

Zawahiri Gives Eulogy for Mustafa Abu al-Yazid

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Ayman al-Zawahiri, the second in command of al-Qaeda, eulogized Mustafa Abu al-Yazid in an audio speech released on jihadist forums on July 26, 2010. His speech came in a 47-minute video produced by al-Qaeda's media arm, as-Sahab. Yazid (AKA Sheikh Saeed), the general head of al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, was killed in May, 2010, with members of his family and other individuals. Zawahiri praised Yazid for his dedication to jihad and his sacrifices for that pursuit, and amidst describing his activities and virtues, used the eulogy as a platform to address both Muslims and the enemy. He said, for example, that the dead among Muslims paves the way for Islamic victory. From that, Zawahiri said that although the ratio of dead mujahideen in Iraq to American soldiers is 100:1, the US will withdrawal from Iraq defeated, for they cannot bear death.

Zawahiri reminded Americans of the proposal offered by al-Qaeda leader Usama bin Laden for mutual security if the US ceases its support to Israel and encroachment in Muslims' affairs, and warned that failure to accept the proposal will lead to more death. He added: "So O American people and O countries of the Crusader alliance, it is you are will pay the price, and it is a high one. Your leaders stockpile money from the war trade and you are its fuel and its victims. We offered you a plan for peace and mutual interest, but your government became haughty and arrogant. As a consequence, attacks against you succeeded one another everywhere from Indonesia to Times Square, passing by Madrid and London. Campaigns are still ongoing and provisions continue, with grace from Allah."

During the speech, Zawahiri reiterated points he made in the past, particularly as it relates to the failure of peaceful solutions to Muslims' issues. Change, he reminded, will not come through ceding to the enemy or abiding by "fraudulent" elections, but will come only through physically confronting the enemy. Also, like his last speech, which was released on July 19, Zawahiri renewed a pledge of allegiance to Taliban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar and applauded the success of Afghan Taliban fighters.

In addition, Zawahiri addressed the issue of the hijab and niqab in France and advised Muslim women to defend their dress and to raise daughters who too will respect traditional Islamic clothing. He added that every Muslim woman who defends her hijab and niqab is a mujahid against the "secular Western Crusader campaign."

Following is a summary of the audio and translation of selected excerpts:

Full Text

The video is available here:

http://sitemultimedia.org/video/SITE_AS_Zawahiri_Eulogy_Yazid.wmv

{Note: The video gives a date of Rajab 1431, which corresponds to June/July 2010}

Before Ayman al-Zawahiri's introduction, the video opens with images of deceased individuals including Muhammad Atta, Abdul Rashid Ghazi, and Humam al-Balawi, and an image of Pope

Benedict XVI meeting King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. After, several words appear that are meant to characterize Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, including skilled commander, experienced leader, and "qari," which means reader and refers to one who recites the Qur'an with the proper rules of recitation.

Zawahiri congratulates Muslims on what he describes as the "new sacrifice" offered in the land of Khorasan and valleys of Afghanistan and Waziristan valleys, in the death of Mustafa Abu al-Yazid and six members of his family, in addition to an orphaned child who lived with Yazid. Zawahiri says that they were killed by the missiles of the "Crusaders" and their Pakistani agents.

Yazid, he explained, started jihad by working to overthrow the "secular" and "apostate" government of Anwar Sadat in Egypt, an alleged agent for the Americans and the Jews, and ended as leader of the mujahideen of al-Qaeda in Khorasan. Zawahiri says that these mujahideen hurt the Crusaders and their apostate agents in Pakistan and Afghanistan in the way of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad and the scholars. Thus were, he says, "Ezzedeen al-Qassam, Abdul Kader 'Uda, Muhammad Farghali, Abdul Aziz al-Badri, Abdullah Azzam, Abu Yusuf al-Mauritani, Tariq Anwar, Yusuf aPAYiri, Abu Omar al-Seif, Abdullah al-Rashod, and Mustaf Abu al-Yazid, may Allah have mercy on them."

Zawahiri continues: "As for the qarīs of palaces and departments, they call to obeying corrupt and corruption-sowing secular rulers, replace the creed of tawhid [monotheism] with dialog with the faith of polytheism and myth, issue fatwas permitting peace with Israel, invite the Israeli Ambassador to al-Azhar, shake hands with Perez in New York, allow the introduction of Crusader troops to the Arabian Peninsula, prohibit marching out to do Jihad, support France's ban on the hijab, forbid the niqab, and allow the Muslim to fight his Muslim brother under the banner of the Cross in the army of the American Cross."

The qari, or reader, of the palace, Zawahiri says, buys the world with the faith and the mujahideen buy access to the hereafter with the sacrifice of their families and their property. The qarīs of the palace make fraudulent fatwas for their rulers while the qarīs of the mujahideen follow the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad and teach it, apply it, are in the frontline of its defense, and sacrifice their loved ones, their money, and their property for it. The qarīs of the palace are celebrated by the Crusaders, while the qarīs of the mujahideen harm the Crusaders. The world suffers from the qarīs of the palace and the qarīs of the Mujahideen purify it with their blood.

