Zarqawi Audiotape Rallies Jihadis in Fallujah

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Earlier today, an autotape by Abu Mus'ab Al Zarqawi, leader of Qaeda't Al jihad in Iraq, was released by Abu Masayra al Iraqi, the apparent spokesperson for the group.

The audio tape makes specific references to an early battle in Islamic history called the Battle of the Trench, where the Muslim army was faced with certain defeat, but managed to triumph over their enemies. The full text of the message, translated from Arabic, follows:

Peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and his blessings;

There for the jihad, a major general has emerged and for it a flag waves;

And the heroes of Islam have become strong in Iraq, and with them the Islamic people's hearts beat in joy, and we have started to watch the hope that grows as the dawn nears after the humiliating darkness that engulfed this nation for many years at the hands of the Jews and the crusaders and our apostate rulers.

This is the truth - that American and those with them by the way the land sways - and they have felt the winds of jihad which will shake their thrones and foundations. You stand against them, and gather your crowds, and stand united as you meet your enemy.

That truth is Islam, under the flag of Jihad.

I speak to you, oh my nation as the blood of your sons is spilled in Iraq and especially in Falluja after the onslaught of crusaders and with the slaves of the crusaders and our own compatriots, who have sold out their religion and their world and betrayed Allah and his messenger. These are the forces of evil, these unbelievers and those who support the imam of disbelief and atheism, Al Sistani, and those who assist the oppressors in their injustice will all enjoy the punishment.

Those who follow that Lord will reap no benefit; only troubles.

Oh, my nation, the blood of our heroes will be, Cod willing, guiding lights in the dark darkness of the night.

And you will rejoice, oh my nation.

We do not doubt for a moment that the signs of victory, under Allah, are starting to appear on the horizon, as your sons create the most beautiful scenes in their fight against America and her allies.

Don't be fooled by their evil media; all that you listen to and see is merely pure lies and fabrications.

I dare America to show the truth that takes place on the battlefield, and in the fighting. I dare them once again to allow the satellite TV stations admittance, so that they can cover the battle events as they happen, and not filtered like a covering over the sun. As for you, the heroes of Islam in Fallujah

Allah blesses you in your fight for him

And Allah blesses you in your nation

And Allah blesses you with your religion

Be patient for the hour when the results will appear, God willing

And they remembered the Battle of Al-Ahzab - the Battle of the Trench - the prophet peace be upon him showed that despite certain defeat and hardship, victory can come with the aid of Allah, and in the same way aid and support have come to you.

The enemy, by the will of Allah, moves in the path that has been drawn for him according to plan of Allah, and their trails are visible; increase your prayers until you are one nation united, and do not begrudge your souls, but give them to your religion.

And this a call to the heroes in Iraq

Allah bless your brothers

Rush to their aid

This battle is one of the decisive and historic battles between Islam and nonbelievers.

(the mujahideen) will strike as one

And they burned the land at the feet of the invaders

And they kept watch upon them from their posts

And you lay in wait for them as the lion stalks his prey

And be as the poet said"

Those are purified who sacrifice of the blood of the unbelievers

What will happen to the Islamic nation?

And what will the Islamic clerics say?

As for us, we have made our choice, and we have chosen our path, and we will continue on that way, God willing.

There are two paths for the enemy: either Allah tortures you, or you are tortured by our hands. We are awaiting your choice.

Those who do not take on the heat of battle do not learn the warmth in the glory; hiding in the shadows brings no honor.

And the glory of Allah triumphs; not the will of the people; they do not know.

All praise to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.