

Shaykh Atiyallah: "Glorifying the Sanctity of the Muslims' Blood"

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On March 14, 2011, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released a video recording by senior Al-Qaida ideologue Shaykh Atiyallah, titled "Glorifying the Sanctity of the Muslim Blood." In his latest recorded message, Shaykh Atiyallah insists that Al-Qaida "is innocent of any act" targeting innocent civilians. He suggested that orders be issued "to the brigades... forbidding bombings and the implementation of massacres at Muslim mosques." He extended the ban on bomb attacks to "public places such as markets, stadiums, and the like—regardless of what the goal may be." And he directly addressed would-be suicide bombers to "not go forth before having total confidence that the target is legitimate."

"Praise Allah. We praise Him, seek His help and seek His forgiveness. And we take refuge in Allah from the evil within our wrongdoing and ourselves. He whom Allah guides cannot be misguided and he who has been misguided has no guidance, and I testify that no god but Allah the One and Only, and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and messenger, prayer and peace upon him, his family and companions, and those guided by him until the Day of Judgment, and thereafter:"

"Muslim brothers and sisters and Mujahideen brothers from the people of our glorified, triumphant Ummah: peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

"The reasons for presenting you with this short statement are what we, and what people, repeatedly have heard from the enemy and the media outlets that revolve around the enemy's orbit: accusing the Jihadist movement of killing Muslims, and painting the Mujahideen as groups of killers who have no job but to shed blood and to steal money and that they have no honorable goal, nor noble desire, nor political program and the likes of that, and they lied!"

"And the deceit of the Crusader enemy supplied them with that, which now he is getting ready to leave Afghanistan humiliated and defeated, as when the enemy is ready to leave he habitually is corruptive and his policy constitutes burning the land and killing agriculture and posterity. He is not inclined to be humane and does not think about consequences nor about the future of relations between the populaces. And also what helped them [accuse the Mujahideen] is an atmosphere charged with the dust of this runaway enemy, and suspicious operations that are taking place in the Muslims' markets and sometimes in mosques and other places."

"And to cut the road short and illuminate the path, and in defense of Allah and in contribution to regulate our virtuous Jihad movement. We assure our complete disavowal of any operation(s) that target Muslims, whether in their mosques, markets, roads and gatherings. And Al-Qaida Organization, represented by its leadership and via its statements and through its speakers, affirmed this repeatedly, and we have represented this matter in our approach, path and advocacy. And we clarified that we look at the Islamic peoples as oppressed people."

"And we excuse neither them nor ourselves for being derelict, but the thing gets attributed to its descriptions, which are the focus of this specific matter. And the people of our Ummah who are ruled by the apostate tyrants and the secular, traitor regimes that ally with the enemies and give allegiance to the West, are Muslim peoples. And it is our duty, as well as the duty of every

member of these people, to seek to rescue them, emancipate them, guide them and elevate with them in the degrees of righteousness, glory and dignity, and not by acts of murder, stealing their prosperities or adding to their suffering, misery and catastrophes."

"And we clarified that we abide by the Sharia of our Lord, raised and glorified, who has forbidden killing souls except which deserves, however much the enemy tyrannizes and suppresses, and however much grudges are high and however much revenge in wars accumulates. The religion of Allah, raised and glorified, is more glorified and transcendent, and gaining Allah's grace and awards are dearer and higher than any desire."

"We are innocent of any act of this kind that is carried out by any side and at any place, whether by criminal gangs that work for the enemy or infidel, mercenary security companies whom Allah shames, or whether they were attributed to the Muslims and to the Mujahideen who were negligent and complacent."

"We clearly consider these acts as corruption in the world that we have rejected. (Allah does not like corruption, and Allah does not like corruptors)"

"Our legitimate, blessed Jihad has supreme desires and noble goals...all of which are just, merciful, righteous, honorable, glorifying, dignifying, benevolent, triumphant and successful, united by gaining the grace of Allah. And the universe to be with Him and in His rank and in support of Him, raised and glorified. To raise the words of Allah and glorify His religion and protect it, and implement what is truthful, and to deter injustice and aggression, and to liberate humans and nations and have mercy on the creation, and benefit them."

