

Ayman Al-Zawahiri Offers Condolences to Families of Egypt's Rockslide Victims

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Terrorism: Ayman al-Zawahiri Offers Condolences Over Death of Egypt's Rockslide Victims On 19 September, a forum participant to a jihadist website posts several links several links to high and low quality versions of a 5-minute, 53-second audio statement by Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al-Qa'ida's second in command, entitled: "Condolences to Our People in Al-Duwayqah." The statement, produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of the Al-Qa'ida Organization, is dated Ramadan 2008.

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At the beginning of the audio, the following "warning" appears on the screen:
"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate:

Warning!

This production contains Koranic verses and Prophetic Hadith. Therefore, it should not be telecast with music.

Greeting of Al-Sahab Media Production organization.
Ramadan 1429 Hegira."

The following is the full translation of the audio statement:

"In the name of God, and thanks to God, and peace be upon Prophet Muhammad, his kinfolk, and companions.

Muslim brothers everywhere: Peace be upon you.

My brothers and I have heard with deep sorrow the news of the calamity that happened in Cairo's Al-Duwayqah neighborhood. We pray God to have mercy on the victims, heal the wounded, and make up for it to their families as best as possible. This incident requires a serious pause to contemplate our situation and the situation of our countries and nation, and what has made us reach this misery and humiliation, and what has made these corrupt governments take their peoples lightly to such a degree that they treat their people in a manner worse than people treat their sheep. Those owners preserve their livestock because it represents their capital from which they make money. However, our corrupt governments view their people from two perspectives only. The first is that the people are a burden it wishes to get rid of. The second is that the people are a source of religiously-prohibited profit by sucking their blood, stealing their resources, and making profit from commissions at their expense. This disaster and before it the disaster of the Al-Salam 98 ferry, and subsequent corruption crimes shall not stop unless we endeavor to stop it.

'Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves.'
(Koranic verse: Ar-Ra'd, 13:11).

Embezzlement, theft, social deterioration, corruption, and corrupting people, the foreign influence, and the siege of the people of Palestine shall not cease unless we confront it.

'And did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, the earth would indeed be full of mischief: But Allah is full of bounty to all the worlds.' (Koranic verse: Al-Baqara; 2:251).

'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: They are the ones to attain felicity' (Koranic verse: Al-Imran, 3:104).

'3:110 Ye are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah' (Koranic verse: Al-Imran, 3:110).

'The Believers, men and women, are protectors one of another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil: they observe regular prayers, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger. On them will Allah pour His mercy: for Allah is Exalted in power, Wise' (Koranic verse: At-Tauba, 9:71).

Almighty God spoke about Luqman (known in pre-Islamic Arabia as Luqman al-Hakim, Luqman the sage or the wise man), who was instructing his son, saying: 'O my son! Establish regular prayer, enjoin what is just, and forbid what is wrong: and bear with patient constancy whatever betide thee; for this is firmness (of purpose) in (the conduct of) affairs.' (Koranic verse; Luqman, 31:17).

This and other calamities that took place and will take place because we have abandoned the duty of enjoining what is just and forbidding what is wrong; because we remained silent toward injustice; and because we saw others falling prey to the oppressors without raising a finger to support and defend them.

My brothers and sisters; my sons and daughters; and my people in Egypt and every place in the land of Islam:

We have to realize the nature of things. We are suffering from the rule of corrupt and corrupt governments, which were empowered over us by the Zionist-Crusader campaign led by the Caesars of the White House. These governments are plundering our money and resources, leaving millions of people in houses where they cannot feel assured about their safety while they are swimming in the seas of our money. They are supported by an oppressive and brutal apparatus that is besieging our people in Gaza and repressing any protests calling for providing them food to live. They are also supported by a corrupt judiciary that exonerated the owners of the Al-Salam 98 ferry, leaving 1,000 people drowning in the bottom of the sea with impunity.

My Muslim brothers in Egypt and everywhere:

I call on you in this blessed month, the month of Ramadan-- the month of patience, jihad, and repentance-- to renew your vows to God to support His religion and followers, not to remain silent toward injustice and the oppressors, and to forbid what is wrong with all we have and with all we can.

I beseech God to make our happy denouement imminent and to save us from these rotten regimes that corrupted religion and the world. We beseech Him to support His worshipers, the mujahidin who are confronting the wolves of the Zionist-Crusader campaign in Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, Algeria, Yemen, Somalia, and everywhere.

I beseech God also to strengthen your faith, confidence, and resolve to support His religion and Shari'ah (Islamic law) with our money, lives, and the dearest things to us.

I conclude by reiterating my condolences to our people in the Al-Duwayqah incidents for their immense disaster.

I beseech God to have mercy on the souls of their dead relatives, to heal their wounded people, to watch over their widows and orphans, to overwhelm them with His care and attention, to instill patience in the hearts of their relatives, and to compensate them well.

Our last prayer is to praise God, Lord of all creation.

God's prayers be upon our master Muhammad, his household, and companions.

God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you."