As-Sahab Media: "You Are Held Responsible Only for Thyself - Part 1"

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On June 3, 2011, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released its anticipated new video production titled "Thou Are Held Responsible Only for Yourself." As-Sahab indicated its hope for this video to "overcome the hearts of Muslims and incite them to support mujahideen and go for jihad." During the video, American Al-Qaida spokesman Adam Gadahn endorsed "lone wolf" jihad: "The opportunity to carry out the divine obligation of fighting the enemies of Allah is available to anyone who has the will." He continued, "It's simply a matter of taking precautions, working in total secrecy, and making use of all means to do damage to the enemy." Gadahn further counseled, "I advise every brother who wants to work for this religion not to undertake any action before taking advantage of the wide range of resources available today on the Internet, particularly the various manuals, encyclopedias and course which deal with the Mujahideen's operational and electronic security, and security in general." He noted, "Carrying out attacks inside the countries of the trespassing unbelievers has a major role in repelling the enemy...Many of the brothers who came from abroad are now seriously considering returning to the countries of the crusaders."

[Martyr Usama Bin Laden, may Allah accept him]
"I swear by Allah the greatest, who raised the sky without columns, neither America not those living in America will dream of security before we live it practically in Palestine and before all the infidel armies leave the peninsula of Muhammad—prayer and peace upon him. And Allahu akbar, glory to Islam, and peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

[Verse]
"Then fight in Allah’s cause - Thou art held responsible only for thyself - and rouse the believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers; for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment." [Al-Nisa, Verse 84]

Part 1

[Usama bin Laden—Audio]
"The West's occupation of our land is old-new, the clash and head-butting and breaking horns began centuries ago, and it shall continue, because the state of the clash between the truth and falsehood will continue until the Day of Judgment, and the reform of the states and the people will occur with it." [Verse]

"...If it wasn't for the believers' defense against the disbelievers, the disbelievers would have won and earth would have become corrupted with their corruption"

[Narrator]
"America and behind her the west and the Zionists made their war against the Umma of Islam open for time and place, and in their declarations they mentioned that they wouldn't leave a safe haven for the Mujahideen, in the name of 'international cooperation' against extremism and al-Qaida."

[Excerpt—President Barack Obarna]
"Also, the practical realities at war definitely signify that all of earth, for them, is but a stage to chase, kill and arrest the Mujahideen, their supporters and their sympathizers, and even the Muslim public. These clips that were released by the WikiLeaks website show us exactly to which extent the American crimes are against the rights of Muslims. This is a group of Muslims from the public, two journalists amongst them, and the American forces are following them. And the American soldier wait until the biggest number of unarmed individuals have gathered in one place, then they begin cold-bloodedly killing them."

"And what shows more significantly the ugliness of the American crimes that when the vehicle of one of the civilians passed by and its driver was asked to transport some of the wounded, and in spite that it was clear for the American soldiers that onboard were two small children sitting in the front seat, the orders were given to kill everyone. And indeed, all the wounded and those who tried to rescue them were killed. As for the two—male and female—children who were in the vehicle, they remain suffering from physical and psychological injuries."

[Recorded excerpt of two children and their mother]

[Narrator]
"And declarations by the West's rulers come to say that death of millions in wars is a normal matter and can't be avoided, which explains the ugliness of the Crusader West and its clear hypocrisy."

[Excerpt—Tony Blair]

[Narrator]
"This is how the West presents and looks at the massacres that result in the victimization of tens of millions of innocent Muslims. When their battle is holy and they have noble goals—like the goals of Bush and Blair—then thereafter there's no [serious] consideration of any massacres committed to achieve them [goals], even if it was the eradication of hundreds of thousands of Muslims. The ugliness of this war, thus, obliges the Mujahideen to take all the ways the Sharia allows them to deter their barbaric aggression that doesn't stop at any limit and is not limited to any field. And accordingly, if the Mujahideen call the Muslims—all the Muslims and each according to his power, place and capabilities—for an open war against these countries that have announced war against them, then this is a legitimate right, and he who started [injustice] is more unjust. [Verse]"

[Excerpt—Brother Abdullah Hamza—English]

[Narrator]
"Allah says: 'Then fight in Allah's cause - Thou art held responsible only for thyself'

[Excerpt-jurisprudence]

"This holy verse shows us that deterring the aggressor that has corrupted the religion and life is not the responsibility of the Jihad groups only, but it is the responsibility of each individual from this Ummah, each according to his own. And he who couldn't connect with these groups should put effort and mobilize—after depending on Allah—to carry his goal even if he was by himself, because the individual jihad that is Sharia-controlled is not a new addition to our religion. And
the story of Abu Baseer and others have the clearest proof and the brightest evidence on its legitimacy, encouraging it and advocating it."

