

## **Bin Laden Speech**

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In his eulogy for Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi, bin Laden calls him "one of our greatest heroes and commanders," and addresses the following words to George Bush: "Do not overly rejoice... for the banner has not fallen but has [merely] passed from one lion of Islam to another, and we will continue to fight you and your allies wherever you may be..." The following are excerpts from the speech:

\*"Al-Zarqawi Lay the Foundations for the Defense of Islam and for the Restoration of Palestine, and Avenged the Oppressed..."

"Our Muslim nation has lost its intrepid hero - the lion of jihad, a man of resolve and action, Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi - Ahmad Al-Khalayla - who was killed in a criminal American attack. 'To Allah we belong, and to Him we return.' [Koran, 2:156] May Allah grant his wish and accept him as a martyr, reward him generously, and comfort his family and relations..."

"[My] dear Islamic nation, though it was sad for us to part from Abu Mus'ab and his companions, we rejoiced that they were killed in this great campaign, while defending Islam. And though we lost one of our greatest heroes and one of our choicest commanders, we rejoiced that we found in him a lasting model and example for the future generations of our great nation. The fighters will remember him and praise him in song and in prose, in private and in public..."

"Abu Mus'ab met his death with his head held high and in noble spirit - free, proud and loyal, [a man who] never committed any depraved act in violation of his faith, never kept silent in the face of injustice, and never paid court to anyone at the expense of the truth. [He] was unyielding towards the infidels and merciful towards the Muslims, he urged [others] to go to war and fought for his religion. As he himself said: 'There is no value to a life in which they violate the honor of our wives, trample the honor of our sisters, and in which we are ruled by the worshipers of the cross.' He also said: 'We fight in Iraq with our eyes cast towards Jerusalem, which will not be restored but by the guidance of the Koran and the victorious sword.' He was loved by his friends and respected by his enemies, and the honest among them acknowledged his merits and praised him, and this is not to be wondered at..."

"Abu Mus'ab followed in the footsteps of the Prophet Muhammad and in the footsteps of [our forefathers] who died before him.... He leaped forth into battle with a smile on his lips. Allah gave him honor and upheld his memory, and he has become a model for those who come after him..."

"Abu Mus'ab was killed after Allah granted him guidance. He laid the foundations for the defense of the faith and for the restoration of Palestine, and avenged the oppressed [people of Palestine] by killing many Americans, who are the allies of the Jews. He defeated them and killed their men, undermined their status, depleted their funds, scattered [their ranks], and crushed their pride, thus emboldening everyone against them. He grandly went down in history, and added luster to it... The story of his life will forever be [enshrined] along with the biographies of the most distinguished sons [of the Muslim nation]..."

"Abu-Mus'ab taught humanity practical lessons in how to take one's liberty by force - since liberty is not given freely to those who submit to [the rule] of democracy. He taught humanity to rebel against tyrants, at this time when the present-day Pharaoh and leader of the infidels [George] Bush, along with his companions, high-handedly dominates [the world] and tramples every value and [international] convention. Proof of this is the invasion of Iraq and [what goes on in] Guantanamo prison.

"[The Americans] terrorized the people, overpowered them with fire and iron, and treated their leaders like slaves. The present-day Pharaoh came to Iraq, disregarding the resistance and the demonstrations of the masses who called out: 'No to spilling red blood for the sake of black oil!' He disdained the whole world and arrogantly brought his army and his weapons to Iraq, imagining that the courageous lions had changed their nature and that the men of Islam had turned into females - after the Arab leaders, kings and presidents, yielded to him, [swore] loyalty to him and abased themselves before him, each of them feeling his head and [wondering] when his turn to be buried will come.

"The enemy attacked Iraq and began to oppress the people and to bomb the villages. The deafening noise of the fighter-jets filled the land, and the bombs sowed death [everywhere]... The mountains shook and [the people's] hearts were in their mouths, and the powerful and the mighty cowered in their homes, did not make their voices heard and their feet gave out beneath them in fear. Falsehood puffed up, and the hypocrites violated the agreements and threw their lot in with the Christians and Jews, while the Muslims took to hiding like sheep seeking shelter in a rainy winter night in a land of wild animals.

