

## **Dr. Ayman Al-Zawahiri: "To Our People in the Place of Revelation and the Cradle of Islam"**

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*On May 16, 2012, Al-Qaida's As-Sahab Media Foundation released a message from the leader of Al-Qaida, Dr. Ayman Al-Zawahiri, in which he called on Muslims in Saudi Arabia to rise up against the Al-Saud regime. He cited the regime's collaboration with the West, its persecution of those engaged in jihad, its support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and its "manipulation of Sharia" as grounds for rebellion. He pointed to the successful movements in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen, and Syria as evidence that an uprising could be successful in Saudi Arabia. He further argued that the security forces of the Kingdom could be overwhelmed, claiming, "these forces cannot do anything if they drown in the sea of the outraged, revolting crowds."*

"In the name of Allah, and praise to Allah, and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and allies."

"Muslim brothers in the land of Haramain, the cradle of Islam, place of revelation and point of departure for [Islamic] expansion, peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

"A year has passed on the uprising of the Arab peoples against their rulers, and the waves came from the West, the East and the North, while you did not mobilize!"

"Kind brothers, why do you bear the rule of Al Saud when it is from the most corrupt regimes; it stole your money, spread corruption, and surrendered the wealth of the Muslims to their enemies for the lowest prices, and manipulated [the rules of] al-Sharia, applying what it desires on the weak and the poor, and avoided applying what it didn't desire on their kin and the princes, especially if it brought them back usurious money and prohibited revenue which is spreading everywhere."

"And it [Saudi regime] broadcast its public and private media corruption and disintegration [of morale]...and filled the land of revelation and the home of the companions with the Crusader armies...and made it a point of departure for their battles and campaigns on the Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan. And filled its prisons with every free and honorable [mujahid] who carried out jihad on the crusaders or who spoke with the truth or enforced benevolence and prohibited malevolence, and were not content until it [Saudi regime] filled them [prisons] with the [female Muslim] free ones from your

daughters, sisters, wives and mothers. So where is your zeal? And where is your anger? And where is your protectiveness? As the prisons are full of people of scholarship, grace, jihad and reform, and it [Saudi regime] is not being governed by Sharia, nor is it abiding the law, or prohibited by tradition or challenged by a creature."

"Why don't you follow the example of your brothers in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen and Ash-Sham, as they went out in the hundreds of thousands and have sacrificed tens of thousands, and so the tyrants collapsed before them; they focused on death and therefore they were awarded life."

"Why don't you sacrifice when you are the descendants of the companions who sacrificed their life in order for people to leave worshiping servants to worshiping the Lord of the servants, and from the injustice of religions to the justice of Islam, and from the narrowness in life to the expansiveness of life and the Afterlife."

"Why don't you rise up, as you are the sons of the glorious, defiant tribes that seek death in order to repel humiliation and injustice? Do you fear the forces of the Saudi regime, its security and army?"

"All these forces cannot do anything if they drown in the sea of the outraged, revolting crowds."

"Look around you [to see] how the weakened peoples gain victory over the abusive, arrogant regimes in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya. Look to your South to the free sons of Yemen who confronted the forces and army of All Abdullah Saleh. Look to the North [to see] how the lions of Syria confronting the butchers of Assad and his criminals and cronies from Iran, Iraq and Lebanon."

"Al-Saud could kill tens, hundreds or thousands from you, but if hundreds of thousands went out [in revolt] then it [Saudi regime] will fall in their hands and they will end, Allah willing, as their brothers, the overthrown tyrants, ended."

"Leave the pleasures of life behind you and seek what Allah has to give, and go out in support of Islam and war on the crusaders, and in defense of the oppressed and the weakened. Do not succumb to the pleasures of living with humiliation and follow the example of the righteous from amongst your heroes. Follow the example of Usama bin Laden and Anwar Al-Awlaqi, Abdullah Al-Rushood, Yusuf Al-Ayiri, and Khattab, may Allah have mercy on all of them, those who divorced life and sacrificed their lives and money and all they possess for the sake of Allah."

"Work in accordance with the saying the prophet—prayer and peace upon him [Hadith]."

"Revolt in order to free the best from amongst you from the prisons of the oppressors and the free ones from the detentions of the tyrants. The prophet, prayer and peace upon him, said [Hadith]. Revolt in order to overthrow the state of injustice and establish the state of Islam [Verse]."

"And our last prayer is praise Allah, Lord of the worlds and prayer and peace upon our master Muhammed and upon his family and companions, and peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

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