

Text of Al-Zawahiri's Eid Message

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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. I would like to congratulate you twice: the first congratulation is on the occasion of blessed Eid al-Adha, and I ask Allah to accept your sacrifices and righteous deeds. And I ask Him to accept the pilgrims' Hajj, Sa'y, Tawaaf, and other acts of devotion...the Hajj, of which America has deprived the Mujahideen and noble ones confronting its brutal Zionist Crusade.

And the second congratulation is on the defeat of the Americans and their Crusader allies in Afghanistan and Iraq, and I ask Allah that we see the same thing soon in Palestine, Allah willing...that defeat which the Americans, British and their allies only admitted to after the blows rained down on their heads one after the other, after they had plugged their ears to the voice of reason and morality.

That defeat, Muslim brethren, was not achieved by parliamentary elections, nor by the fatwas of the scholars of beggary, nor by the deals struck by the religion-traders in Kabul and Baghdad. Rather, it was achieved with blood, martyrdom- seeking, the torture of the captives and the efforts of the Emigrants and Helpers.

Had the Mujahideen in Iraq and Afghanistan taken the path of the religion-trading traitors or the path of elections on the basis of secular constitutions, Crusader forces under the command of America would today be building up in the Arabian Peninsula, the Levant, and Egypt to divide them and tear them to pieces. But what made their plot blow up in their faces is the rushing of the people of Iman and Jihad to sacrifice themselves in the path of Allah and their determination not to differentiate between the enemy invader and his local agents or say, "This is native blood, whereas that is foreign blood." Rather, they acted according to the statement of the Truth, Most High and Glorified, "And he amongst you that takes them as allies is one of them. Verily, Allah does not guide a wrongdoing people." (5:51) This is the most important lesson learned, so let us remember it always and hold fast to it.

I also congratulate the Muslims in Palestine on the blessed Eid al Adha which approaches them as their blood is oozing from the stabs of the Jews in their chests and the stabs of the Palestine-selling secularist traitors in their backs...the Palestine-selling secularist traitors, slaves of international law and worshipers of the dollar, those who have turned their backs on the Shari'ah and declared in their charters that their goal is the establishment of a secular state in one of the most holy places in Islam...those who have abandoned most of Palestine, recognized Israel and signed the accords of surrender with it, and let loose their security services against the Mujahideen to arrest and torment them and lead Israel to them.

These traitors cannot possibly be brothers of the Muslims, for in fact, they are their enemies and the enemies of their religion, and the Muslims must reject and disown them. I The Truth, Exalted is He, says, "O you who believe! Take not for allies your fathers and your brothers if they prefer infidelity to faith; and whoever of you take them as allies, they are the wrongdoers." (9:23) My Mujahid brothers in Palestine, the Palestine-selling secularist traitors cannot possibly be your brothers, so neither confer on them legitimacy, nor appease them

in their secular religion, nor participate with them in their Shari'ah-rejecting assemblies, nor sign with them the documents which throw away Palestine. You must actualize the doctrine of loyalty and disloyalty, without which the religion cannot stand. The Truth, Exalted is He, says "You shall not find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day loving those who oppose Allah and His Messenger, even if they be their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their clan. For such He has written faith in their hearts and strengthened them with a spirit from Himself. And He will admit them to Gardens beneath which rivers flow, to dwell therein for eternity. Allah will be well pleased with them, and they with Him. They are the party of Allah. Truly, it is the party of Allah that will achieve success." (58:22) And He, the most Honorable of speakers, says, "There is for you an excellent example in Abraham and those with him, when they said to their people, 'We are innocent of you and of what you worship beside Allah; we have rejected you, and there has begun between us and you enmity and hatred forever, unless you believe in Allah Alone.'" (60:4)

How is it possible for Mahmoud Abbas to be a brother of ours or for Muhammad Dahlan to be a brother of ours, when they have grown fat on the bribes of the Jews and gifts of the Americans? My Muslim brethren in Palestine, always keep in mind that you are Mujahideen in Allah's path. The Truth, Exalted is He, says, "He is the one who sent His Messenger with Guidance and the religion of truth to make it victorious over all religions even though the polytheists hate [it]." (9:33)

You are fighting for Allah's word to be the highest. A man came to the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and said, "A man fights out of fanatical bias, and out of bravery, and out of a desire to be seen. So which of that is in Allah's path?" He replied, "The one who fights for Allah's word to be the highest is in Allah's path."