Zawahiri informs that nine missiles were launched by the Pakistani military at the house of Yazid, killing him, his family, and seven others. He adds: "They killed the sheikh, his family, and his supporters, and with grace from Allah we kill among them on a daily basis but it is not the same thing... Our dead are in paradise, and your dead are in hell."

He continues, saying that history teaches that the dead among Muslims pave the way for Islamic victory and they compete with one another for paradise, while the dead of Westerns brings Westerners closer to the abyss of defeat and escape from death. The closer to victory, the more martyrs the mujahideen offer. Zawahiri says: "You have killed so many in Vietnam and Somalia but were defeated, and how many you are killing in Afghanistan and Iraq but you are being defeated."

Zawahiri says: "In the past days, General Odierno went to the White House to let Obama hear what he likes to hear, which is that the situation in Iraq allows the reduction of the American troop numbers by the coming August from 80 to 50 thousand, and to bring him glad tidings that

jihadi operations in Iraq have decreased to the lowest level, as he claims, and that the American and the agent Iraqi forces managed to kill and detain 34 among 42 wanted al-Qaeda leaders. This defrauder deceives himself, his president, and his people, and ignores the major facts in Iraq. [He ignores] that the Americans are defeated in Iraq thanks to the attacks of the mujahideen led by Islamic State of Iraq. [He ignores] that the Americans will leave Iraq. [He ignores] that the mujahideen led by the Islamic State of Iraq will continue with permission from Allah. [He ignores] that the Americans will leave, with permission from Allah, without even empowering the secular Shi'ite government. [He ignores] that the secular Shi'ites are fighting one another, and the crisis is ablaze. And yet, America has not achieved any goals it declared for the invasion of Iraq, but it is leaving in compulsion, obligated, and defeated thanks to the attacks of the mujahideen led by the blessed Islamic State of Iraq. This deceiver of himself, his president, and his people ignored that in guerilla warfare, the ratio of dead occupiers to guerillas is about 1 to 100. In Vietnam, the Americans killed about five million Vietnamese. About 50 thousand Americans died. And yet, the Americans withdrew in defeat. Let us suppose you killed one-thousand mujahideen of the Islamic State of Iraq. Will this in any way alter the crystal-clear truth, which is that you have been defeated and you are leaving, and the mujahideen, especially those of the Islamic State of Iraq, have gained victory and they live on?

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"You are the victim. Why did your armies come to our countries and why do you reject a plan of peace whereby you leave our country and you have security in your countries? Why do you pay from your money, your security, and your blood the price for the protection of the Zionist Entity in occupied Palestine? If you do not cease your governments' crimes and insanities, you will kill us and we will kill you. You will raid us, and we will raid you. You will pursue us, and we will pursue you. By Allah, we will lie in every ambush for you, for what you did to our Ummah allows us to treat you in kind. Person for person, an eye for an eye, nose for nose, ear for ear, tooth for tooth, and punishment for the wounds."

Zawahiri then address Muslims that Yazid had parted as a "martyr" after a life of jihad and garrisoning, where he exposed his life to danger by organizing and supporting the mujahideen and calling them in Pakistan and Afghanistan to unite and pledge allegiance to the Emir of the Believers Mullah Muhammad Omar. For that reason, he says, the Pakistani intelligence services, at the request of their American masters, pursued him because of their knowledge of his active role in fighting the Crusaders and the apostates and in forming the Mujahideen Shura Council. He made sure "that establishment of the Islamic state can only be attained by jihad against the outside enemies of the Ummah among the Crusaders and its domestic enemies In Islamabad and Kabul."

Zawahiri explains to Muslims that moving from humiliation and lowliness to the glory of pride and empowerment cannot be attained by ceding to the ruling wolves, nor by applauding Obama in al-Azhar in Cairo, nor by peaceful activity, abidance by the secular constitution and law, nor by fraudulent elections, nor by following the scholars of impotence, nor by blind conformity with the scholars of the palace who receive their orders from the Interior departments in Cairo, Sana'a, and Riyadh. Rather, he says: "Change will only be attained by inciting the Ummah to

fight and expel the infidel invader so that the regimes of agency collapse like a hollow idol when its base is destroyed."

He continues, saying that change will only come by following the path of Abu Hafs al-Masri, Khattab, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, and Mustapha Abu al-Yazid, "who incited their Ummah and spent their life in preparation, mobilization, and combat against the enemies of the Islamic Ummah."

Change, he says, will not come through Mohamed El Baradei or through moaning on satellite channels or shouts in demonstrations, nor with ships to Gaza to be waylaid at sea by Israel that kills and detains.

"Change will come if we take part in and support jihad against the enemies of the Ummah, domestic and foreign. Change will come about when Egyptians decide to open the road to Gaza and lift the blockade off it with their chests. Change will come about when the Turks decide to demand that their government ceases its cooperation with Israel and its recognition of it and to cease sending its forces to kill Muslims in Afghanistan and to refrain from fighting Islam and its Shariah."

