

Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri: "Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our People in Egypt, Episode 4"

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On March 3, 2011, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released a new message from Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri titled "Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our People in Egypt, Episode 4". In the message, al-Zawahiri urged the Tunisian people to "continue" their 'Jihad and resistance until' they "excise tyranny from" their "land and until the flags of Islam, freedom, glory and justice begin fluttering over" their "plains". Addressing the people of Yemen, he stated, "I remind them about their Mujahideen brothers who are facing the tyrannical, corrupt and corrupting regime, and I encourage them to uproot it. That regime has turned Yemen to a base for spying and supplying the Crusader campaign..." He further argued that "The demand of the Egyptian People to have the rule of Sharia is considered one of the most significant facts of the Egyptian reality. Ruling with Sharia was and still is the demand of the absolute majority in Egypt." He added, "your Mujahideen brothers are promising you that Allah-willing, they will continue attacking America and its partners and aggravate them, until they leave Allah-willing away from the Muslims homelands and stop supporting the titan tyrants in them..."

"In the name of Allah, and praise Allah, and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family and companions and followers."

"Muslim brothers everywhere: peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings, and thereafter."

"This is the fourth episode of the 'Message of Hope and Glad Tidings for our People in Egypt,' and I dedicate it to the current popular events in the Arab world in general and Egypt in particular. I had promised in the third episode to discuss the problem of southern Sudan, but I see it fit to discuss it in an upcoming episode Allah-willing."

"In the beginning, I would like to repeat my greetings to the honorable free who rose up in Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan and Yemen; those who took off to resist the corrupt and corrupting, Arab Zionist rulers, who have been fighting Islam and the Hijab, and who have been spreading dissolution and adultery, cooperating with Israel against the Mujahideen, sanctioning Gaza at the time they supply Israel with water from the Nile and gas, forbidding the people of Gaza from entering Egypt for medical treatment and trade at the time they allow tens of thousands of Israelis to pass through Sinai without a visa to practice misconduct, so that the pockets of the biggest criminals can be filled with illegitimate money."

"The corrupting and corrupt rulers who have been participating with America in its war on Islam and Muslims in the name of 'terrorism', whose airports and seaports were the place for take off for planes and ships to attack Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq, and who have turned their prisons to torture stations to serve the Crusader campaign."

"Greetings to every honorable, free one who sacrificed his life and comfort to resist against the unjust, corrupt and corrupting ones in Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Yemen and Jordan and the rest of the Muslim homelands. Greetings to every one of those free heroes. And I ask Allah to have

mercy on their martyrs and offer their families patience and console, and to heal the wounded and release their imprisoned ones."

"My free honorable brothers who are protective of their religion, honors and dignity: your Mujahideen brothers are with you, facing the same enemy as yours. They are facing America and its western allies that gave Hosni Mubarak, Zain al-Aabideen bin Ali, Ali Abdullah Saleh, Abdullah bin al-Hussein and their likes, authority over you. America's decline and change in its policies to support the titan tyrants, and her attempt to treat the Muslim peoples with policies of flexibility, trickery and soft power, did not happen but as a direct result of the blessed battles in New York and Washington and Pennsylvania, and after that America and the rest of the Western countries began redrawing their policies."

"But what America gave up on and retreated from is not enough, and it does not satisfy any free honorable Muslim, and not even any seeker of justice from the non-Muslims. So, your Mujahideen brothers are promising you that Allah-willing, they will continue attacking America and its partners and aggravate them, until they leave Allah-willing away from the Muslims homelands and stop supporting the titan tyrants in them, and Allah is witness on what I say."

"My free honorable brothers in Egypt, this critical stage in your outrage, each free honorable one who is protective of his faith, honor and dignity must grasp onto his principles, constants and doctrine, and work on achieving and solidifying them. There are many ambushers who take advantage of these opportunities to deviate your outrage from what is right and push it away from seriousness, so they can achieve their interests and aspirations."

"My free, honorable brothers who are loyal to their religion and Ummah, your dignified outrage elevated to counter the oppression and corruption of the ruler in Egypt and change him, and so when speaking about change, let us discuss the matter in a medical way. Let us speak about the illness and then speak about the medicine."

"What is the illness the corrupt regime in Egypt represents in the recent period? Egypt suffers from the authority of a secular regime that fights Islam; authoritarian, corrupt, steals the country's resources, discouraged before Israel, ally with the West and starting with America. I had detailed some of the conditions of that regime in the previous episodes. But here, I would like to note that secularism in general in our Muslim World, and particularly in Egypt, was not the Egyptian people's choice."