[Abu Yahya al-Liby]
"The individual jihad means that one person, or a small cell of individual Mujahideen, would carry out a military operation in accordance with the Sharia limitations; aggression against the enemy and exclusion of Muslims [casualties]—according to the conditions. And this is not a new matter or suggestion or a new invented act. Individual jihad was practiced during the time of the prophet—prayer and peace upon him—in a number of operations, and some of the heroes from the companions did so, may Allah grace them, either by incitement or by orders from him—prayer and peace upon him. [Excerpt on historical event]. So, carrying this kind of Jihad military operation, especially if the conditions allow that, is following the example of the prophet—prayer and peace upon him—and is guidance following those heroes from the companions—may Allah grace them—and others also."

[Narrator]
"And with this correct understanding of Allah's religion, and with a push from the zeal Allah loves and which has been embedded in them through this religion, some of the lions of Islam in our contemporary history carried out jihad operations, in which they offered the exhausted Muslim Ummah lively lessons in courageousness and high motivation and determination in reaching the goal, in satisfying their Lord first, and also to dust off of it [Ummah] ruins of idleness, debilitation and misery. And we will watch along your side some of these operations, seeking to revive the spirit of sacrifice and jihad and to broadcast the meanings of self-sacrifice and love of martyrdom, to raise the words of the Lord of Earth and the Sky."

"1800 Cairo, the heroic martyr—as we consider him—Suleiman al-Halabi, a knowledge student in Al-Azhar, who migrated from Aleppo from northern Syria to Cairo, and there he killed General Clipper, leader of the vicious and barbaric French campaign on Egypt. [Excerpted quote] Then the mujahid Suleiman al-Halabi—may Allah have mercy on him—was killed after executing this heroic operation, which had the biggest impact in the removal of the French campaign on Egypt. And after executing him [al-Halabi] in an ugly way, his head was transported to Paris, and it is still displayed in one of its museums, under the phrase 'Head of the criminal Suleiman al-Halabi.' His blood is still debt on the Islamic Ummah and the sanctity of his body is still calling, and his head is still a reminder of the heroes of Islam in a Paris museum."

[Excerpt—Ayman al-Zawahiri]

[Narrator]
"So will the youth and knowledge seekers in al-Azhar wake up in following the example of this hero and go ahead and purify al-Azhar from crusaders plotting against it, who, even if they didn’t violate its holiness with their horses like their predecessors, they violated its holiness through be-friendliness and submission to those who sold their faith and issued Fatwas allowing removing the Hijab from the heads of the pure female Muslims."

[Excerpt—former Shaykh of Al-Azhar University Muhammad Tantawi]

[Narrator]
"During the last [few] decades, we lived many blessed operations through the individual Jihad method."
The Hero Sayyid Nosair—May Allah, released him from prison

"1990, New York, the hero Sayyid Nosair, may Allah release him, moved bravely and heroically, carrying his Magnum pistol, towards the conference room in one of the Manhattan hotels, where the hateful Zionist Hakham Meir Kahane—head of the racist group, Kach—was giving one of his speeches, in which he called for the holiness of purifying the promised land, the stolen Palestine, from Muslims."

[Excerpts—Zionist Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the racist group, Kach]

[Narrator]
"And during that, the hero Sayyid Nosair, with zeal over his religion and Ummah, fired a shot at the racist Rabbi while he was between his supporters, and killed him. And as the hero Sayyid was retreating, he was wounded and arrested, and he remains behind the American prisons alongside the proud mount Omar Abdulrahman, may Allah release them all. This heroic operation was a black day in the history of grudging Zionists, and it solidified the jihad operations on the soil of evil empire, America; haven of the Zionists and source of supplying and strengthening them."

