

Al-Sahab Releases Al-Zawahiri Video Message Eulogizing Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi October 4, 2009

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On 4 October, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website several links to an 11-minute video message by Ayman al-Zawahiri, Al-Qa'ida second-in-command, in which he eulogizes Libyan Islamist Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, who died in Libyan prisons early in 2009. In the statement, he criticizes President Obama and US foreign policy. The video is issued by Al-Sahab Establishment for Media Production and published by the Al-Fajr Media Center.

A translation of the statement follows:

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

"Al-Sahab Media Production Presents:

"A video message entitled: 'Eulogy of Commander of the Mujahidin Shaykh Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, may God accept his as a martyr, by Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may God protect him.'
(Links to the video message are provided here)

"Pray for your mujahidin brothers

"Your brothers in the Al-Sahab Media Production

"Source: Al-Fajr Media Center"

A summary of the video message follows:

The video begins with a screen caption that reads: "Al-Sahab Media Production presents: Eulogy of the Commander of the Mujahidin, Shaykh Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, may God accept him among the martyrs, by Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, Sha'ban 1430 (corresponding to mid-July to mid-August 2009)."

Ayman al-Zawahiri then appears on the screen and delivers the following message:

"In the name of God. Praise be to God. Peace and prayers be upon the messenger of God, his family, companions, and those who followed him.

"O Muslim brothers everywhere, peace and prayers be upon you.

"Obama claims that he respects human rights and condemns torture. I will not ask him about the expansion of the Bagram prison, nor will I ask him about pardoning the CIA executioner. I will not ask him about his banning the release of the torture pictures. I will not ask him about the program of handing over the detainees to other countries to be tortured. I will not ask him about the assassination groups which are spread to assassinate whomever is suspected of being an extremist.

(The speech is interrupted by an unknown person speaking)

"What worries me the most is that we have not learned any lessons. We are using what we call targeted assassinations against what we call high value targets. We have units that are allowed to

operate in as many as dozens of countries outside the war zone, outside of Afghanistan, and outside of Iraq. They are operating now and they are going to countries without telling the American CIA station chief or the American ambassador. They are going there to kill all people. The intelligence they use is probably as good as intelligence we use to collect people at Guantanamo. We now know that at least more than half of these people have nothing to do with anything, so it is a very horrible situation that is not easy.

(Al-Zawahiri continues)

"But I ask him one question: why did your administration conspire with the Libyan regime to kill Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, may God grant him His mercy. Do not say that Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi was handed over to Libya during Bush's time. He was killed during your time. In addition, you are responsible for whatever Bush has done. If you see that he had committed crimes, you should say that, then apologize for it, and morally and financially compensate the victims for it. This is the least that can be expected of you and your government. However, your imperialistic arrogance prevents you from doing it.

"The crime of Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi was that he resisted your occupation of Muslim Afghanistan. Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi, may God grant him mercy, was the military commander of the Arab mujahidin in the Tora Bora battle. With the grace of God, he succeeded as an experienced jihadist in driving back the attacks of your hypocritical collaborators and forced them to accept a temporary cease-fire. Then, he managed to accompany a group of his brothers across the rough, snow-capped mountains, in December, from Afghanistan to Pakistan, after the failure of your barbaric campaign and the invasion attempt of your herds of hypocrites of Tora Bora. Your special forces, which you are proud of, stood there watching the solemn scene, a few kilometers away, not daring to move one single step forward. Instead, they were pushing the herds of hypocrites, who had to return every time one of them took a step forward, carrying, by the grace of God, the dead and wounded. Then, your commanders became sure that breaking into Tora Bora is the bitter death and the utter destruction of your forces. However, Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi managed to end the siege and move with a group of his brothers in conditions that only God knew and which included severe cold and continual bombardment.

"When he arrived in Pakistan safely, one of the treacherous tribes sold him and his brothers, after they had given him an oath of protection and vowed to provide him and his soldiers with security and protection until they left safely. This has revealed the truth of the arrogant American force. It has become clear that this force cannot fight without terrible bombardment, herds of hypocrites, bribery, and buying consciences. Face-to-face confrontation on the battlefield is something that they know nothing about. How can they know it when they are servants of the earthly life, and slaves of the dollar, and seekers of pleasure and lust?