"In these alarming and unfortunate circumstances, when we saw leaders who were not [true] leaders, religious scholars who were not [true] religious scholars, and men who were not [true] men... in these grave and shocking circumstances, the hero of Islam Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi stepped forth... He came with a group of 17 believers - not 17 armies - who formed an alliance and swore to Allah to make His faith victorious or else to die in its defense... Are [the enemies] they are fighting equal to them in number? Do they outnumber them two to one? No, they do not! Do [the enemies] outnumber them ten to one? No, they do not! The armies of evil and their weapons came in [great] waves like the waves of the sea. But one whose faith has been strengthened by Allah [will] stand fast when even mountains shake. Our hero [Al-Zarqawi] entered the fray bearing his banner and resolved to fight to the last...

"[The jihad fighters] entered the fray and began to fight [armed only] with a small number of Kalashnikovs, anti-tank mines and bazooka launchers... They brought their boldness, their fighting spirit and their magnificent morale from Afghanistan to Baghdad, and they lit the fuse of jihad, and it set off the energy [of the jihad fighters] all over [Iraq]...

"This hero [i.e. Al-Zarqawi] is the one who achieved all this, with Allah's help, using limited resources and without the support of an international coalition, a regional alliance or a global organization... Yes, this hero of Islam stood up against the present-day Pharaoh and against American imperialism, after the international organizations, the regional coalitions and the entire world failed to stop [the Americans'] cruel aggression...

"To those who accuse the hero of our [Islamic] nation of killing Iraqis from certain sectors [i.e. Shi'ites], I say: When someone comes to you and says that a certain individual had poked out his eye, wait until you see the accused, since you may discover that the plaintiff had actually poked out both eyes [of the accused]. This is what emerged in the last few weeks, [when Iraqi] MP Muhammad Al-Dain began to [reveal] the oppression and tyranny that [Sunni] Muslim

prisoners are subjected to in the Iraqi jails, [and when] the heads of the [Sunni] Clerics Council talked about the extermination campaign [being waged] against the [Sunni] Muslims in Iraq."

**\*Al-Zarqawi was Instructed to Kill Those Who Insisted on Fighting Alongside the Crusaders**

"Abu Mus'ab had clear instructions to focus his [operations] on the invaders and occupiers, headed by the Americans, and to leave alone anyone who wished to be neutral. But anyone who insists on fighting with the Crusaders against the Muslims must be killed, no matter who he is, regardless of his [sect, i.e. whether he is a Sunni or Shi'ite] and his tribal affiliation - since aiding the infidels against the Muslims is one of the ten [gravest] sins, for which a Muslim loses his identity as a Muslim.

"I say to George Bush: You must give the hero's body back to his family, and do not rejoice overmuch [at his death], since the banner has not fallen but has [merely] been passed from [one] lion of Islam [to another]. We will continue to fight you and your allies wherever you may be in Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and Somalia - until we deplete your funds and kill your men, and you will return to your country defeated, just as we once defeated you in Somalia.

"I also say to your agent in Jordan, [King 'Abdallah II]: Stop your tyranny. You prevented Abu Mus'ab from entering his homeland during his life, [but] do not prevent him from doing so now. You are the one who should leave Jordan and go to the Hijaz, which was your homeland and the homeland of your forefathers before Britain appointed your [great-]grandfather [King] 'Abdallah I as its agent in Jordan. What have you to fear from Al-Zarqawi [now that he is] dead? [Are you afraid] because you know that his funeral - assuming the Muslims are allowed to conduct it as they wish - will be huge, and will demonstrate the intense sympathy that the Muslims feel towards their sons, the jihad fighters?

"In conclusion, I will say that Al-Zarqawi did not bring honor only to his tribe, his homeland and his [Islamic] nation, but to humanity as a whole, since he embodied the [true] meaning of glory, defiance, sacrifice and martyrdom. If the world studies the magnificent story of his life, its children will learn that faith in Allah creates men who fight against [the forces of] evil and falsehood. Every educator and writer should use [Al-Zarqawi's] life as a source of material for enriching the souls of the future generations. Every poet should write verse about this falcon...

"Allah have mercy upon Abu Mus'ab Al-Zarqawi and upon all others who bore arms for the sake of Allah."