"And we remind our Mujahideen brothers everywhere—may Allah grace them—about the importance of broadcasting and distributing knowledge about the greatness of the sanctity of the Muslim blood and the necessity to preserve it, protect it and keep it safe. And to fear for it from shedding unlawfully, and the necessity to close any way that leads to disparaging the blood of the Islamic people, their money and their honors, and not to let war and its atmosphere, conditions, revolutions and grudges prevail over our grasp on the Sharia of our Lord, raised and glorified, in this matter and in every matter. And not to prevail over our absolute servitude to Him, raised and glorified...as we are Allah's servants and soldiers, and we walk on the path of Muhammad—prayer and peace upon him—with complete abidance, patience and certainty."

"And this occasion is one to remind, affirm, and clarify the clear situation, and it is not a statement for the purpose of dilation. The pure Sharia texts in this regard aren't hidden from all Muslims, and it is enough [to mention] in a statement about the greatness and glorification of the souls of believers and sanctity of the Muslim blood, the words of the prophet, prayer and peace upon him: 'the demise of the world is easier [the occurrence of/acceptance of] for Allah than killing a Muslim man.'"

"May the world vanish and may we vanish, and may our organizations, groups and programs [all] vanish instead of shedding with our hands the blood of a Muslim unlawfully; it is a critical issue that is very clear."

"Also, I call upon my Mujahideen brothers wherever they are—may Allah give them control and victory—with important and practical points:"

"First: I call upon them to release orders to the brigades and units in combat in the field forbidding bombings and...massacres at Muslim mosques and their surroundings, and public

places such as markets, stadiums and the like, regardless of what the goal may be; in order to control the matters, and for caution and to avoid mistakes and damage."

"Second: it is inevitable to be stricter in controlling the operations that are known as 'Shielding Operations' and the necessity to be careful not to have them on a large scale, because they were allowed in opposition to what is authentic, because this [kind of operation] is as needed. So it should be valued according to its need. And the commanders must be highly strict in validating the conditions for that, wherein contraindication is absent, thus, the damage [to the enemies] would be considerably big with narrow chances of damaging anything else, considering that the norm should be that to reach a big goal such operation is needed and otherwise will not happen. And it becomes a way towards what is intended, with fears that not carrying such operation would clearly harm Jihad and would give the enemy chance to advance and have comfortable expansion in war and in military situations."

"And this is completed with the third point, which is: to assign specialized, trusted committees to supervise all sorts of bombing operations, in which to have present [jurisprudent] students and loyal militants who would study each affair separately in order to decide whether to allow it and accomplish it or not; just as we do at Qaida't al-Jihad, and praise to Allah."

"Fourth: the Mujahideen leaderships everywhere must pay care to educate the Mujahideen in general and the sacrificial, intended-martyrs in particular, and give them holistic advice and to inform them until reaching complete assuredness of possessing all of what is needed of jurisprudence for the Mujahideen who are about to carry out such [martyrdom] operations, based on loyalty to Allah and complete availability to obey Allah by sacrificing such self to raise the words of Allah and glorify the banner of faith. And that is through deterring the infidel enemy that corrupts faith and life. Thus, he [Mujhid] must not choose a suspicious or doubtful target or which is a matter of dispute, arguments and debate. He must not go forth before having total confidence that the target is legitimate and that executing is [only] to gain the grace of Allah."

"The Mujahideen leadership must advise the intended-martyrs with that and to be very cautious about deceiving them and sending them to suspicious and doubtful targets, as that is not advice."

"And also the intended-martyr himself: if he goes forth blindly without being sure, then he is mistaken and accused and Allah will count it and punish him instead of gaining martyrdom; who would accept that from amongst us? And how many are dead in both ranks that Allah only knows of their intentions, and how many goodness-seekers who don't realize that?"

"The Mujahideen who sacrifice their money and souls for the cause of Allah to gain the grace of Allah do not accept this at all. Our religion is knowledge, practice and intention, so let us learn the benevolent knowledge, and let us be people of vision, and let us make the deed better, and let us correct the intentions, and Allah is Most Gracious."

"And our last prayer is praise Allah Lord of the Worlds."

"And peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."