"The Egyptian people demanded over and again to make the Islamic Sharia the source of laws and legislations, and in order to make Islam the ruling system in Egypt. Sadat tricked the Egyptian People by including the second article in the constitution that states that the Islamic Sharia is the official source of legislation. With this deceitful wording [of the article] the secular direction continued in Egypt that which was imposed by the occupiers with their canons and spears, and then imposed by those after by fake elections, suppression and aggression."

"I detailed some of this in the last episodes. The demand of the Egyptian People to have the rule of Sharia is considered one of the most significant facts of the Egyptian reality. Ruling with Sharia was and still is the demand of the absolute majority in Egypt, and since the 1940's hundreds of souls died for that cause. And for that cause tens of thousands were imprisoned, and for that cause double of those were tortured."

"The external forces and their local agents in Egypt worked on marginalizing the Sharia from governance with suppression and deceit, and working on marginalizing the Sharia while

encouraging and strengthening the secularists were from the most important focuses of the American Administration, and particularly after the September 11 events. And anyone who wants proof of that, then review the publications of Rand Corporation, and especially the two books: 'Democratic Civil Islam' and 'Building Moderate Islamic Networks.' And these two books assured that America's interest is with the secularists and modernists, because they are her true allies, and affirmed the need to attack and marginalize the Islamists in general and the Jihadists in particular."

"These Western forces that have occupied our countries and stole our resources and violated our sovereignties, affirmed that their primary nemesis is Islam, which is able to mobilize Muslims to form a superpower that would challenge their domination and that would counter their crimes. Also, the West encouraged, and remains encouraging, for the titan, corrupt, robbing tyrants to rule in our countries, because they gain more obedience [from people] to achieve the West's interests, and because they are easy to be bribed with money in return for receiving dangerous concessions that harm our security and sovereignty. And in return for silencing and suppressing every free, honorable voice that fights the Western aspirations in our countries, and in return for the West to receive what it seeks from our independence and resources, it [the West] turned an eye away from the crimes of the rulers and the corrupt elite, which it encourages, and it engages them in their corruption."

"America was silent for 30 years over the corruption of, and theft by, Mubarak, his family and his cronies. And it did not begin to move or talk about transfer of authority in Egypt until after the security forces failed in suppressing the uprising of the Egyptian People who are thirsty for dignity and freedom. Anyone who follows the declarations of the American administration and its president, and the declarations by the leaders of Western countries, realizes this transmission from caution to keep stability in Egypt to demanding Mubarak to step aside and pressure him to leave the authority."

"But, they do not want Mubarak to just leave the authority, they want prejudged, controlled change that allows the faces to change and even maybe the regime, but preserves and keeps the policies that fight Islam and marginalize the Sharia, even if the absolute majority in Egypt demands it; policies that do not oppose the American and Western military presence in Afghanistan, Iraq, the Arabian Peninsula, the Gulf and the Islamic Maghreb, and on the contrary, supports that presence and supplies it with supplies, fuel, airports, seaports, bases, information and forces...policies that guarantee the existence and security of Israel and continue to pressure the Palestinian people in Gaza and others to submit to the Israeli aspirations and accept a government that is headed by discouragers and defeated, in order for the Zionist programs to continue to destroy al-Aqsa Mosque and Judaize Palestine."

"This is the kind of democracy America wants for us. A special kind of democracy for the third world in general and the Islamic World in particular; a kind of democracy that watched in the elections of the Rescue Front in Algeria and in the American and Western boycotting of the government that Hamas formed. The one we watched in America's appointment of Karzai as president despite confessing to faking the elections."

"A first-time onlooker would view this as contradiction in the American and Western behavior and as double standards. As what they allow themselves they forbid others, and what they boast about of democracy—as they claim—is not suitable or is not allowed for others. But he who follows in depth realizes that this is indeed the truth of democracy. Democracy is a religion that in which one idol is worshipped, his name is 'the rule of the majority,' without abidance by any religion, morality, value or principle."

"Everything is relevant and can be exchanged or changed according to the number of voters. Any who looks into the history of the Western countries and especially America will find scandalizing proof there. America and the West forced Israel on us and they brought an entire group of people from displacement and settled them in Palestine, and they have thrown out an entire group of people from their land and refused their return, without paying care to [any] majority or determination of fate of or the opinions of those [Palestinians] who were forcibly displaced. The majority in America and the West wanted to remove the Palestinians from their land, so they removed; this is democracy and may those [Palestinian] people go to hell."

"Thus, democracy in truth is neither principles nor morals nor values, but in truth it is religion that stands on worshipping the desire of the majority, and the desire of the majorities in America and the West and Israel do not want governments in our countries to represent their peoples, but they want the establishment of governments that follow them and submit to their orders."

"And in specific, they want democracy in our countries that allow for the continuation of their occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, and continuity for their military control with armies and fleets over the oil resources in the Gulf."

