

Al-Qaeda Confirms Death of Usama bin Laden

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The General Command of al-Qaeda released a statement on jihadist forums on May 6, 2011, confirming the death of its leader, Usama bin Laden. Bin Laden was killed on May 1, when a team of American forces raided his compound in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad. Al-Qaeda heaped praised upon its slain leader, noting his contributions to jihad and his resistance against the enemy until death. Jihad, they said, will continue and al-Qaeda will remain steadfastness against the enemy, for bin Laden "did not build an organization that would die with his death and go away with his departure. The General Command threatened that bin Laden's spilled blood will not pass in vain, declaring that "soon" the happiness of the enemy will turn into sorrow. They stated: "The soldiers of Islam, groups and individuals, will continue planning without tiredness or boredom, and without despair or surrender, and without weakness or stagnancy, until they cause the disaster that makes children look like the elderly!

The General Command of al-Qaeda also threatened that if Americans treat the body of Usama bin Laden in an "improper way," or the bodies of any of his family members, alive or dead, and do not hand over the bodies to their families, then "any offense will open unto you doors of multitudes of evil for which you will only have yourselves to blame." Further, the group argued that the incident of bin Laden's killing in Pakistan should galvanize Pakistani Muslims to act and to "cleanse" their land from the "filth of the Americans who spread corruption in it."

According to the statement, bin Laden recorded an audio message one week prior to his death, regarding the revolutions sweeping the Muslim world and offering advice and guidance. Al-Qaeda indicated that the release of this message is forthcoming.

Following is a translation of the statement:

Full Text

In the Name of Allah, the most Gracious and Merciful

Qaedat al-Jihad Organization - General Command

He Lives as a Praised One and Died as a Martyr

Statement on the Epic of Pride and the Martyrdom of Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have Mercy on Him

In the Name of Allah, the most Gracious and Merciful

Praise be to Allah, who said: *"And if you are killed or die in the Way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all that they amass."* [Al-Imran 3:157] Peace and prayer be upon his Prophet, who said: "I wish to kill for the Sake of Allah, then be killed and revived, then kill, be killed and revived, and then kill," and upon his family and his Companions who spread the truth with their justice, preserved the religion with their lives and shed their blood to elevate it high. *"And many a Prophet fought and along with him large bands of religious*

learned men. But they never lost heart for that which did befall them in Allah's Way, nor did they weaken nor degrade themselves. And Allah loves the patient ones." [AI-Imran 3:146], and upon those who followed their path, their jihad, and their patience until the Day of Judgment.

And thereafter:

In a historic day amongst the days of the great Muslim Ummah, and in a situation amongst its heroes and men through the ages of the Ummah, and on a paved path walked upon by the best of the predecessors and will be walked upon by the best of its progeny, the commander mujahid, the ascetic migrant Sheikh Abu Abdullah Usama bin Muhammad bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him, was killed in a truth in a situation of truth. [He was killed] while acting in accordance with what he said, and proved his call to join the venerable convoy of the Ummah that is replete with great leaders, loyal soldiers and honorable knights. He refused to accept lowness in his religion or to surrender his leadership and humiliate himself to those who were afflicted with humiliation and weakness amongst the ones who incurred the wrath [of Allah] and the ones who are misguided. So, he confronted weapons with weapons and power with power, and accepted the challenge of the arrogant force that came out with their machinery, equipment, planes and armies in order to show off and oppress people. His determination was never weakened in the face of them and his strength never decreased; and not only that, but he stood up to them face to face like a high mountain, and indeed he was a high mountain. He continued to wage the battle just as the battles he used to wage a thousand times more, and after he did his part and fulfilled his responsibility, he received shots of treachery and disbelief to deliver his soul to his Creator while repeating:

Whoever sacrifices his noble soul for the sake of his Lord - in order to deter their falsehood, how could he be blamed

To end his shining life with the mark of glory that he pursued for many years and for which he traveled the earth searching and seeking to obtain, so he received it glad tidings that is martyrdom for the Cause of Allah. *"But none is granted it except those who are patient – and none is granted it except the owner of the great portion in this world."* [Fussilat 41:35] His words began to echo in the horizons, because the happy one is the one whom Allah took as a martyr, and he did not misunderstand.

