Usama Bin Laden: "Message to the French People"

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"Peace be upon those who follow the guidance, and thereafter:"

"Our message to you today and yesterday...is that the release of your prisoners from the hands of our brothers is dependent upon the exit of your soldiers from our homelands."

"You would consider this political dictation and condemned terrorism. And your removal of Hitler's soldiers from your country [considered] heroism and praised terrorism; so why are you measuring with double standards?"

"O' people of France, your president's refusal to leave Afghanistan is a result of his subordination to America. And this refusal is a green light to kill your prisoners immediately in order to get rid of the consequences of your case, but we won't do it on the time he assigns."

"And his stance will cost him and cost you highly, over various axes, inside France and outside. And it's not hidden from you that the size of your debts and the weakness of your budget are not in need for opening new fronts."

"And peace be upon those who follow the guidance."