"They want democracy that accepts the presence of Israel as a country is militarily superior and that possesses nuclear weapons, which el-Baradei never dared to demand its inspection or impose punishments on Israel as a result."

"They want democracy that prevents ruling with the Sharia, even if the absolute majority in our countries insisted on that."

"They want democracy that accepts taking away most of Palestine and handing it to the Zionist entity."

"They want democracy that entails continuing sanctions on Gaza and suffocating the resistance against Israel."

"They want democracy that imposes secularism on us and forbids us from abiding with Islam like democracy in Turkey, which they try to market to us."

"And they want democracy that changes the basis of our social behavior, in order to accept homosexuality and to accept a family that does not necessarily stand on husband, wife and children, but to stand on ugly pictures of dissolution."

"They want democracy that mourns Islam in us having neither Jihad nor Sharia, nor commanding good and forbidding malice, nor entailing loyalty, enmity or Tawhid."

"The same kind of trickery in advocating democracy is found in what the American administration and the Western governments outcry today, of attacking freedom of journalism and safety of journalists in Egypt, while they were the ones who raided the two offices of al-Jazeera in Kabul and Baghdad. And they were the ones who punished `Tayseer Alouni' with imprisonment because he interviewed Sheikh Usama bin Laden—may Allah protect him—after the invasion of Afghanistan."

"And America—for the cause of solidifying a regime that follows her in Egypt—does not hesitate in interfering publically in its affairs, with all arrogance and without shame, and releasing directions and orders day after day. And sending envoys for direct intervention, and contacting the government and a number of opposition parties as if it [U.S.] is managing one of its farms or a branch of one of her companies'. This humiliating style in the American treatment towards Egypt was solidified by Mubarak and before him by Sadat."

"Thus, this is the illness this ruling corrupt regime represents in Egypt. It is as I mentioned previously a secular regime that is hostile to Islam; authoritarian and corrupt, abused the country's resources, discouraged before Israel, and a financier for the West starting with America."

"So, what is the medicine?"

"The medicine is to uproot [or excise] this corrupt regime, and in its place a righteous and just regime to be positioned, which rules by Sharia and spreads Shura, and stretches justice, and achieves the Ummah's participation in choosing its rulers and holds them accountable, and its [Ummah] effective participation in managing its affairs through its representatives...[a regime] that works on justly distributing the Ummah's wealth and stopping theft and looting, over-spending and dissolution, and one that counters the Western domination over our homelands, and helps removing injustice from every oppressed person in our Ummah in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and every corner from the corners of the Muslim world, and even removing injustice from every oppressed human, because injustice is forbidden against the Muslims and non-Muslim."

"Thus, removing the tyrant—even excising the corrupt regime—is not but a step or a few steps in the medical treatment. It is like a surgeon who cuts open the stomach of a patient with cancer, as the healing cannot be complete except with removing the cancer, then closes the stomach, then gives care [to the patient] until he heals. As for just removing the tyrant, it is like a surgeon who feels content with cutting open the patient's stomach and then leaving him alone."

"So, the honorable, free ones who are protective over their religion, honors and dignities must not be satisfied with removing the tyrant—who should be removed—but also they have to continue Jihad and resistance until the Islamic regime rises, which would achieve justice, freedom and independence. Those free honorable ones must not allow America or other ambushers to steal the fruits of their outrage, uprising and take off, as America in the beginning of the protests tried to protect the tyrant so maybe he would've succeeded in destroying the people's uprising."

"And then it moved to the second option, which is being solidified now, and that is seeking to remove the tyrant and transfer the authority to the rest of his regime whom America trusts. The third option is for America to seek removing the regime and transfer the authority to another democratic or non-democratic regime that is, in the end, a regime that follows and submits to it."

"But the most of what America fears is for an Islamic regime that achieves justice and counters arrogance to be established in Egypt and others."

"So, the free honorable ones must not accept the rest of the regime and not accept a secular regime that's subordinate to our enemies. They must not be fooled by Omar Suleiman, as he is but Mubarak's man and follower, and he is but an American intelligence man and their trustee,

which Israel had commended. And Hussein Tantawi must not fool them, as he is Mubarak's man and follower and the Americans trust him; didn't Obama praise the Egyptian Army? And do not the American politicians consider him the guarantor of what they call 'stability' in Egypt? The Egyptian Army is full of free and honorable and loyal ones towards their religion and Ummah; as did not the Egyptian Army include in its ranks Khalid al-Islamboli, Atta Tayel, Hussein Abbas, Abdulhamid Abdulsalam, Essam al-Qamari, and Suleiman Khater, may Allah have mercy on them. But unfortunately, Mbarak and the Americans were able to authorize over that army leadership that is subordinate to them."