You are not a movement of national liberation, nor a front of nationalistic unity, nor captives to the borders of Sykes-Picot. No, you in the environs of Jerusalem are the vanguard of the one Muslim Ummah, which doesn't differentiate between an Arab and a non-Arab, and you are defending one of the holiest of its places to expel the invaders from it and establish in it the state of Islam which includes all Muslims without national distinctions or nationalist bias. The Truth, Exalted is He, says, "Verily, this Ummah of yours is one Ummah, and I am your Lord, so worship Me [and Me Alone]." (21:92) This is your responsibility, and this is what you have been entrusted with.

I also congratulate the Muslims in Iraq, who have lifted the head of the Muslim Ummah high with their heroic Jihadi confrontation with the Crusader invaders and their allies, the traitorous religion-traders. And I send my congratulations to the Emir of the Islamic State of Iraq, the Mujahid Shaykh Abu Umar al-Baghdadi and all groups of the champion Mujahideen engaged in Jihad in defense of Iraq of the Caliphate. And I call them to unite and be as one in accordance with the command of Allah, the Most High and Glorious, and His Messenger, peace be upon him. I also congratulate the Muslims in Afghanistan under the leadership of the Commander of the Faithful, Mulla Muhammad Umar, and I call on them to turn to their Lord in praise and thanks for the resolution, steadfastness and consecutive victories He has bestowed on them in the face of Crusader America, the strongest power in the world, and its Crusader allies and religion-trading agents who sold Jihad for American dollars and so the Lord exposed them in a historic scandal which will be handed down from generation to generation.

I also send my congratulations to the patient, resolute Muslims in Kashmir, in whose pain and suffering the bribe-taker Musharraf is doing business. And I remind them that they

must liberate their Jihad from the commanders of military intelligence, worshipers of the American dollar, for a Jihad led by the military intelligence that rushes madly for the salaries of the American embassy is destined for nothing but failure and unnecessary wasting of lives and spilling of blood.

I also congratulate my Mujahid brothers in Chechnya, and give them the good news that Allah's victory is near and its first signs have already appeared. Here's the leader of the Crusaders reeling in Iraq and Afghanistan, so be severe against its followers, those who live on its aid and backing in the Caucasus.

I also congratulate my brothers, the Mujahideen in Indonesia and the Philippines, who are confronting with patience and steadfastness a barbaric Crusade in defense of the eastern frontiers of Islam.

I also congratulate my Muslim brothers in Somalia, and encourage them to be firm in defense of the honor of Islam and Muslims in East Africa.

I also congratulate my brother Mujahideen in Algeria, who were put to the test by trials and purified by convulsions, yet only increased in resoluteness and strength in the face of the Franco-American Crusade and its sons, the traitors.

And I congratulate my Mujahid brothers in Yemen of wisdom and faith, those who have long rubbed America's nose in the dirt, and I call on them to continue their blessed Jihad against America and its servants, and to shower on them blow after blow, and to pay no heed to the misconceptions of those who make the interest of the Da'wah cancel and stop the Jihad...those who appointed Ali Abdullah Salih, the agent of America, as a legitimate leader of the Muslims whom it is forbidden to oppose. So let America be happy with their fatwas which bless its agent, and let the Crusader West thrill at their misconceptions which protect its interests and prevent the Ummah from carrying out the individual duty of Jihad against it.

And I also congratulate my brothers working in Jihadi media, and I ask Allah to reward them well for their fine, blessed efforts. And I encourage them to expend even more effort in Allah's path, for they have spoiled the enemies' publicity campaigns, by the grace of Allah. And I call on them to combine their efforts in compliance with the orders of Allah and His Messenger. May Allah bless their efforts, grant them His victory, and may they - Allah permitting - be the seed of the media of the Caliphate state which is coming with Allah's permission.

