

## **Bin Laden Calls For Martyrdom Operations Against US And British Interests**

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A new audiotape purportedly from Osama bin Laden exhorts Muslims to rise up against Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and other governments it claims are "agents of America," and calls for martyrdom against U.S. and British interests to "avenge the innocent children" of Iraq.

### Excerpts

Muslim brothers, let us promise to devote our lives to martyrdom in the way of Allah. America has attacked Iraq and soon will also attack Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan. You should be aware the kafirs cannot bear the existence of Muslims and want to capture their resources and destroy them."

"Get up and raise your weapons against America and Britain. If you hesitated today, you will be ashamed in front of Allah. The war in Iraq has two purposes to capture the Islamic world and to secure Israel."

"America has decided to eliminate all Islamic movements, (and) kill their religious leadership. Let us get them out of Arabs' land. For this purpose, the jihad is the only way because they have targeted Iraq after Afghanistan. You should avenge the innocent children who have been assassinated in Iraq. You should avenge the demolished houses of Palestinians. I tell you to act upon the orders of Allah, be united against Bush and Blair and defeat them through suicide attacks so that you may be successful before Allah."

"It is a great pity that we are flattering the American troops and are apologizing for them. Beware, Afghanistan and Palestine are already in the custody of America and if this story is not given an end, we shall lose all the Muslim countries."

"America wants to take revenge for Somalia. America is a cowardly country. If you start suicide attacks, you will see the fear of Americans all over the world. One of the slaves of America is (President Hamid) Karzai in Afghanistan because he supported non-Muslims over Muslims. Pakistan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi are also agents of America. There is no difference between the Karzai of Riyadh and Kabul. All of them have been imposed upon you and jihad against them is your duty."

"I ask Muslim women to join the jihad by providing food to the mujahedeen. The elders should pray for us. I am proud of those martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the sake of Islam. O God, give the Muslims success."

### Algerian National Delivers Tape

The 27-minute tape quotes extensively from the Muslim holy book, the Qur'an, and says jihad, or holy war, is the "only solution to all the problems." The tape was obtained Monday by The Associated Press from an Algerian national, known as Aadil, who said he had slipped across the border from Afghanistan, where the tape was apparently recorded.

There was no way immediately to confirm that the voice on the tape was that of the al-Qaida chief. But it was translated by an Arabic-speaking Afghan who met him years ago and said he

believed the voice seemed to be bin Laden's.

There also was no clear indication of when the tape was made, although it makes references to the war in Iraq and the leaders who launched it, U.S. President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"You should avenge the innocent children who have been assassinated in Iraq. Be united against Bush and Blair and defeat them with suicide attacks so that you may be successful before Allah," the voice urges.

"Oh Muslim brothers, let us promise to devote our lives to martyrdom in the way of Allah. America has attacked Iraq and soon will also attack Iran, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Sudan. You should be aware that non-Muslims cannot bear the existence of Muslims and want to capture their resources and destroy them."

The voice also urged the faithful to attack governments in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

"All of them have been imposed upon you and jihad (holy war) against them is your duty," says the tape, handed to AP in the remote northwestern region of Pakistan.

The only other individual identified by name on the tape was Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai. "One of the slaves of America is Karzai in Afghanistan because he supported non-Muslims over Muslims. Pakistan, Bahrain, Kuwait and Saudi are also agents of America."

Bin Laden, the top suspect behind the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, has been in hiding since a U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban regime that gave him protection in Afghanistan. He is believed to cross back and forth between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

After the capture last month of his top lieutenant, Khaled Shaikh Mohammed, near Islamabad, Pakistani authorities said they were closing in on bin Laden. The messenger, Aadil, has an association with bin Laden dating back to the 1980s invasion of Afghanistan by the former Soviet Union.

Aadil worked in the Pakistani city of Peshawar with Abdullah Azzam, a Palestinian, who together with bin Laden founded Makhtab al Khidmat, the organization that recruited Middle Eastern fighters to Afghanistan. Aadil said he was in Pakistan to locate two colleagues who were arrested last week in Peshawar after FBI agents intercepted calls made from a cellphone.

The new tape makes repeated promises of heaven for those who carried out martyrdom operations. "Do not be afraid of their tanks and armoured personnel carriers. These are artificial things," the voice says. "If you started suicide attacks you will see the fear of Americans all over the world. Those people who cannot join forces in jihad should give financial help to those mujahedeen who are fighting against U.S. aggression."