

ISI Video Urges Muslims Travel and Participate in Jihad

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The Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), the al-Qaeda-front in Iraq, released a video aimed at motivating foreign Muslims to travel for and participate in jihad. The video is the second entry in the ISI's series, "They Will Rise with Life," and was posted on jihadist forums on October 10, 2010. The 20 minute, 45 second video is produced by the ISI's media arm, al-Furqan Foundation. It focuses on the speeches of three slain fighters, Abu Abdul Ilah al-Muhajir, Abu Haidar al-Libi, and Abu Mundhir al-Yemeni, and excerpts from speeches by Abu Anas al-Shami, a slain Shariah official from al-Qaeda in Iraq, and Abdul Halim Sadulayev, a slain Chechen leader. The three fighters argue that jihad is an obligation upon Muslims, especially in a time when their honors and lands are violated. Abu Abdul Ilah, for example, says: "The truth is that whatever Muslim land the enemy enters, it is the duty of every able, mature, and mentally competent person to march out to it and do jihad with his brothers."

Following is a transcript of the video:

Full Text

The video is available here:

http://sitemultimedia.org/video/SITEISI_Rise_Life2.wmv

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Opening graphics and text:

"In the Name of Allah, the most Gracious and Merciful

"Islamic State of Iraq

"Al-Furqan Foundation for Media Production"

0:50

A verse from the Qur'an is recited and displayed onscreen:

"Worship Allah and join none with Him; and do good to parents, kinsfolk, orphans, the poor, the neighbor who is near of kin, the neighbor who is a stranger, the companion by your side, the wayfarer, and those whom your right hands possess. Verily, Allah does not like such as are proud and boastful." [An-Nisa' 4:36]

1:20

An audio clip plays of a speech by Abdullah Azzam. Its text appears onscreen. He says: "Our words will remain dead, celebrations with candles with no life in them, so that if we die for them, they [words] will rise with life and live among the living."

The video's title is displayed: "They Will Rise with Life, 2."

1:50

Clips from the video show speeches by the three featured individuals: Abu Abdul Ilah al-Muhajir, Abu Haidar al-Libi, and Abu Mundhir al-Yemeni.

3:10

The narrator reads a Hadith by Omar ibn al-Khattab.

4:00

Abu Abdul Ilah al-Muhajir appears and dictates a speech. He cites the Qur'an, saying: *"Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties that theirs shall be Paradise. They fight in Allah's Cause, so they kill and are killed. It is a promise in truth which is binding on Him in the Torah, Bible and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success."* [At-Taubah 9:111] Abu Abdul Ilah says that there is no trade or gain better than that - to sacrifice in return for paradise. He continues: "By Allah, happy is he who is included in the mercy of the Lord of the Worlds and joins the caravan of the mujahideen. Miserable is he who is confused that there is no jihad in this time of ours, and [who say] that if there is jihad, it is not an obligation on us, but rather an obligation on the residents of the country entered by enemies, as though Muslim territories are not one thing! This colonial division has no validity in Islam. The truth is that whatever Muslim land the enemy enters, it is the duty of every able, mature, and mentally competent person to march out to it and do jihad with his brothers."

Abu Abdul Ilah says that some individuals referred to as Muslim scholars are in fact scholars of the enemy and say that jihad is only valid with permission from the person in charge. These scholars, he explains, confuse people regarding their faith and conceal the truth that Allah revealed and are pleased with the world which they bought with Allah's verses. He says: "The Book of Allah and the Sunnah [traditions] of His Prophet are between our hands. So no matter what they say and do to please the infidel tyrants, the agents of the Jews and the Christians, prohibit what Allah allowed and allow what Allah prohibited, the Islamic Ummah in no more fooled by the fatwas of the idle scholars who turned away from the duty of jihad... I ask Allah to hasten riddance of them and to expose them to the public."

He then calls upon Muslims to respond to the call of Allah and the Prophet Muhammad, to join jihad in the Cause of Allah, and to support their oppressed brothers and sisters whose honors have been violated. Abu Abdul Ilah adds that the duty of jihad applies until Muslim lands are recovered, and that jihad is obligatory upon Muslims like prayer and fasting.

9:00

Audio plays from a lecture by Abu Anas al-Shami, a slain Shariah official from al-Qaeda in Iraq under Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. He asked Muslims to consider a verse Qur'an: *"And fight them until there is no more sedition and the religion will all be for Allah Alone"* [Al-Anfal 8:39], and explained that the verse ordered to fight so as to eliminate sedition, because sedition is polytheism and is worse than murder. He said: "We fight until the entire world worships [according to] the Shariah of Allah the Great and the Almighty, until the world is ruled with the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of the Prophet - peace and prayer be upon him - and until Islam extends its rule over the worlds and spreads its wings on earth in the light of the Shariah of Allah the Great and Almighty."

11:00

Abu Haidar al-Libi appears next and dictates a speech. He addresses the Islamic Ummah in general and the youth in Libya in particular, telling them that their mujahideen brothers stand on the frontline of defense of the Islamic Ummah and are fighting the decisive battle between right and wrong. He says: "From here the land of jihad and garrisoning in the Land of the Two Rivers [Iraq], I call upon you ardent youth for the faith of Allah and the honors and sanctities of Muslims, to march out to the Land of the Two Rivers and to stand in one line with your brothers to defend Muslim territories."

12:50

A clip from a speech by Abdul Halim Sadulayev, a slain Chechen leader. He said that Chechnya is not a large country, and yet it fights in the Cause of Allah and seeks to uphold the word of Allah. He commended those who seek to do jihad and come to the country for that purpose, particularly Arab fighters who set the example of sacrifice such as al-Khattab, Abu Jaafar and others.

14:40

Abu Mundhir al-Yemeni appears and dictates a speech. He quotes from the Qur'an that fighting against polytheists is a command from Allah, and urges Muslims to fight. He says that jihad is a kind of prohibition of vice and promotion of virtue, especially at this time when Muslims' honors and sanctities are violated. Abu Mundhir reminds them jihad will continue till the Day of Judgment, and that the Muslim Nation is still producing heroes who defend their territories, honors, and faith. He also reminds that Allah has chosen a sect in Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Palestine to lift the word of monotheism, and they seek death while the American enemies and their apostates seek life. Mujahideen sacrifices their lives, money, and families to defend Muslims and return to it its honor.

He says:

"O youth, your faith is being humiliated, your Shariah is slaughtered, Muhammad - Allah's peace and prayer be upon him - is being insulted, your territories are rendered permissible, your honors are being violated, your blood spilled, and your Ummah is disgraced. So where is the fervor?"

"So, O youths of Islam, come to rescue your brothers on the land of jihad. Your sisters' honors are being violated by the sons of monkeys and pigs and their pagan guard, the Shi'ite Rafidah."

Abu Mundhir then addresses the mujahideen, telling them Allah chose them over many, and asks them to rejoice of imminent victory or paradise. He says: "So we ask the Great and Almighty to enable us to hurt our enemy, to direct our shots, and to accept us as martyrs."