

Al-Zawahiri Calls on President to Send 'Entire Army' to Iraq

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Terrorism: Al-Zawahiri Calls on President to Send 'Entire Army' to Iraq On 22 January, a jihadist website posted links to an Al-Sahab video showing a speech by Ayman al-Zawahiri in which he responded to the recent announcement by President Bush that the US will send 20,000 additional troops to Iraq, daring the President to send his "entire army." Although the video - which is of poor quality and suffers from audio synching problems - is marked as an Al-Sahab production, its release was not official; forum participants posted links to the video as found on jihadist monitor Laura Mansfield's blog at www.lauramansfield.com.

In a later post, a jihadist forum participant claimed that links to the video were originally leaked to Al-Jazirah, but that Al-Jazirah offered them to US intelligence and that Laura Mansfield has a "link" with the CIA.

A transcription of the video's subtitles as they appear follows:

(video begins with excerpts of statement)

"So send your entire army to be annihilated at the hands of the Mujahideen, to free the world from your evil and theirs'

'Al-Qaida and the Taliban, under the command of the Commander of the Faithful, Mulla Muhammad Umar (Allah protect him), are the ones who have deprived America of safe haven in Afghanistan'

'Security is a shared destiny. If we are secure, you might be secure, and if we are safe, you might be safe. And if we are struck and killed, you will definitely - with Allah's permission - be struck and killed.'

'It is the duty of every Muslim today to bear arms, and to serve or support those who are bearing arms.'

'Isn't it time we reject the hateful patriotism which makes some regard Muhammad Dahlan and Mahmoud Abbas as their brothers, when both of them know that they are Palestine-selling secular traitors who are hostile to the Shari'ah and loyal to America and Israel.'

'I call on Arab nationalists and leftists to come back to Islam, the religion of honor, dignity, and freedom.'

'And what a huge difference between the stance of those who accepted Resolution 1701 and the Imam Husayn bin Ali (Allah was pleased with him), who refused to give himself up, saying: 'No, by Allah I will not let them take my hand like the meek and lowly, nor consent like a slave.'

(title) 'The Correct Equation'

In the name of Allah, and all praise is due to Allah. And may peace and prayers be on the Messenger of Allah, and on his family, companions, and allies.

Muslim brothers everywhere: peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings.

Bush raved in his latest speech, and among his latest ravings was that he will be sending 20,000 of his troops to Iraq. So I ask him: why send 20,000 only - why not send 50 or 100 thousand? Aren't you aware that the dogs of Iraq are pining for your troops' dead bodies? So send your entire army to be annihilated at the hands of the Mujahideen, to free the world from your evil and theirs, because Iraq, land of the Caliphate and jihad, is able to bury ten armies like yours with Allah's help and power.

Also among his ravings is that he has deprived al-Qaida of a safe haven in Afghanistan. The entire world bears witness to his naked, barefaced lie, because al-Qaida and the Taliban, under the command of the Commander of the Faithful, Mulla Muhammad Umar (Allah protect him), are the ones who have deprived America of safe haven in Afghanistan, by the grace of God, until they have no choice but to bring in the forces of NATO through coercion and under duress, to seek protection behind them.

And I address the American people, saying to them: I know that most of you don't understand the language of religion, morals and principles, and instead understand the language of running after pillage and plunder and desires, so that's why I address you with what you understand. I tell you: if you want to live in security, you must accept the facts of what is happening on the ground, and reject the fantasies with which Bush tries to deceive you. You must honestly try to reach a mutual understanding with the Muslims, for then and only then, you might enjoy security. If, however, you continue with the policy of Bush and his gang, you will never dream of peace.

Security is a shared destiny. If we are secure, you might be secure, and if we are safe, you might be safe. And if we are struck and killed, you will definitely - with Allah's permission - be struck and killed. This is the correct equation, so try to understand it - if you understand. You have cooperated in Afghanistan and Iraq with the traitorous movements and leaders who trade their religion and values, and with some of the states around it, and they have only brought you more ruin. It is imperative that you understand the realities of history and religion as they really are, and not as Bush's buffoons try to present them to you. Ask your experts and historians; they either hide the facts from you, or reveal them in embarrassment. You are facing Islamic rage and facing the Jihadi awakening of the Muslim Ummah, and what awaits you - should you press on - is much worse than anything you have yet seen.

As for my Muslim Ummah, I tell it: it is the duty of every Muslim today to bear arms, and to serve or support those who are bearing arms. And his service and support must be in accordance with what those who bear the arms must ask of him, not in accordance with the institutions of those who flee from bearing arms. Every Muslim today is directly responsible for defending Islam, Islam's homeland, and the Islamic Ummah. And he is responsible for the efforts to liberate the Muslim captives - foremost of whom is Shaykh Umar Abd al-Rahman - from the prisons of the Crusaders and their helpers. And we reaffirm to the families of the Guantanamo captives, who are demonstrating these days in Cuba, that we - with Allah's permission - have not and will not forget our captives, and that their liberation is a debt on our necks, and that the Americans must expect to pay the price for everything they have done to them.

My Muslim Ummah: it isn't possible that Bush send his soldiers to kill the Muslims while we flee from the battle in the mazes of political ploys and elections on the basis of secular constitutions. There is no excuse for anyone today to stay behind the battle, and the Muslims must deafen their ears to all who attempt to spread in them the calls to betrayal, inaction, or inclination to

the corrupt rulers. They must deafen their ears to the calls of the scholars of beggars who serve those who serve Bush, the calls of the religion-sellers who entered Kabul on the back of American tanks, and the calls of those who paint themselves with sectarianism and are prisoners of the spaces which American and its corrupt agents drew up for them.