I also congratulate my captive brothers everywhere: in Guantanamo and the secret and open prisons of America; in Bagram, Abu Ghayb, al-Ha'ir, and al-Ruways; in Tura, Abu Za'bal, and the desert prisons of Algeria; and in Shatanuf, bin Aknun, and all the prisons of the Crusaders, Jews and their agents, the traitorous rulers of the lands of Islam. And I promise them that freeing them is a debt on our shoulders as long as there remains in us a vein which beats or a breath which returns, with Allah's help and power.

And I congratulate my captive brothers in the prisons of the traitor Mubarak, and I ask Allah to accept their steadfastness in the face of the carrot-and-stick policies practiced by the regime as a service to America and Israel, in order to involve them in the same thing the back-trackers became involved in, those who sold their religion for cheap worldly crumbs, and accordingly they condemned Khalid al-Islambouli, Allah have mercy on him, and

recognized Mubarak as Commander of the Faithful, in order for America to be satisfied with them so they could leave prison to subsist as middlemen and eyes for the State Investigative Security Department, and what a terrible subsistence.

Al-Mutanabbi says, Lowly is he who envies the life of lowliness That life which death is perhaps better than Any leniency shown in the absence of power Is an excuse resorted to by the ignoble ones Humiliation is easy for he who accepts it For the corpse is not pained by the wound

And I congratulate my brothers, the knights of Tawhid and its callers and scholars in the prisons of the American state of Al Saud, those who exposed its American "Tawhid", which orders Al Saud to serve the Crusader forces which bomb the Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq, and which orders them to recognize Israel and abandon Palestine, as articulated by Abdullah bin Abd al-Aziz in his initiative which the fanatical Zionist Thomas Friedman dictated to him...American "Tawhid", which calls on them to promise to protect the security of Israel from the attacks of the Mujahideen, when they signed accords with Israel and the senior criminals in that regard in the Sharm al-Shaykh conference...American "Tawhid", which incites them to bleed dry the petrol and pump it at the cheapest of rates to consume the Ummah's treasure, and which calls on them, despite their massive income, to keep their army weak, flabby and for show only, in order for them to continue to be dependant on the West and appeal to it to occupy their country and defend them.

I congratulate my brothers, the knights of Tawhid and its callers and scholars in the prisons of the American state of Al Saud, who have exposed - - and continue to expose - through their resoluteness and steadfastness the scholars of beggary and court muftis whom Al Saud have gathered around them to depict them as infallible imams and to strive in vain to veil their treachery and collusion with the enemies of the Ummah.

And I congratulate every captive Muslim woman in Abu Ghayb, Lazughli and all prisons of the idol-kings in the lands of Islam, and I promise them that their revenge shall not be forgotten, and that if we are unable to carry it out during our lifetimes, we shall bequeath it to those after us, and that the dogs who attacked them shall only be saved from us by death, with Allah's help and power.

And I congratulate every mother and wife grieving over a martyr or missing a prisoner. And I congratulate every orphan or son of a captive separated by the Crusaders and idol-kings from his father.

And I congratulate every Muslimah observant of her Hijab and chastity in the face of the fierce Crusade against the Hijab, which exposes their immorality, decline and degeneration. And she should know that the Hijab, symbol of her modesty and purity, tears them apart inside, because it exposes the depravity of their civilization. And I remind her that by holding fast to her Hijab and Deen, she is a soldier in the battle of Islam against the Zionist Crusade and its helpers, the traitorous idol-kings.

I congratulate them all, and I say to them that the Muslim Ummah, victorious if Allah permits, and its brave Mujahid vanguard are seizing the dawn of victory from the darkness of despair and repression, with the help of Allah, who said in His Honorable Book, "How many of the Prophets fought, and with them were large bands of godly men, but they never lost heart at what befell them in Allah's way, nor did they weaken nor give in. And Allah loves those who persevere. All that they said was, 'Our Lord, forgive us our sins and our transgression;

establish our feet firmly; and help us against the unbelieving people.' And Allah gave them a reward in this world, and the excellent reward of the hereafter, for Allah loves those who do good." (3:146-148)

Congratulations to you all, and may Allah accept from us and from you.

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