

## "Tragedies of Ash-Sham: Between the Crimes of the Nusayris and Plots of the West"

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*On June 12, 2012, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released a message from Abu Yahya al-Liby in which he addressed the "Muslim brothers in the defiant ash-Sham" on the situation in Syria. He condemned President Assad, who he called a "suppressive Nusayri tyrant." He also criticized the West claiming, "we see the schemes of the West—headed by America—sewing their threads against your revolution." He was particularly critical of UN efforts asking rhetorically, "Have their monitors and envoys rescued [the Syrian people] from the Nusayri grind and Shiite grudge?" He also called for violent jihad in Syria rather than "shedding tears and releasing statements of criticism and condemnation" and encouraged "mujahideen heroes in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey to rise up to support their brothers."*

"More than one year passed on the take off of the Muslims' revolution in ash-Sham against the suppressive Nusayri tyrant, and our people in that blessed land have offered enormous sacrifices to be free from his tyranny and in an attempt to escape from his criminal regime. And the world from the furthest parts saw various ugly images of criminality that exemplify a black grudge filling the hearts of the soldiers of tyranny and their Shiite helpers. We are in no need today to mention all these tragedies that are being committed hour after hour and moment by moment; as people became familiar with the sight of these and became accustomed to hear the news. And the West and its cooperative agents keep creating an illusion regarding their committing of these crimes with their silly initiatives, which, each time, it [opportunity of initiative] is an occasion to commit more brutality against our Muslim people in the defiant ash-Sham. [Verse]."

"He who has become hung on those murderers, depended on them and awaited their support; his situation is as Allah said: 'And there were men from mankind who sought refuge in men from the jinn, so they [only] increased them in burden.' These cold initiatives will only add more death, brutality and tragedies upon our Muslim people in ash-Sham, and the only gain from that is the regime's arrogance in boasting about its crimes against the weakened, men, women, and children who are incapable and have no way for survival from its grasp."

"Muslim brothers in the defiant ash-Sham: the battle you are engaged in today and in which you are facing a ruthless, butcher enemy, and in which you confront a deceptive scheme, it is the first of your obligations is to seek Allah the Most Glorified with honesty, loyalty and supplication; as He is the Lord of the believers and the protector of the righteous. He who seeks his support and took haven in Him, He will help him, and he who depends on Him will be content. Be supporters of Allah with your faith, honesty,

prayer and patience, and be certain that He is with you as long as you walk with the truth and grasped onto His religion [Verse]."

"Your revolution began [with you] dependent on Allah the Most Glorified only. Be persistent with it and finish it while you depend only on Allah. Be cautious not to surrender or weaken or hesitate after all of these dear sacrifices that you have offered, with your souls, blood, honors and money, as the victory from Allah is near and His openness is closer than you anticipate [Hadith]."

"The only choice before you is patience through this challenge and steadfastness on the road of sacrifice and persistence in confronting the ruthless regime with every way, and to consider what you offer that Allah will not waste he who acts righteously."

"Muslim brothers in the defiant ash-Sham: you've taken off the day you rose in the face of ash-Sham's tyrant, and your demand is clear and specific, which is overthrowing the oppressive regime and offering the country and the people comfort away from it. And for that you have bore the burden of what the near and the far [people] witnessed. And today, we see the schemes of the West—headed by America—sewing their threads against your revolution so they can answer the furthest of the people's demand by offering security to the civilians under supervision of their [West] envoys and under the mandate of the criminal regime, which means solidifying its pillars and letting the way in front of it to catch its breathe again. These are plots being fabricated against you before they were efforts to protect you. Since when the United Nations or the Security Council or America and those with her cautious over the blood of Muslims and serious at protecting them, while they are the ones the Ummah suffered and is suffering from their outrageous crimes, which are no less than the crimes of the Sham's tyrant? Who kills the Muslims in Afghanistan, attacks their villages in Yemen and destroying the green in Somalia and displacing them in Palestine? [Verse]"

"We have been silent enough time and uncomfortably so, and never one day were we to think positively or anticipate goodness from those whom Allah told us about and made us aware of the hidden in their hearts? A year or more has passed, so what were the fruits of their initiatives? Has the killing of infants and kneeling elders stopped? Has the criminal regime stopped eradicating villages with everything and everyone in them? Has it prevented its roiled beasts from violating the honors of the pure free sisters? Have the people of ash-Sham benefited from the empty declarations the leaders of the West are firing? Have their monitors and envoys rescued them from the Nusayri grind and Shiite grudge?"

"After all of that, is there any doubt from any rational one that awaiting support from those is like running behind a mirage?"

"From here, we call upon our Muslim brothers and Mujahideen heroes in Iraq, Jordan and Turkey to rise up to support their brothers, and to sacrifice their lives for them, in preventing the blood of the weakened from being spilled and the honors from being violated, and to sacrifice for that cause every valuable and priceless of souls and hearts,

and to sacrifice in every way to defend them. We know that whatever grudge from the West's infidels and the East's cooperatives will only add more torture, calamity and brutality on our Muslim people in the defiant ash-Sham."

"We are only Ummah with its doctrine, religion, celebrations and challenges, and we will never accept surrendering to those who tore it [Ummah's] body with the 'Sykes-Picot' treaties or others, or surrender our situations to them, as the Book of our Lord speaks the truth between us [Verse] [Hadith]."

"We also will not be convinced that our luck in supporting our brutalized brothers simply with weeping and shedding tears and releasing statements of criticism and condemnation, as that is not our affair and will not be Allah-willing in any day as so, because Allah guided us to the way of rescuing the weakened, as he said [Verses] and showed us the way to deter the might of the infidels and end the path of their crimes [Verse], and He guided us to the way to humiliate them and shame them and gain victory over them [Verse]."

"We know that the path of jihad and fighting is not easy, but also it is not a blocked road, otherwise Allah would not have commanded us and enforced it upon us [Verse]. If you want your revolution to be peaceful, perhaps Allah has chosen for you otherwise, as submitting to the delusions of peaceful [revolution] after these costly sacrifices and before this beastly enemy is merely an example of disability that does not suit the Ummah of jihad, patience, and sacrifice [Verse]."

"O' heroes of ash-Sham, get ready. O' lions of Iraq, take off. O' lions of Jordan, depart to jihad. O' men of Turkey, step forward; as these are the honors of your sisters and mothers, and blood of your sons and brothers, and the honors of your families and homelands. The crooked have violated them and the corrupt have taken over. Be one supportive rank in deterring their attack and in pushing back their domination, and seek to establish the Sharia of your Lord, and go onward dependent on Allah, and remember that he who resolves the tribulation of a believer from the tribulations in life, Allah will resolve a calamity off him on the Day of Judgment, as your brothers today are in one calamity over another, seeking rescuer without a savior and seeking help without a helper. Declare it with your words and acts: here we answer you O' land of defiance, O' we answer you pure one of ash-Sham; O' we answer you O' light of scholars and cradle of brave heroes. We should not exist if its tyrant remains boastful, and we should not survive if he does."

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