"When the jihadist hero fell into the clutches of the US Crusaders, they tortured him and exposed him to their severest anger. The US Crusaders and their collaborators tortured Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi in more than one country and one place. They tortured him in Pakistan, in Kandahar, and in the dark prison in Kabul. They also tortured him in Egypt, where he was detained for a whole year. They tortured him in Panjsher in northern Afghanistan and in many secret prisons. Eventually, they handed him to Al-Qadhafi's guards of torment to continue torturing him and killing him on behalf of the criminal US monster.

"The United States is deceiving us with the smiling Obama, who is searching for peace and defending human rights. Thus, when asked about the circumstances of killing Ibn al-Shaykh al-

Libi, the US State Department spokesperson Ian Kelly said: 'We are studying the situation, but until now we can not give any comments.'

"O criminal killers, bloodsuckers, are you studying the situation? With the help of God, we will also study the situation with you. We will shed your blood and consume your economy until you stop your crimes, o arrogant insolents. O blood shedder, killers of innocent people, God willing, we will take revenge on you for every mujahid, every widow, every orphan, and every Muslim, and we will defend everyone you oppressed in this world. With the help of God, we will talk to you in the language that you understand until you refrain from and stop your crimes.

"Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi is only one of thousands of oppressed victims who were devoured and are still being devoured by the US wild monster. He is silenced about their crimes against them. O Obama, who is speaking about human rights, how many secret prisons are there? Where are they? How many victims are there? How many of them were killed? How many were handicapped? Where are these victims? What have you done with them? What is their destiny? The ones you extradited, to whom were they delivered? What happened to them? What is your stance toward those who tortured and harmed them?

"O country of freedom, nation of justice, government of law, or rather country of lying, nation of crimes, and government of blood sucking,

"O Obama, answer me, but I am sure that you will not dare to answer me. Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi was tortured in Egypt and they extracted a false confession from him under torture about the relationship between Al-Qa'ida and Saddam Hussayn's regime. In February 2003, Collin Powell, the international liar, used the false confession of Ibn al-Shaykh in the Security Council to justify invading Iraq. He did it in cold blood, not apologizing or announcing his regret for what they had done to Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, may God have mercy on him.

"Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi has exposed the Western regime and its hypocritical cry over human rights last April when he refused to talk to investigators affiliated with Human Rights Watch in Abu-Slim prison in Tripoli. He told them: 'Where were you when I was subjected to torture in US prisons?'

"Ibn-al-Shaykh al-Libi was killed in Libya because he refused the retractions that were supervised by the United States in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Libya, and Morocco. He was tortured to death because the agents of the United States from the group of Al-Qadhafi were in a hurry to issue another bad copy of retractions. This clarifies to the Islamic ummah the criminal environment in which these retractions breed.

"In my eulogy of the hero, Ibn-al-Shaykh, I would like to borrow verses from Ibn-Abdallah Ibn-Rawahah in his eulogy of Hamzah Ibn-Abd-al-Mutalib, may God be pleased with them, and say: My eyes cried, and how would they not, though crying and wailing will not substitute? About the lion of God they said, the man who was killed is in Libya. Brother, the ground is bursting under your feet, and you are the heroic, glorified man. May God's peace be upon you in the gardens of paradise, mixed with eternal bliss.

"May God's peace be upon you Ibn-al-Shaykh, whether you are dead or alive. May God's peace be upon you as a steadfast emigrant mujahid. May God's peace be upon you for your patience in the face of afflictions and steadfastness in your stand for the truth. May God's peace be upon you as a martyr, as we consider you, but God knows best. You exposed the criminality of the world-wide Crusaders, the treason of its local agents, and the forgery of its retractions, which are like

knives in the wounds of the families and the blood of the martyrs. May God's peace be upon you, Qays Ibn-Asim. The demise of Qays was not a loss of one person, but with it came the destruction of a complete structure (verse from a poem).

"May God's peace be upon you, for I see that a free and noble person does not have an age. May God's peace be upon you if you have crossed to the other side, for we are on the bridge. The last of our supplications is praise be to God, Lord of all creation. Prayers and peace be upon our Master Muhammad, his household, and all his companions. Peace and mercy of God be with you."