

Shaykh Atiyallah: "Greetings to Our People in Libya"

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On March 18, 2011, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released an audio recording from top Al-Qaida spokesman Shaykh Atiyallah, titled "Greetings to our People in Libya". In the recording, Shaykh Atiyallah stated, "the post-Qadhafi stage is certainly the stage of Islam...the country's constitution should clearly dictate abidance with the religion of Allah, Islam...." He called "for forgiveness, pardon and reconciliation towards those who made mistakes and went with the flow and made wrong choices in the previous era, and an invitation to everyone towards good repentance and righteousness...unless they are the biggest criminals who are committing the ugliest crimes against the faith and against the people, of al-Qadhafi's cronies and assistants."

"Praise Allah, the One mighty king, breaker of the backs of every tyrant and titan, and prayer and peace upon the master of the chosen our prophet Muhammad and upon his pure family and companions."

"And thereafter:"

"Peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

"Greetings to our people in the proud, free Libya, and I firstly specify our people and youth in the dear, majestic Benghazi and then the rest of Libya's corners with greetings."

"And before that, greetings to our people in proud Tunisia, may Allah grace them, and our people in Egypt, may Allah solidify them."

"We greet all of them and we congratulate them on what Allah awarded us and them; with the removal of the titan tyrants, the oppressive corruptors on earth, asking Allah, Glorified, to make that a benevolent opening. And blessings on us and them and on the rest of Muslims, as well as a way towards the correct, good and righteous choices that would achieve happiness in life and afterlife."

"Praise Allah who healed our chests from the tyrant al-Qadhafi and his malicious reign that fights Allah, His religion and messengers."

"Praise Allah who unveiled for us his [Qadhafi's] humiliation, degradation and weakness and who made him a lesson for others to learn, and the lesson hasn't ended yet and we are watching. Praise Allah who made al-Qaida into a great worry for him, standing atop his chest, oppressing him and suppressing him, and who made it [Al-Qaida] torture for him...this low-life, truthfully delusional, who alienated us before the world."

"I apologize to all the Arabs and Muslims for what came out of this mad, dying, Pharaoh-like, and I apologize to all the free and liberated ones and others, and the journalists of al-Jazeera Channel and others. And I apologize to the people of rationality and literature, and the honorable people, due to how this corruptor disfigured [the reputation of] Libya and her people."

"O' Allah, praise to you, and trusts by you, we seek your grace and support."

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"Muslim brothers in Libya, I direct some brief messages to you:"

"The first message: I hope from Allah the Most Glorified that this popular and young revolution to be penance or partial penance for the silence, discouragement, acceptance of humiliation and degradation by many of us, and even some—may Allah guide them—who have participated with the dirty regime of al-Qadhafi in his crimes over more than four decades."

"These sacrifices the sons and daughters of Libya offered throughout the recent days of dead and wounded and digressed are but part of this penance. And we ask Allah to have mercy on the dead Muslims and forgive them and to accept them between the martyrs."

"To completely erase these sins and wrongdoings, and complete expiation for these great sins can happen by repentance to Allah the Glorified, and to honestly return to Him; to His true religion and pure Sharia, and his light and guidance who led the Ummah of Islam [Prophet Muhammad]."

"The second message: the post-Qadhafi stage is certainly the stage of Islam, so I wish for everyone to realize that and to join that choice and work for it, in love for benevolence, and success in life and afterlife. By Allah, Islam is coming again, whether by glorifying the dear or humiliating the degraded, whoever likes it or hates it; so let all of us be with our religion and with the civilization and identity of our Islam, and with the glory and dignity of our Islam. And thus, I call upon any new situation in Libya that the country's constitution should clearly dictate abidance with the religion of Allah, Islam, and that Sharia of Islam would be the source for legislation, and that what the Sharia constitutes and points to would be from the Sharia, and to abide truthfully and honestly with that."

"And this is a compulsory condition that no one can spoil or bargain over, and the people of Libya and her sober, awake, clever and ambitious youth won't accept otherwise."

"I call all the righteous scholars, advocates and educated, as well as the people of thought and opinion, and the people of reputation and wealth, and the activists who advocate freedom, justice and achieving the truth, and those in the Libyan army of righteous officers and soldiers—of those whom we know or not know—and all the Libyan youth. I call upon them to increase their efforts to achieve this great goal, and to achieve success by achieving this noble goal."

"The third message: from the virtues and righteousness that Allah loves, accepts and blesses, that any new condition in Libya, that if [a Muslim] is not in the ranks of [the] Jihad vanguards from the sons of the Islamic Ummah [in this revolution], whether for considerations of hierarchy and consideration towards anything that seems as a benefit, or for taking into consideration being weak and the likes, the most degrading is to be in reconciliation, to avoid harm or involvement, by standing or allying against it [Jihad vanguard] with the enemies of Allah. Allah's will is current and the words of Allah are the highest and the soldiers of Allah are victorious."

"And be aware that the matters are up to Allah and earth is for Allah and reign is all to Him, and what some defeated apologists say to scare our people about a foreign invasion and American

and European mandate are but satanic illusions, and the correct choice is to be with our religion and Ummah, and the enemies cannot defeat us if we become so."

"The fourth message: it is from the clear big benefits that our people in Libya should be strict to grasp on their brotherhood, harmony and the righteousness between each other, and nothing is more capable and helps in achieving it than the religion of Islam, which Allah awarded us."

"The fifth message: and to conclude that, I call for forgiveness, pardon and reconciliation towards those who made mistakes and went with the flow and made wrong choices in the previous era, and an invitation to everyone towards good repentance and righteousness...unless they are the biggest criminals who are committing the ugliest crimes against the faith and against the people, of al-Qadhafi's cronies and assistants."

"The sixth message: a warning to the enemies of Allah – the Americans and others: to even think of any attack or interference in the country, the soldiers of Allah and men of Islam will have them [Americans]—Allah willing—'forget their sorrows,' and understand it [the way you like]...!"

"And Allah is in control of his affairs..."

"Allahu Akbar, and praise and glory to Allah, and the matters are all up to Him."

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