"Did not the leadership of the Egyptian Army allow the gangs to enter with their horses and camels and weapons to attack the protesters on the bloody Wednesday? And before, did it not supervise the military courts, which release more than one hundred death-row sentences during Mubarak's era, and many more times unfair and unjust sentences of imprisonment and detention? And did it not and still is assisting the American intelligence military efforts against our Ummah, and supplying bases for Americans, and offering facilities for food, supplies and storages for these forces?"

"And is it not participating in cooperative drills with America's forces and the NATO Alliance, including the Bright Stars drills in which the cooperative forces train on occupying Egypt should an Islamic rule hostile to America rises in it? And is it not the leadership that receives American military aid estimated at \$1.5 billion annually in order to utilize the Egyptian Army in serving the American interests?"

"And is it not the leadership that orders the sanctions on Gaza?"

"The Egyptian Army leadership—in America's eyes—is the guarantor of the 'surrender' agreements with Israel, and the military cooperation agreements with America, and the guarantor to keep Sinai unarmed. And the guarantor of security on the southern border with Israel and continuity of sanctions on Gaza."

"And as I point out the military courts I must remind every free honorable one, protective over his faith and loyal to his nation in Egypt not to forget his imprisoned brothers in Mobarak's prisons; those who sacrificed their money and life amongst their families, and endured torture, humiliation, degradation and lengthy imprisonment to fight that corrupt and corrupting regime."

"O' free and honorable ones: rescuing these prisoners is covenant surrounding your necks and you will be questioned on it in life and the afterlife. And as I direct my call to every free honorable one in Egypt to continue their resistance and Jihad until the corrupt regime falls and until an Islamic regime rises, I specify with my call the lions and cubs of al-Azhar, and I tell them:"

"O' lions of al-Azhar and lions of Islam, this is your day, so take off and lead the Ummah in her resistance for the sake of establishing an Islamic system. You own the leadership of the Ummah should you unite and grasp onto the truth and stand steadfast by it, and get rid of the dwarfs Mubarak had imposed on you. The lions' roars began getting louder, so continue and be patient and encouraged, and lead a campaign amidst your Ummah so it can rise to remove the corrupt regime and build on over its ruins an Islamic system. Show them that there's no security without faith, and no peace without Islam, and no freedom without Tawhid. Snatch back your freedom that which was taken away from you and your rights of bringing back al-Azhar's endowments,

and for its scholars to choose their Sheikh from amongst each other and not to be chosen by the tyrants."

"Take back your right in having an independent group that expresses your opinion and defends every oppressed. How could every job even the dancers and the low lives have unions and associations that represent them, while the al-Azhar scholars get declined that?"

[Poetry]

"My free, honorable ones in Egypt: there are who want to reach the rule in Egypt through a deal with America in order to guarantee for her continuity in her interests and crimes, in return for a fake political life and false freedoms that revolve around the American orbit, and that would bring us back to the fake political life during the monarchic era. There are those who want to resolve Egypt's problems by submitting to America and seeking her help, and those are turning a blind eye intentionally from the point that America is the root of the problem."

"The free and honorable ones in Egypt must realize the nature of the struggle and that the local enemies are but agents for the external enemies, and that political freedom cannot be achieved away from freeing humans from polytheism and dependency on the foreign invaders, and it cannot be achieved except by removing the occupying forces from Egypt and the Arabian Peninsula, and Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and the rest of the Muslim homelands. And it cannot be achieved except by fair distribution of wealth so food is not stolen from the mouth of the poor to be added to the accounts of the thieves outside Egypt."

"They must realize that so the fruits of their outrage are not stolen and the gains of their uprising taken."

"And before concluding my talk, I would like to direct three messages:"

"First, to our people in the beloved Tunisia: Tunisia of the Qairawan, Tunisia of Jihad and resistance, and I say to them—the tyrannical ruler is gone but the tyrannical regime remains, so continue your Jihad and resistance until you excise tyranny from your land and until the flags of Islam, freedom, glory and justice begin fluttering over your plains. "The second message is to our people in the beloved Yemen: Yemen of faith and wisdom, extension of Islam and its supporters and partisans...and I remind them about their Mujahideen brothers who are facing the tyrannical, corrupt and corrupting regime, and I encourage them to uproot it. That regime has turned Yemen to a base for spying and supplying the Crusader campaign, and it filled its pockets with forbidden Crusaders' money in order to shed with it the forbidden blood of Yemenis. You have begun your uprising so continue until Yemen is liberated from the Crusaders and their agents."

"And my third message is to my Muslim Ummah everywhere, and I say: America's defeat has begun appearing in the horizon, and her helpers have begun falling, so participate in your Jihad and help those who carry Jihad against them."

"And our last prayer is praise Allah Lord of the Worlds, and prayer and peace upon our master Muhammad and upon his family and companions."

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