It isn't possible that Bush send his soldiers to kill the Muslims while we continue to be prisoners, restrained by the shackles of organizations and foundations from entering the fields of battle. We must destroy every shackle which stands between us and our performing this personal duty. The reason for joining the Islamic organizations and foundations is to attain obedience to Allah, so if these organizations become an obstacle to performing Allah's obligations, then we must free ourselves from their shackles and confinement.

My Muslim brothers everywhere: the enemy has admitted before the friend that those who broke the back of the Americans and Crusaders in Afghanistan and Iraq, and defeated the American plot which wanted to swallow the states of the region are the Mujahideen, those who believed in Allah as their Lord, Islam as their religion, and Muhammad - peace be upon him - as their Prophet and Messenger, those who rejected national affiliations, nationalist fanaticism, the Sykes-Picot border, and international law. They, O my Muslim Ummah, are your righteous sons, and the true defenders of your honor, religion, and sanctities. So, O my Muslim Ummah, isn't it time that we reject and disbelieve in narrow patriotism which has torn apart the Ummah just as an international Crusade is being waged against it, which brings together Jews and Crusaders from every corner of the world. Isn't it time we reject the hateful patriotism which makes some regard Muhammad Dahlan and Mahmoud Abbas as their brothers, when both of them know that they are Palestine-selling secular traitors who are hostile to the Shari'ah and loyal to America and Israel. Allah has forbidden us in the Quran to take them or their like as friends and allies. The Truth, Exalted is He, says: 'Yee shall not find any people who believe in Allah and the Lord by loving those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they be their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their clan.'

How can we possibly regard the sellers of the religion and land as brothers? My Muslim brothers in Palestine: al-Aqsa will only return through Jihad in Allah's path, and Jihad in Allah's path is only achieved when fighting is for the supremacy of Allah's Word, fighting solely for Allah's sake, which disowns the secularist traitors, even if they be from our people and clan, and is loyal to the believing Mujahideen, even if they have no ties of kinship or proximity to them. Anyone who takes a look at the secular nationalist movements in Palestine see an example of what most - if not all - the nationalist and leftist movements in the Arab world would have come to. They have submitted to international laws, agreed to give up the land which they used to consider the nexus of brotherhood and affiliation, joined the American train, and satisfied themselves with the ground reality imposed by Washington.

That's why I call on Arab nationalists and leftists to come back to Islam, the religion of honor, dignity, and freedom, because it is the real safeguard against humiliation, repression, and invasion. It is the revealed religion of Allah, the religion of truth and justice, which prohibits submission to created beings and fear of them. It is the religion of submission to Allah alone, and seeking His pleasures and His alone, and that's why you will only find honor in Islam.

Nationalist calls split the Muslim Ummah into Arabs, Persians, Kurds, Turks, Afghans and others, then split the Arabs into Egyptians, Moroccans, Syrians, Iraqis, Lebanese, Saudis, Yemenis, and others, and thus provide the best possible service to the Crusade invading the Islamic world. And instead of the Ummah uniting to confront the colonialist campaign, as it

previously united in the face of the Crusader and Mongol invasions, the Ummah fell apart and fought itself.

Hasn't the time come to reject and disbelieve in the international law which imposed on us the Sykes-Picot borders and the existence of Israel in one of the holiest places of Islam, imposed on us the Crusader presence in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, and South Lebanon, and even imposed on us the pulling back of the real borders of Lebanon to 30 kilometers inside Lebanon. The one who agrees to Resolution 1701 is approving the international Crusader presence in South Lebanon, and is approving the isolation of the Mujahideen in Palestine from their brothers in Lebanon. Accepting this resolution is an historic fall which cannot be justified or excused. What a huge difference between the stance of those who accepted Resolution 1701 and the stance of the most sincere one, Abu Bakr, (with whom Allah was pleased), who, when the Arabs apostatized, said: 'By Allah, if they refuse to give me a hobble which they used to give the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, I will fight them over their refusal.' And what a huge difference between the stance of those who accepted Resolution 1701 and the Imam Husayn bin Ali (Allah was pleased with him), who refused to give himself up, saying: 'No, by Allah I will not let them put my hand like the meek and lowly, nor consent like a slave.'

And before I end my talk, I repeat my invitation to Bush to send his entire army to Iraq, because the lions of Islam are lying in wait to send them back to him killed and injured, with Allah's help. I also can't forget to give him the good news that he has embroiled his Ethiopian slaves in a definite disaster in Somalia and that the Mujahideen will break their backs with Allah's help and power. And they won't be cried over by the Americans, who pushed them into harm's way while continuing to command them from afar for them to die in their place.

At the end of my speech, I remind the Muslim Ummah of the duty towards its sons, the Mujahideen in Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, Somalia, Algeria, and all lands of Islam. Back them with men, money, opinion, expertise, and prayers. And I mention specifically the two Islamic emirates in Afghanistan and Iraq, for they are waging battle in the two most crucial fields against the Zionist Crusade. The Truth, Exalted is he, says: 'When a chapter comes down, enjoining them to believe in Allah and to fight with His Messenger those with wealth and influence among them ask for you for exemption and say, 'Leave us be with those who sit (at home).' They are happy to be with those (the women) who remain behind. Their hearts are sealed and so they understand not. But the Messenger and those who believe with him fight with their wealth and their persons. For them are (all) good things and it is they who will prosper. Allah has prepared for them gardens under which rivers flow to dwell therein. That is the supreme triumph.'

And our final prayer is that all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and may peace and prayers be upon our master Muhammad and upon his family and companions."