, one of those who escaped from Baghram Prison") "I know one of his achievements and any of my brothers can testify to that; namely, that he memorized the book of God. Since I knew brother Umar al-Maghribi and until he departed, he had been a thorough reader of the book of Almighty God. Another thing that all the brothers would confirm is that he always urged virtue and fought vice. Almighty God said: 'Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong' (Koranic verse; Al Imran; 3:104). Whenever any of the brothers made a mistake, big or small, especially concerning the religion of God, he would come to him and advise him, urging him to do right and avoid wrong. He did that by the good word and by good preaching."
(Al-Maghribi) "Oh scholars of the Islamic nation. You are the nation's spirit and core. If you are upright, people would be upright and if you deviate from the truth and hide what God has revealed, people would be misguided and you would bear their sin and your knowledge would be a liability rather than an asset for you when you stand before God and are asked about your knowledge and what you did about it. Therefore, submit to the truth and show what God has revealed in terms of the facts and the uprightness in the Koran. Explain the apostasy of the Arab and non-Arab rulers, that they are apostates because they rule by that which God did not reveal. They have allowed what God forbade in terms of usury, adultery, and wine through twisted methods and mundane laws which they enacted to rule the Muslims. These laws are untenable."

(Narrator) "Umar lived until the day when God granted him martyrdom. After the lions prepared themselves and the heroes moved heading for the hills of Birmil to wage the battle to defeat the cross. Umar took his position waiting for the moment of the conflagration. Suddenly, a filthy enemy soldier rose to the site and opened fire from his machinegun, killing the son of the Maghreb. His soul rose to heaven and he bid farewell to the world. May God have mercy on Umar and may God make paradise his abode."

(Al-Maghribi) "Know that God promised us either one of two good rewards: victory or martyrdom. God said: 'Say: 'Can you expect for us (any fate) other than one of two glorious things- (Martyrdom or victory)? But we can expect for you either that Allah will send his punishment from Himself, or by our hands. So wait (expectant); we too will wait with you" (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:52).

"Know that the party of God will be the victors, as God 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-Tawbah 9:52).

"I ask the Almighty not to keep me in the grave and to accept me as a martyr and to have our tryst in paradise, in the Garden of Eden, accompanied by our Prophet Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of God be upon him."

(Unidentified speaker) "Abu-Hurayrah, may God be pleased with him, said that the prophet of God, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: The pain that a martyr experiences when he is killed is just like a sting. This saying of the prophet was related by Al-Tarmadhi, who maintained that this saying is true, correct, and unusual." (At this point the jihadist song is repeated.)

(Sayf al-Rahman al-Turkistani, a masked man, in a Turkic language with partially illegible Arabic subtitles) "His real name was Rashid. (Words illegible) born into a rich family in east Turkistan and God guided him to the path of the truth; he emigrated for jihad (words illegible)."

(Narrator) "From the Muslim land of Turkistan came the great knight Al-Zubayr al-Turkistani. He emigrated to Afghanistan and joined the military camps. He prepared himself and stood in the face of the Crusader campaign against Afghanistan. May God have mercy on him. He was very kind to his brothers, praying during the night, reading the book of his God. He was very unassuming. He left for Holy Mecca to perform the pilgrimage. There, his heart became attached to his God and his soul longed to meet God. He asked his commanders to list him within the martyrdom seekers."
(Sayf al-Rahman al-Turkistani) "At the beginning, the brother, may God have mercy on his soul, was fighting with his brothers against the world polytheism. We saw al-Zubayr this time (words indistinct) see how people suffered oppression by the infidels and how they lived in pain and difficulties because of the oppression of the infidels. When he saw that he could not stand it, he put his name on the list of the blessed operations, seeking God's satisfaction and paradise and proving his love for God, Islam, and his brothers the oppressed. The site was fixed. The aim was the US intelligence building in Kabul. When the martyrdom lover arrived and he saw the building, he rammed into the stronghold of corruption with his car and turned it not a ball of fire. How great you are, Zubayr."

(Unidentified voice reads Koranic verse) "As to the Righteous (they will be) in a position of Security, Among Gardens and Springs; Dressed in fine silk and in rich brocade, they will face each other; So; and We shall join them to companions with beautiful, big, and lustrous eyes. There can they call for every kind of fruit in peace and security; Nor will they there taste Death, except the first death; and He will preserve them from the Penalty of the Blazing Fire, As a Bounty from thy Lord! that will be the supreme achievement" (Koranic verse; Al-Dukhan 44:51-57).

(Jihadist song) "I am in paradise; I have not died. I have been born again in paradise. By God, I am still here and happily living under the sponsorship of God. Oh houris of immortality, the martyr is coming. Cover the floor with roses and give him everlasting happiness. He has come, proud and firm."

(Narrator) "Oh hero, you have departed after you have drawn up the road map of dignity with your blood. You have left, but your memory is still alive in the hearts of those who love you. Abd-al-Mu'min al-Tajiki was born in Takhar, northern Afghanistan, the son of Tajik immigrants. He read books about the Islamic conquests which are full of the glories of the Islamic conquerors. When he was 17 he left for Khost and stayed at the military camps there."

(Abd-al-Mu'min al-Tajiki, with his face covered) "And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? Men, women, and children, whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from thee one who will protect; and raise for us from thee one who will help' (Koranic verse; Al-Nisa 4:75)." (Then Abd-al-Mu'min al-Tajiki speaks in Tajik with Arabic subtitles) "Esteemed brothers, this is the religion of Islam and this voice will never die."