Zawahiri says that the Turkish people must assume their responsibility to cease their government's continued recognition of those who usurped Palestine and participate in killing Muslims in Afghanistan. They should retrieve the role the Ottoman Empire played for five centuries in defending Islamic territories in general and Palestine in particular and fighting Crusader ambitions for Muslim territories. The Ottoman would send massive armies to defend any Muslim area that was in danger. The Turkish role should not be limited to a few limited shipments of assistance through some ships "that sail like sheep in a sea of wolves."

He continues: "The change aspired for will come when the Ummah becomes aware how ferocious the Crusader campaign it is facing is and that the Western alliance which controls Muslim countries from Morocco to Indonesia carries a secular mentality in its mind and a Crusader hostility in its heart."

Zawahiri next focuses on the hijab and niqab, articles of Muslim women's clothing that are "fought openly" in France. He asks: "Have Muslims in the West realized the truth? Have they understood that they are not safe in their faith, their women, or their honor? What is prevalent in France and Europe must motivate us to hold on to our true faith against their distorted creeds." Every Muslim woman who defends her hijab and her niqab, Zawahiri considers a mujahid against the "secular Western Crusader campaign."

Zawahiri addresses women and asks them to hold on to their hijab and fight the "Crusader West" for it. He also asks Muslims to educate their women and daughters to be attached to hijab. "Arab Zionists," he continues, led by Hosni Mubarak and Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and supported by the scholars of evil, fight it to please their Western masters.

He maintains focus on the niqab issue, saying that the French ban on niqab proves that freedom for West is infidelity, immorality and fighting Islam and not the Muslim's freedom to practice his religion. It is cursing the Prophet Muhammad, preventing anti-Semitism, denying the Nazi Holocaust, preventing perversion, and demolishing minarets. France, despite all its power, cannot show hostility to a single female hermit but it commits acts of aggression against every niqab-wearing Muslim woman. He adds that with all its power, Switzerland cannot do harm to a single church tower, but it prevents mosque minarets. Thus, Zawahiri says, "Europe exposes its

true face and proves to Muslims that what they obtained in terms of documents, citizenships, and visas does not offer them the safety they think nor the freedom they imagine." And yet, the preachers of reason and wisdom come out to Muslims to drug them that impetuosity is not the solution. They express innocence from the mujahideen and pledge allegiance to the imam of one of the "most corrupt" governments in the world who holds dialog with the clergy and calls to reconciliation with them to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with the Israeli President in New York.

Zawahiri says that Yazid parted without flattering or reconciling or compromising with his creed. He did not get involved in movements that claim to be part of Islam that recognize Ali Abdullah Salih as an imam for Muslims while he kills them. Those scholars did not have the courage of Amnesty International, which reported in a report in early-June that attacks on Abyan that killed civilians were conducted with Tomahawk missiles and with cluster bombs under the pretext of attacking an al-Qaeda camp in the Arabian Peninsula. These missiles are controlled from a control room in America. All Salih was congratulated in a phone call by Obama for the operation. Ali Salih is ready to do anything to please America no matter if that leads to the death of ordinary people as was the case in Shabwa.

Zawahiri next asks a series of rhetorical questions: Why have these movements not declared jihad? Has Amnesty International become more protective of and ardent for the people of Yemen than them? Are they waiting till missiles fall on their heads and hunt them? Are they waiting till the American soldiers roam through Sana'a with their tanks before they even think of declaring jihad against them? Do they need see that they got involved in Somalia, Iraq, and Afghanistan?

He then says that just as he reports the "martyrdom" of Yazid, he also brings the Muslims glad tidings of imminent victory when the flag of the Islamic Emirate will flutter across Afghanistan. He adds that Yazid sacrificed his person, his family, and his property for Afghanistan, and asks Allah to grant them the chance to renew the allegiance to Mullah Muhammad Omar in the house of the Emirate in Kandahar soon.

Zawahiri continues: "Yes, the mujahideen are attached to the bond of the creed, disbelieve in Sykes-Picot, and the nation state. In the meantime, our agent rulers, Arab Zionists, incite Arab Muslim peoples to fight one another around a game of soccer to distract them with fake and insignificant battle from the dangerous and real battle against the Zio-Crusader alliance against our Muslim Ummah. Arab Zionists besieged Gaza and throttled and punished anyone who seeks to march out to it or to support its people against the Zionists." "Arab Zionists," he says, filled prisons, detention centers, and torture centers with the honorable ones and at the same time they spent money to mobilize riff-raff on the stands, and prevented any plane, ship, or truck from supplying relief assistance to Gaza and put planes and vehicles in service to carry crowds to cheer soccer teams to win the game. Their constitutions and culture always fight Islam, hijab and chastity, and promote secularism, nationalism, immorality and ridicule of the faith. Their intelligence services spread fear, despair, weakness, and impotence among Muslim youth by means of the scholars of flattery and promote falsehoods about jihad and the mujahideen while they at the same time pit peoples against one another and spread hatred towards one another. "Arab Zionists" promoted nationalism so that every tyrant stays in his position and protects the interests of the "Zionist" campaign and sell their faith for the highest bidder.

He concludes, saying that the mujahideen on the other hand revive the brotherhood of Islam on the battlefield with their blood from the various Muslim territories.