He who faces wars and thinks - that he will not be injured, then he misunderstood

So congratulations to the Ummah of Islam for the martyrdom of its good son Usama, after a lifetime of effort and seriousness, determination and patience, incitement and jihad, generosity and charity, emigration and travels, advising and good deliberation, wisdom and skills - the life of the Mujahid Sheikh of our time was folded in order to keep his blood, his words, his positions and his end as a spirit in the bodies of the generations of our Muslim Ummah, one generation after another. They have learned from him that glories are not built by hopes and wishes, and leadership is not about positions and decorations, and creed and principles are not mere adorned words that are uttered by tongues, and that the religion will not be helped with some spare time, actions and sayings. The path of glory - in this world and in the hereafter - is open to those who want to pay its toll and bear its consequence. Leadership in the religion cannot be obtained except by patience and certitude. A man's capital is honest and sincerity.

So if the Americans were able to kill Usama, this is not shame or stigma. Are not men and heroes killed in fighting arenas[?] Every soul has its time. But can the Americans, with their media, agents, machinery, soldiers, intelligence and agencies kill that for which Sheikh Usama lived and

that for which he was killed? No way, no way. Sheikh Usama did not build an organization that would die with his death and go away with his departure. *"They intend to put out the Light of Allah with their mouths. But Allah will bring His Light to perfection even though the disbelievers hate. * He it is Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to make it victorious over all religions even though the polytheists hate."* [As-Saff 61:8-9] These verses will remain as arrows pointed at the chests of those deaf mutes who are not aware. The religion of Allah the Almighty will remain - and also jihad in the Cause of Allah - always standing with pure hearts who carry its tenets of faith, and with pure hands working to revive it, and with honest people who strive to empower it and who will not be harmed by those who oppose them or let them down, until the promise of Allah is fulfilled.

Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy on him, was not a prophet sent in the twentieth century; rather, he was just a Muslim man from this noble Muslim Ummah who strongly followed the Book [Qur'an] and sold the worldly pleasures to gain the hereafter, and did his best in that for which he strove, as we consider him. So, Allah elevated him high just as he elevated high the religion, and honored him for his striving to honor His word. He terrified all the nations of disbelief by him just as he was scared of no one but his Lord. The Ummah that gave birth to Usama is a fertile Ummah, and men and heroes, more and more like him, will come out from [its womb] who will favor sacrifice and enjoy patience and disturb the lives of their enemies and open unto them the gates of hell, or drag them to paradise in chains. The university of faith, Qur'an and jihad, out of which Sheikh Usama bin Laden graduated, did not and will not ever shut its doors, because the Book of Allah is memorized and its verses are being recited day and night and will never be erased, even if all the countries gather against it. How so while our Muslim Ummah today is more ardent for their religion and sacrifice for its creed, and has the strength to confront its enemies and realize the truth of what is being plotted against it after a new pious and pure generation has grown up in it that Sheikh Usama, may Allah have mercy on him, has generously contributed to in raising along with the rest of his brothers amongst the pure commanders and righteous and good preachers. It is a generation that has pride in its faith and finds glory in its Islam, and despises the disbelieving West and hold contempt for its fake civilization, the civilization of immorality, debauchery, looseness and tricky. It is a generation that using the killing of its leaders as a motivation to deepen its loyalty to the religion and not as a burden that makes it fall short, while chanting with faith and certitude the words of the Almighty: *"And many a Prophet fought and along with him large bands of religious learned men. But they never lost heart for that which did befall them in Allah's Way, nor did they weaken nor degrade themselves. And Allah loves the patient ones. * And they said nothing but: "Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and our transgressions, establish our feet firmly, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk." * So Allah gave them the reward of this world, and the excellent reward of the Hereafter. And Allah loves the doers of good."* [Al-Imran 3:146-148]