[Excerpt—Robert Blitzer, Head of the counterterrorism office in the FBI ‘96-’98]

[Narrator]
"This type of Jihad operations is one of the images of ensnaring in the enemy, which the prophet encouraged us on in many of the Hadiths."

[Shaykh Jamal Ibrahim al-Misrati (Ateyatullah al-Liby)—may Allah protect him]
"There’s no doubt that individual Jihad that we are speaking about is but an image of infiltrating because it means that one man attacks the numerous enemy [combatants], in very high numbers; because by entering through them, attacking them, as if he is 'diving through their sea.' And dipping is known and mentioned in the Hadiths and people can review the book 'Masharea' al-Awhwaq' by Ibn al-Nahhass for example...etc. And the Mujahid brother, whether he is from those infidel warring countries, or entering them in a non-malicious way [but] seeking to attack it, and fight it and kill those who are legitimate to kill from its infidel people, is [currently] dipping [or diving in] in this meaning. Thus, he must bring in loyalty and will to raise the words of Allah the Most Glorified, to encourage the hearts of Muslims and raise their self-esteem, and deter the disbelievers from attacking them [Muslims], and destroy their [disbelievers] self-esteem will power and humiliate their determination and deter their aggression, Allah-willing."

[Narrator]
"So will the Ummah find those who would rescue her from the crimes of Zionists—the brothers of Meir Kahane—who are applying the policy of ethnic cleansing and displacement in its ugliest ways against our people in Palestine? These crimes that even children weren’t protected against."

[Clip of Israeli soldiers detaining Palestinians]

[Narrator]
"1985, Sinai, the martyr—as we consider him—the Egyptian soldier Suleiman Khater killed a group of Israelis who tried to infiltrate the Egyptian borders, and the Arab Zionists sentenced him to prison for 25 years as punishment for him for defending his nation, and they didn’t stop
at that as they killed him inside his cell, because killing the Israelis for the Arab Zionists is an unforgivable crime. And Egypt's cronies claimed that he committed suicide, and this is a matter that is refuted by this testimony."

[Ahmad Abu Aasem—Brother in Law of Suleiman Khater, may Allah have mercy on him]
"It's impossible that Suleiman Khater committed suicide. Impossible! From the most impossible things, as we had just visited Suleiman one day before his martyrdom, and he asked me for tooth paste, law books, and wool suit. It is logical thinking: a person wants to commit suicide, why did he need law books a day before."

[Narrator]
"And with high courageousness, the hero Suleiman Khater said, during his trial: 'I don't fear death; it is the will and fate from Allah. As for Suleiman’s mother, she said after the murder of her son: ‘my son was killed so America and Israel can be content."

[Excerpt—Ayrnan al-Zawahiri]

[Narrator]
"1990, the Negev desert, the hero Ayman Hasan carried out a heroic operation...against Israeli soldiers; this operation required...heavy and hard training."

[Ayman Hasan]
"I was required to run 5 kilometers, plus 3 kilometers, that makes it 8. I would finish these 8 kilometers and then I begin working with people—may Allah damn them—who are restful. Along with them we begin running opposite of each other; I would run 8 kilometers and reach them and even go ahead of them, so I was required to train [on running] more than 15 kilometers, and for that I used to train daily 15 kilometers running over two stages; one going to a project called Ahmad Osman and carrying a big water gallon, running 7.5 kilometers, and on my way back I would fill the water gallon and would go up the mountain running, another 7.5 kilometers."

[Narrator]
"As for the operations, it was of utmost creativity, bravery and well doing, and the hero Ayman will tell us its details"

[Ayman Hasan]
"There's a Jeep vehicle, Chevrolet, with two [communication] devices, which belonged to the Israeli Defense Forces intelligence, was coming up, meaning facing them [with a distance] of 30 meters. While coming up, I changed [or reloaded] the [ammunition] clip, and I remembered the words of Allah the Most Glorified [verse]. I fired a full clip at it; one time facing the vehicle about 4 meters from me. I went out of my place...in the military works the operation is called 'attack and raid,' so I went around the vehicle surrounding it, I broke the glass with the butt of the rifle and I looked and saw that Zionist leaning on his face carrying in his hand an Uzi automatic weapon and with the other hand holding the gear of the vehicle. I shot him twice for assurance, one hit him under his armpit and the other below his ear. So he was pushed and the door opened, so I turned the other way and I looked him, and I discovered that he was a colonel in the Israeli Defense Forces intelligence. I kicked him with my leg to the inside of the vehicle and closed the door with my other leg, and went back to the place of the trap awaiting the one or two buses; because there were two buses that would travel from the Negev airport, one technicians and soldiers and the other for officers. The first bus came with technicians and soldiers. I reloaded the clip, I left my spot attacking the bus, and I looked and it didn't have anyone. I
looked and saw the second bus. I pulled another rifle from behind me and fired at the driver and the two behind him. The security person dove beneath and grabbed the two behind him."

