

Jihadist Website Participant Posts Commentary on Al-Zawahiri's Latest Statement

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A translation of the commentary follows.

"The message of al-Zawahiri, the doctrine, and the approach.

(Al-Zawahiri) '1. The war with Israel is not about a treaty.

2. Respect a cease-fire agreement or borders set by Sykes-Picot.

3. National zeal.

4. Disputed borders.

It is rather a jihad for the sake of God until the religion of God is established. It is jihad for the liberation of Palestine, all Palestine, as well as every land that was an Islamic land, from Andalusia to Iraq.'

And

(Al-Zawahiri) 'The whole world is an open field for us. As they attack us everywhere, we will attack them everywhere.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'The shells and missiles that tear apart the bodies of Muslims in Gaza and Lebanon are not purely Israeli. Rather, they come from and are financed by all countries of the Crusader alliance. Thus, all those who took part in the crime should pay the price.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'We cannot just stand idly by in humiliation while we see all these shells fall on our brothers in Gaza and Lebanon. How can we remain silent while we are the sons of Abu-Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Hamzah, Ja'far, Ali, Al-Husayn, Sa'd, Khalid, Talhah, Al-Zubayr, Ikrimah, Salah-al-Din, Yusuf Bin-Tashfin, and Muhammad al-Fatih (names of caliphs and Prophet Muhammad's companions). We are the sons of those who fought the apostates, conquered the world, moved the people from the darkness of polytheism to the light of monotheism and from worshipping slaves to worshipping the God of slaves, put out the fire of the Magians, and conquered Constantinople. We are back to the field again, with the favor of God.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'In Kandahar, approximately one year before the New York and the Washington raids, the late leader Abu-Hafs, may God rest his soul in peace, was delivering a lecture to a number of trainees on the situation in Palestine and the conditions of Muslims. At the end of the lecture, the hero Muhammad Ata, may God rest his soul in peace, stood up and asked the leader, Abu-Hafs, with seriousness and fervor: How can we then resist the aggression in Palestine? America knows the rest of the story very well.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'The Muslim nation, which produced the 19 people who toppled the landmarks of America, is capable, with God's help, to produce many more. My Muslim brothers everywhere. We should target the Jewish and American interests everywhere. Rather, we should target all interests of all the countries that participated in the

aggression against Muslims in Chechnya, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, and Lebanon. All those governments are anti-Muslims according to the Islamic Law (Sharia).

My Muslim brothers. I am not playing on your feelings with rhetoric; I am only asking you by the Exalted Almighty and your love to the messenger of Allah Muhammad. I am asking you by the ritual of jihad which is a requirement of every Muslim to rise up and seek martyrdom and inflict suffering on the Crusaders and the Zionists.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'These current events show the danger of the two jihadist fronts in Afghanistan and Iraq. All Muslims should support these fronts until the US forces exit the fronts after showing inability and paralysis and pay the price of their aggression against the Muslims and their support to Israel. Iraq has a unique position because of its vicinity to Palestine. Therefore, all Muslims should support Iraq's mujahidin to establish an Islamic Emirate (State) that would be able to carry jihad with the permission of God to the Palestinian borders. Only then the mujahidin inside and outside Palestine could unite and the greatest conquest could become a reality with God's permission. The martyred imam Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi, may God have mercy on him, said: 'In Iraq, we are very close to the spot of the prophet's night journey into heaven. Let us fight in Iraq and keep an eye on Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem), which will be restored with a guiding Koran and a conquering sword.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'We hope that the Zionist-Crusader aggression against the Muslims pushed the traitors in Iraq to swallow their shame and treachery and cease justifying and supporting the Crusader US presence in Iraq.'

(Al-Zawahiri) 'Oh My Muslim nation, it has become known to you without doubt that the governments of the Arab and Muslim states are not only helpless but also involved in collusion (against you). The institutions are paralyzed and defeatist and you are left in the field alone. Put your trust in God and do not rely but on Him. Battle your enemies, the worshippers of the world, with death-loving weapons. The Exalted Almighty said: 'Then fight (O Muhammad (peace be upon him)) in the Cause of Allah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing' (Koranic verse).

(Al-Zawahiri) 'As for you, the oppressed and wronged people in the world, the victims of the Western oppressive civilization led by America: Stand by Muslims in the face of this injustice which the humanity has never witnessed before. Support us as we are supporting you against injustice and tyranny that was forbidden by God in His book: 'The blame is only against those who oppress men and wrong-doing and insolently transgress beyond bounds through the land, defying right and justice: for such there will be a penalty grievous' (Koranic verse).