(Narrator) "He was a brave and daring man. He never feared death. He loved to participate in fierce battles. He honored the book of God and was eager to implement the tradition of the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him. He, may God have mercy on his soul, participated in many battles and was specialist in the use of RPG rifles. The years passed and Abd-al-Mu'min became the first martyrdom seeker targeting the head of the renegade Abdul Rashid Dostum."

(Abd-al-Mu'min al-Tajiki, in Tajik with Arabic subtitles) "Everybody knows the Hiroshima and Nagasaki crimes. They were against humanity and not Islam. Look how harshly they treat (words indistinct). They do not look at the suffering of man or beast. Children and animals must be treated mercifully. Even the wild animal is kind to children. Look what they are doing in Iraq, Palestine, and Afghanistan. They are killing people in a bestial manner and are not sparing man or beast. They do not care. Today they talk about human rights. In Iraq they took our brothers prisoners and photographed them and published picture in the whole world."
(Narrator) "Abd-al-Mu'min was eager to realize his aim. He bid farewell to everything. While Dostum was sitting with a large group of his followers, our hero approached him, wearing an explosive belt. Moments later, the group dispersed and the soul of Abd-al-Mu'min rose to heaven, leaving behind three dead, including Dostum's brother. The arch renegade escaped. May God have mercy on Abd-al-Mu'min's soul and make paradise his abode."

(Unidentified speaker) "Citing Anas Bin-Malik, may God be pleased with him, Al-Bukhari said: The prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, said: No one who enters paradise would like to return to the world except the martyr. He wishes to return to the world to be killed 10 times because he considers this to be an honor." (A jihadist song is repeated here.)

(Narrator) "You have explained the meaning of sacrifice. Rest in peace. Abd-al-Ilah al-Musa, also known as Abd-al-Rahman al-Najdi, is from Riyadh. He left for Afghanistan to assist the oppressed, pave the way for the establishment of God's law, drive the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula by implementing the instructions of the prophet, may God's peace and blessings be upon him, who said: Drive the polytheists out of the Arabian Peninsula. Now the crusaders have desecrated it and the rulers from the house of Sa'ud have betrayed it."

(Al-Najdi, reading his will) "Here is my will from the land of pride and dignity. I am writing it with the blood of the martyrs, and from among the bones and dismembered bodies of the honorable people who refused to discredit their religion when the imams of infidels and hypocrisy, the rulers and tyrants, gathered against them. The following words of God apply to these martyrs. God said: 'Men said to them: 'A great army is gathering against you': And frightened them: But it (only) increased their Faith: They said: 'For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Koranic verse; Al Imran 3:173)."

(Narrator) "Abd-al-Rahman, may God have mercy on his soul, completed his training at Al-Faruq Camp and then he left for Kabul. A few days later, the landmarks of the cross were leveled to the ground. (At this point, the camera shows the 11 September attack on the Twin Towers in New York.) When the battle intensified, Abd-al-Rahman was one of the heroes."

(Al-Najdi, continuing to read his will) "Almighty God gave us the components of pride, success, and strength on earth. If we adopt these components, the nation of Islam will gain mastery and become great among nations. This is the major duty, the duty of jihad on God's path. Yes, jihad is the epitome of worship and the apex of Islam. It is the test that shows who is sincere to Islam and who is deceitful."

(Narrator) "Abd-al-Rahman, may God have mercy on his soul, was always contemplating, pure at heart, loving to his brothers. He participated in the battle and was within the group that captured the first American weapon in Afghanistan. There, and on the list of immortal glory, Abd-al-Rahman al-Najdi's name was at the top. When he was approved for the operation, he was immensely happy and was the first martyrdom seeker after the departure (al-inhiyaz)."

(Al-Najdi) "God hath purchased of the believers their souls because they are very precious to him, out of his graciousness and kindness, and he recorded the contract of allegiance in his holy book. It is read in their tongues. Explaining this contract, God said in his immortal book: 'Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah 9:111)."
(Narrator) "In Kabul, Abd-a-Rahman waited for an order to move to the target. When he saw his target, he sped and rammed into the German soldiers' bus. His soul rose to heaven and he won martyrdom. We suppose that he was a martyr but we cannot recommend anyone to God. May God have mercy on his soul."

(Al-Najdi) "Jihad and dignity are the same. Abandoning jihad is like ignoring the humiliation of the Islamic nation by allowing the enemies to unite against it and steal its resources. Humiliation is imposed on the nation as a punishment from God, not because the infidels are stronger than Muslims in men and equipment but because Muslims have loved this world and because they have indulged in vice and have rusted in the dust by abandoning jihad on the path of God."

(Shaykh Mustafa Abu-al-Yazid, reading lines of poetry) "God be praised, the one who sent death to his own people, as though death wants to take revenge. The purpose is to select whomever he wants from them. He is all wise and he is the supreme commander. He used death to select the best of people, in the same way one chooses pieces of gold. (Muslims) are dispersed all over the world but they are united by one religion and one thought. They are united by the strongest creed. Nothing except their creed unifies them."

(Unidentified voice reads Koranic verse) "Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord; They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah, and with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them (in their bliss)" (Koranic verse; Al-Imran 3:169-170). (end recording)