[Narrator]
"As for the motives behind this...operation were the massacres by the Jews in the Holy Aqsa [mosque]."

[Ayman Hasan]
"The al-Aqsa Massacre took place, and my thinking was to change from just a soldier to a heavier goal; a natural reaction to what is happening to us on the hands of the Israelis."

[Narrator]
"1993, New York, a lion from the lions of Islam, the hero Ramzi Yousef—may Allah release him from imprisonment, led the first Manhattan battle targeting the 'dens of usury' and the headquarters of international intelligence, the World Trade Center. After he graduated from British scientific academies and participating in the Afghan Jihad and learning from the Mujahideen school of the 20th century, the heroic Mujahid Ramzi Yousef decided to direct his Jihad compass towards the evil empire, America, which, the hero realized, that it is the source of most of the Muslims' miseries; as it is the caretaker and primary supporter of the Zionist enemy in Palestine, and it is the guardian of the reign of the Islamic World's tyrants, and it is the robber of the Ummah's resources and wealth, and it is behind the policies of destroying morals, spreading ungodliness and crushing principles. And what's more dangerous than that is that it is fighting the doctrine of dependence on Allah and jihad for the cause of Allah."

[Excerpt—Abdullah Azzam]

[Narrator]
"While depending on his Lord for the cause of defending his religion and Ummah, Ramzi Yousef—may Allah release him from prison—took off towards the monumental fortress of the Cross, America, and he infiltrated all their security procedures."

[Excerpt—Peter Lance, author]

[Narrator]
"The hero Ramzi Yousef began preparing for an operation with high creativity and skillfulness, and the goal from that was to destroy the World Trade Center, using...a van [full] of explosives, which he prepared with a group of his brothers inside the American soil. And the assigned date of the operation came on the 26th of February, 1993. The convoy of the Mujahideen vehicles went towards the goal and the heroes were able to bring the van inside the parking garage of the WTC, and then prepared the explosives and withdrew safely. And at 12:17 pm, a big explosion shook the building and caused many dead and injured in the ranks of the Americans. And if it weren't for shortage in capabilities, the building would've collapsed in the first attack. The hero left America and he continued his work very diligently and determinately in searching for targets to attack the international Kufr, and he began preparing for a big operation that he called 'Bojinka' and the goal of that was to bomb 12 airliners above the American spheres, and [then] fly a plane to destroy the CIA building. The hero was able to manufacture a liquid explosive material that couldn't be detected by airport machines. He also smuggled in the required batteries for detonation in the heels of his shoes, and he tried smuggling it through the detection machines at the airport. But, Allah willed that this operation fail because of an urgent error in manufacturing the explosive material in Manila, the Philippines. Afterwards, the hero traveled to Pakistan and he continued trying to attack the international Kufr."

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[Excerpt—Terry McDermot, author]

[Narrator]
"And becoming one of the most wanted in the world didn’t twist him from continuing his jihad, and his pictures became spread everywhere, and a reward of $2 million to whoever points to his location. The Pakistani security forces didn’t reach him until he was betrayed by one of his acquaintances and he was handed to America. And during his trial and after confessing to all the heroisms that were connected to him, the hero declared that he is a terrorist and that he is proud of that as long as he is against the Americans and their ally Israel, because they are truthfully the terrorists."

"The battle of Manhattan and the attempts that followed it have been representing a warning and declaration of war on America so perhaps it would return from its misguidance."

[Excerpt—Andy McCarthy, assistant U.S. attorney]

[Narrator]
"But America—today’s Pharaoh—continued her aggression, arrogance and war on the Islamic Ummah, so it was inevitable to continue targeting her."