If it was possible to extinguish the light of Islam and jihad with the killing or the death of someone, it would have been gone the day the best master of creation, Muhammad, Allah's peace and prayer be upon him, died, and the Arabs became apostates. Its page would have been turned over the day the Emir of the Believers Omar was drenched in his blood in his prayer niche, or Uthman by his Quran, and Ali on the road - may Allah be pleased with them all. How many more leaders followed their guidance, and the earth, east and west, remembered their names, their conquests and their jihad. The light of truth was not decreased because of their death nor did their followers surrender in their absence; and not only that, but against their enemies, their anger increased because of [the leaders'] killing, and they insisted to retaliate while the banner of truth was in their hands and they recited the words of their Lord: *"Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah; of them some have*

fulfilled their obligations; and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed in the least. " [Al-Ahzab 33:23]

In this context, we in al-Qaeda Organization pledge to Allah the Almighty - and ask His help, support and steadfastness - to continue on the path of jihad, the path walked upon by our leaders, and on top of them, Sheikh Usama, without hesitation or reluctance, and we will not deviate from that or change until Allah judges between us and between our enemy with truth. Indeed, He is the best of all judges. Nothing will harm us after that, until we see either victory and success and conquest and empowerment, or we die trying. *"Let those who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter fight in the Cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the Cause of Allah, and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward."* [An-Nisa' 4:74]

We also stress that the blood of the mujahid Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah have mercy upon him, is weighs more to us and is more precious to us and to every Muslim than to be wasted in vain. It will remain, with permission from Allah the Almighty, a curse that chases the Americans and their agents, and goes after them inside and outside their countries. Soon -with help from Allah - their happiness will turn into sorrow, and their blood will be mixed with their tears. We will fulfill the oath of Sheikh Usama, may Allah have mercy on him: America and those who live in America will never enjoy security until our people in Palestine enjoy it. The soldiers of Islam, groups and individuals, will continue planning without tiredness or boredom, and without despair or surrender, and without weakness or stagnancy, until they cause the disaster that makes children look like the elderly!

We call upon our Muslim people in Pakistan, on whose land Sheikh Usama was killed, to rise up and revolt to cleanse this shame that has been attached to them by a clique of traitors and thieves who sold everything to the enemies of the Ummah, and disregarded the feelings of this noble jihadi people. [We call upon them] to rise up strongly and in general to cleanse their country (Pakistan) from the filth of the Americans who spread corruption in it. *"For him, there are angels in succession, before and behind him. They guard him by the Command of Allah. Verily! Allah will not change the condition of a people as long as they do not change their state themselves. But when Allah wills a people's punishment, there can be no turning back of it, and they will find besides Him no protector."* [Ar-Ra'd 13:11]

The Sheikh refused to depart from this world before joining in the joy of his Muslim Ummah for its revolutions that rose in the face of oppression and oppressors. He, may Allah have mercy on him, recorded an audio message just one week before his death, which included congratulations, advice and guidance, that we will publish soon, with permission from Allah. He ended it with the following poetic verses:

*Speaking the truth in front of the tyrant - is the glory and the glad tidings
It is the right path in the world - It is the right path in the hereafter
If you wish you can live as a slave - And if you wish you can live as a free man*

We warn the Americans against touching the body of the Sheikh, may Allah have mercy on him, or treating it in an improper way, him or any one of his noble family members, either alive or killed. The dead bodies should be handed over to their families, or else, the any offense will open unto you doors of multitudes of evil for which you will only have yourselves to blame. We call upon all the Muslims to fulfill their duty to enforce this truth.

Command is unto Allah, before and after. And soon will the unjust assailants know what vicissitudes their affairs will take.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. Allah's prayer be upon our Prophet Muhammad and his family in plentitude.

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