[Excerpt—Michael Cherkaski, former U.S. Attorney]

[Excerpt—Robert Baer, former U.S. Intelligence officer]

[Narrator]
"The year 2004, Amsterdam, the lion Muhammad Bouyeri, may Allah release him from prison, carried out an operation that will be a golden record in the Islamic history; as after the Dutch director Theo Van Gogh exceeded insulting and mocking our religion and Qur’an, the hero decided to put a limit to these ungodly violations, so he stood in the way of the mocking director and killed him. During the hero’s trial, he had brave and clear statements to make, as he said to the judge: ‘Saying that what I had done is based on his [Gogh] insulting of me as a Moroccan, or based on describing me in unsuitable ways, all of this matter has no base of truth, as I did this based on a reason of faithfulness, and I would like to explain that if it was my father or younger brother in his [Gogh] place, I would’ve done the same thing. And you can send all your psychologists, doctors and experts, but I say: you won’t be able to understand what has happened, and if the chance comes and I get released, and I get the chance to redo what I had done on November 2nd, by Allah, I would do the same thing.’"

"And on that path `Malek Mumtaz Qadri’ walked in defense of the kind prophet—prayer and peace upon him—when he killed the criminal 'Suleiman Tatheer' ruler of Punjab province, who had objected to the decision of criminalizing mockers of Islam, and he called for canceling it, and that operation was a model to shut the road off those who mock the Sharia and who violate its sanctity. And was can take example form the stories of assassinating those who insult our prophet, prayer and peace him, in regards to what should be done with them."

[Excerpt—Martyr Abu Talal al-Qasimi, may Allah have mercy on him]

[Narrator]
"And we move toward the front of stolen Palestine, which was remains a stage for many models of heroic operations; stabbing with knives and using vehicles and trucks in runover operations against the invasive Zionists."
[Shaykh Hasan Qa’id (Abu Yahya al-Liby), may Allah protect him]
"Undoubtedly, what the likes of these men have done and are doing is at the peak of bravery and
courageousness, and with patience and loyalty they receive the greatest rewards from Allah the
Most Glorified; as they're fighting an aggressive enemy that attacks the religion, wealth and
honors [of Muslims]; killing, detaining, robbing, killing and raping, and they have run out of
tricks, so a need to use such method in military operation became a must."

If you have to die ** It is of incompetence to die as a coward

"And killing one militant infidel is considered protection for his Muslim killer [if] in hell, and
this is enough reason [Hadith]."

[Narrator]
"Texas, the year 2009, Fort Hood base. The heroic knight Nidal Malek Hasan killed and injured
tens of Crusader soldiers who were preparing to transfer from...Texas to Afghanistan to shed the
blood of the Mujahideen and [protect] the weakened from women, children and elders; those
who have committed no crime, except that they are Muslims.

[Shaykh Anwar al-Awlaki, may Allah protect him]
"Yes, Nidal Hasan is one of my students and I’m honored with that. I’m honored that the likes of
Nidal Hasan are from my students. What he did was a heroic act and a great operation, and we
ask Allah, raised and glorified, to solidify, protect and release him. And I support what he did,
and I call everyone who belongs to Islam, who claims to belonging to Islam, while working in the
American Army, to walk on the footsteps of Nidal Hasan. The righteous deeds cancel the
wrongdoings. I also call upon Muslims to walk on his footsteps; to carry out jihad either with
words or wage Jihad with the hand, and the model that Nidal Hasan exemplified is a great
model, and we ask Allah to make it an opening for many Muslims to walk his footsteps."

[Narrator]
"The reasons and motives that make adopting such fighting methods and tactics important,
which depend on one individual or a small group that would carry them out, are numerous and
various, including:

• The grace [to receive] from this kind of Jihad in our religion and in following the
example of our ancestors
• The widening of the confrontation zone, and the enemy’s aggression on the
Ummah from every angle
• The spread of the enemy's interests, whether on his land on the Muslims' lands.
• The easiness of targeting them and the greatness of the impact from attacking
them"

[Shaykh Jamal al-Misrati (Atteyatullah al-Liby), may Alla have mercy on him]
"Indeed, this is a very simple formula: now, you have many enemies, and international alliances
that fight you, sanction you and attack you, and at the same time those enemies have clear
weakness points, and their interests are spread on our land first and then on their land, they,
themselves, and around the world. These are important targets, and reaching them is relatively
easy, as they are normally targets that suit the movements that practice guerilla warfare, which
are, usually, the weaker side and the smaller power financially. And attacking these interests of
the enemy, I will not say that it would deter the enemy and impact the balance of struggle, but I
say, perhaps, it would also finish the war, so how could we avoid and leave them [targets]?")"
"And the question that proposes itself: how can we make these operations harmonious with the goals of global Jihad?"

[Shaykh Jarnal al-Misrati (Atteyatullah al-Liby), may Alla have mercy on him]
"This Jihad and these attacks we are speaking about; against the interests of the enemies and the goals in the enemy’s land and elsewhere, it [attacking] must be controlled and according to the limits of the Sharia, and in service of the general plan of the Mujahideen (the strategic one) and parallel and harmonious with it in regards to the choice of targets, knowing the priorities accurately, and knowing what could advance or delay and what could be left behind and what could be passed over. For example, the western countries aren’t all in one state, so this must be paid attention to and be well understood."

"And the general advice is: he who can communicate with the Mujahideen leadership, and who knows from them what they want and should be done, and who offers them what he has of ideas and plans and information and such; this is better. But because the current conditions of war and the circumstances don’t allow many people and Mujahideen and Jihad-seekers to do that, what is needed is: understanding, understanding, then dependence on Allah, raised and glorified."

"The matter doesn’t exceed two things: good understanding and awareness, and honest determination and will

[Brother Hammad al-Manshi, may Allah protect him]
"The suffering of a Muslim, whether in Palestine, Kashmir, Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever he/she may be; I would feel the same pain as if someone attacked my mother and father, as I have a heart"

[Brother Bilal Muhammad, may Allah protect him]
"Considering we are Muslims, we have no loyalty to the place where we were born and raised, but our loyalty is to Islam and Muslims. Our priorities and loyalty are situated here; so I believe that my loyalty, although I was born and raised in Britain, is toward Muslims and Islam."

[Brother Hamad al-Manshi, may Allah protect him]
"Muhammad al-Durra is a screaming example on that; if you can’t see what is currently going on, then you should go back to sleep or you may be living in a world of myths, because it rude to
see a father protecting his son and asking them to withdrawal, then we see the snipers firing at them barbarically. No doubt that Muhammad al-Durra is being killed every day, because Muhammad al-Durra exists everywhere."

[Narrator]  
"Then, the responsibility of the youths of Islam in the west in deterring this aggression becomes very important [concerning] the place; because their ability to attack the enemy and push him to reconsider his policies becomes bigger and easier"

[Brother Adam Yahya Gadahn (Azzam al-Amriki), may Allah protect him]  
"Muslims in the West have to remember that they are perfectly placed to play an important and decisive part in jihad against the Zionists and the Crusaders, and to do major damage to the enemies of Islam waging war on their religion, sacred placed and brethren. This is a golden opportunity and a blessing from Allah, raised and glorified, and the way to show one's appreciation and thanks for this blessing is to rush to discharge one's duty to his Ummah and fight on its behalf with everything at his disposal. And in the west, you've got a lot at your disposal. Let's take America as an example. America is absolutely awash with easily obtainable firearms. You can go down at a gun show at the local convention center and come away with a fully automatic assault rifle without a background check, and most likely without having to show an identification card, so what are you waiting for?"

[Narrator]  
But, it may cross the mind of a Muslim who is able to carry out a Jihadist act against the enemy in his place of residence that rewards in Hijra [migration towards Jihad] and Jihad are greater that waging Jihadist operations in the country where he resides.

[Shaykh Hasan Qa'id (Abu Yahya al-Liby), may Allah protect him]  
"He who carries out an individual operation, whether in America, Britain, France of other countries that fight Muslims and attack them openly; he must feel that he is participating with his Mujahideen brothers in his Jihad. And the importance of his work—if he masters it and does it well—is not less important than the acts they [Mujahideen] engage in the open battlefields. Even, one operation in the heart of the infidels home, carried out by one individual, such operation would be heavy and definite and [with good] choice of targets, in which its benefit toward Islam and Muslims are much more than tens of other military operations in the battlefields."

"And so, the infidels are very careful—as their situation shows—that the battle would be distant from them, and they work with every method to limit it to the Muslim countries, so they would be secure and safe, and this is what we should never allow them."

"Muslim brother: you must be a true Mujahid wherever you may be, with self-control, diligence and good planning, with loyalty to Allah the Most Glorified, and Allah-willing you will see the benefits of your acts in the life before the afterlife."

[Narrator]  
"The door of Jihad cannot be closed, and he who wants to launch in his midst with determination and honesty, should not stand in the face of security restrictions nor the difficulty of reaching the fighting fronts, as he could make the place he is in one of the battlefields, and that would be through individual Jihad, should he master it and execute it well."

[Brother Adam Yahya Gadahn (Azzam al-Amriki), may Allah protect him]
"Anyone who’s thinking of going forth to the arenas of Jihad today has to be aware of the difficulties and dangers which he might face, and in the end things might not turn out as he had wished. But by the grace of Allah the enemy’s interests are today spread all over the place and easily accessible, as the leaked American state department cable on critical foreign dependencies makes crystal-clear. So the opportunity to carry out the divine obligation of fighting the enemies of Allah today is available to anyone who has the will and determination, regardless of where he might be. It’s simply a matter of taking precautions, working in total secrecy, and making use of all means to do damage to the enemy. And then relying on Allah and putting your plan into action."

"And I advise every brother who wants to work for this religion not to undertake any action before taking advantage of the wide range of resources available today on the Internet, particularly the various manuals, encyclopedias and course which deal with the Mujahideen’s operational and electronic security, and security in general."

[Narrator]
"And the truth that each Muslim must believe in is that the enemy's intelligence does not know the unknown, and presenting it as 'an undefeatable power' isn't but a media buzz created by Hollywood films."

[Clip from a Hollywood Film]

[Excerpt—Eric Hazeltein, head of the National Security Agency 2002-2005]

[Narrator]
"If that matter is so, then what is the reason behind unveiling many Jihad operations while in the early stages of planning?"

[Brother Adam Yahya Gadahn (Azzam al-Amriki), may Allah protect him]
"In the majority of cases, it is this [pointing at his own lips], this is the reason. Loose lips. Not your enemy’s cunning or intelligence gathering skills as they claim. That claim has long belied by numerous successful operations in the past few years and decades. The fact is, my brother, if you want to be successful in this work, you've got to prepare yourself for it, and the first thing you must prepared for is security and secrecy, yes, secrecy. In accordance with the Sunnah of Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him, this is obvious in the Seera [bio of the prophet]. Look at the strain of the Hijra [migration] and what he would do if he would dispatch Saraya [Brigades] or detachments to a battle. You've got to hide your plans even from the closest people to you. If you ask me who should I trust in a clandestine action, I'll tell you, simply, trust no one, even your closest family members and relatives. Anyone who wants to work for this religion and make the Muslims happy, must realize that on the path he has chosen, there's no place for emotions. And if you’re unable to abide by this principle, then don’t waste your time and don’t expose yourself unnecessarily to danger. May Allah take care of you, protect you and grant you success."

[Narrator]
"And abidance by secrecy and precaution becomes a must when we find out that the Crusader governments of the West seek to turn the Muslim societies in the west into informants and spies against everyone who speaks to himself about Jihad for the cause of Allah."

[Excerpt—Gary Regitte, intelligence analyst in Britain]
[Excerpt—Journalist Peter Taylor dialoguing a Muslim person]

[Narrator]
"And these hardships should not a reason for sitting away from Jihad, but they should be a motive for us to toward more sacrifice and giving and continuous search to cross over them and pass them, as no matter how skilled and technologically advanced, they are only human efforts that have shortage and gaps, and the recent Jihad operations that the west witnessed are but practical evidence that the Mujahideen are able—if they consider the reasons and depend on their Lord—to infiltrate all the enemy's security procedures."

"As for the dangers that stand before the mujahid brother, whether detention and arrest, are but a test from Allah in order to encourage his believing servants, test them and raise their degrees should they be steadfast and accepting [of the will of Allah]. [Verse]"

[Brother Adam Yahya Gadahn (Azzam al-Amriki), may Allah protect him]
"Fear of arrest is an understandable fear and it is shared by many of those who embark on Jihad in Allah's path. But after they arrive in the land of Jihad and see the nature of the battle, many of them become convinced that carrying out attacks inside the countries of the trespassing unbelievers has a major role in repelling the enemy. And that's why many of the brothers who came from abroad are now seriously considering returning to the countries of the crusaders to discharge the duty of Jihad, even though the danger of being captured has actually become greater after being in the arenas of Jihad. And I would like this note of reassurance and encouragement: if it is Allah's will that you be captured, then it's not the end of the world, and it doesn't necessarily mean that you're going to spend the rest of your life in prison. And in fact, let me tell you something: over these past few years I have seen the release of many, many Mujahideen whom I'd never even dreamed that they would regain their freedom. Yet, as I speak, now they're back home with their families or back on the frontlines fighting the enemies. So, the unbelievers' plot, and Allah plots, and Allah is the best of plotters, and he is the best of guardians and protectors, and he is the one who answers the one in need when he calls on him."

[Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah protect him]
"Every Muslim and especially the Mujahid, must fill his heart with certainty that he won't be befallen except with what Allah has written for him, and that the Ummah, if it gathers to benefit him with anything, they won't benefit him except with what Allah has written for him, and if it gathers to harm him with anything, he won't be harmed except with what Allah has written for him, and whatever Allah wills, happens, and what He doesn't, will not. And I, myself, have lived that through amazing examples. When I was arrested in Dagestan, I was sent to the central prison. And when I entered they took my finger prints and front and side pictures of me and those with me, so I was scared because my pictures and fingerprints are available by the international police (Interpol), and it would be inevitable that the Russian authorities will ask the "Interpol" about us. I said to those with me: I ran out of reasons and only the Lord of reasons remains. Six months passed me while in the Russian prison without them discovering my identity although I knew that they would send my information to the Interpol before presenting my case to the court."

"And after America declared its Crusader war on Afghanistan, along with a small number of Mujahideen I was passing by the fence of one of the enemy's centers at night, and we were surprised by a destroyed part of the fence as a car in the center was moving towards it and focused its lights on us, and it stopped a few meters away from us. Each one of us took cover and got ready for an imbalanced fight. But, for some reason that only Allah knows, the car driver stopped and turned around it around returning to the center, and we began running. And after a
number of meters [running] I fell, in the dark, in a waste tunnel and I caused some noise, and my weapon fell from me, but one of the Mujahideen pulled me powerfully, and again we began running fast. Then a car left the center and parked by the beginning of the road where we were running, then it began moving through another road."

[Narrator]
"And it may come to mind that this call toward individual Jihad would empty the fronts from fighters, and that this may clash with the constant advocacies by the leaders of Jihad that call upon Muslims to go to Jihad!

[Shaykh Jamal al-Misrati (Atteyatullah al-Liby), may Allah protect him]
"Calling upon all Muslims toward Jihad and connecting with the convoy of Jihad indefinitely—meaning, without restrictions or limitation, considering that going to jihad toward this or that front—and encouraging Jihad, is a Sharia duty [Verse]. But in regards to the practical, applicative side, I believe that calling for jihad to the jihad fields and its numerous arenas is a matter that requires development; development of data and information, whether the Nafeer of a number of fighters to this or that arena is not required, and like that. This is what we reached through experience, and this is an important matter we want to turn our Muslim brothers' attention to."

"But to turn back to our subject, I would like to affirm one point, which is that the advocacy toward individual Jihad does not clash with the advocacy to leave to the open fronts for Jihad, and of course, based on explanations concerning the situation of the fronts, just as I mentioned regarding the matter of developing information."

"Advocacy toward Jihad is general; it is easier for some people to leave for Jihad to the fronts, and some of them don't have that available, and some of them; it would be required of them to leave to the fronts, and some of them, it would be more beneficial, and required from them, [to wage] individual Jihad through diving [or infiltrating] and the likes of individual Jihad. Thus, this is mixing of methods and increase in widening [operations] and adapting to realities and answering the variables, and Allah will grace whomever he pleases."

"Then fight in Allah’s cause - thou art held responsible only for thyself - and rouse the believers. It may be that Allah will restrain the fury of the Unbelievers; for Allah is the strongest in might and in punishment." [Al-Nisa, Verse 84]