

Prominent Jihadist Writer Calls on Al-Baghdadi to Persevere, Warns of Changing Course

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Terrorism : Prominent Jihadist Writer Calls on Al-Baghdadi to Persevere, Warns of Changing Course. On 14 August, a forum participant posted to a jihadist website a statement issued by the Al-Ansar Mail Group announcing the publishing of a document written by "Assad al-Jihad 2" entitled "The Islamic State (of Iraq) Shall Remain Glorified" and provided several links to download the document. The document addresses the division that has taken place among the jihad groups in Iraq and the attacks on the Islamic State of Iraq. He cautions people from believing the rumors and from turning against the Islamic State of Iraq. At the same time, the author calls on the leaders and soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq to persevere and to remain steadfast in the face of these attacks. In a harsh tone, "Assad al-Jihad 2" warns Abu-Umar al-Baghdadi from deviating from the course. He threatens, "If you do (deviate), we will straighten you with our swords and our guns."

A translation of the document follows:

"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate.

"Al-Ansar Mail Group presents The Islamic State (of Iraq) Shall Remain Glorified by Assadal-Jihad 2, may God protect him.

"Praise be to Allah, the Creator of all things. There is no god but He, the one and the Eternal and the Absolute. Great praise be to God, and praised is He who said in His revealed book, 'There are among men some who serve Allah, as it were, on the verge: if good befalls them. They call on such deities, besides Allah, as can neither hurt nor profit them: that is straying far indeed (from the Way)! (Perhaps) they call on one whose hurt is nearer than his profit: evil, indeed, is the patron, and evil the companion (or help)! Verily Allah will admit those who believe and work righteous deeds, to Gardens, beneath which rivers flow: for Allah carries out all that He plans. If any think that Allah will not help him (His Messenger. in this world and the Hereafter, let him stretch out a rope to the ceiling and cut (himself) off: then let him see whether his plan will remove that which enrages (him)!' (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj 22:11)

"Prayers and peace be upon our Master Muhammad Ibn-Abdallah, the best among prophets and messengers, and their master and the master of all people, who said, 'I wish I could meet my brothers, so the companions of the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him said, 'Aren't we your brothers?' he answered, 'You are my companions, but my brothers are going to be those who believed in me and did not see me' (Hadith), and upon all his family and companions and upon all those who follow him until Judgment Day.

"Thereafter, those who claim jihad and belong to the (commercial) resistance factions fell one after the other, starting with the so-called Islamic Army, followed by the unity of the other groups that supported him under the so-called 'Jihad and Reform Front' and the 'Resistance Political Council' who fell in his trap. Then, when they lost and failed in their conspiracies against jihad, they began to break away from their assembly and release statements that expose them.

"In the field, there is also the Jihad and Change Front, which is another gathering of some resistance groups which had declared its methodology and its program, which is closer to nationalism than the enforcement of the Shari'ah of God, exalted He be. There is also another front called the Jihad and Liberation Front, and this is not worth mentioning, which has a corrupt methodology and very limited impact. It might be something that is saved for someone for later.

"The only group that remained is Ansar al-Islam Group, the people of favor and precedence, and of support and aid. May God grant them victory and may He bestow on them success in what pleases Him.

"It (Ansar al-Islam Group) came out with 'The Book of Truth' and exposed many things, burned many papers of those who claim to be part of jihad. This was followed by another statement from the Al-Mujahidin Army in a book called 'Tamayazu' (Worshippers of God, Distinguish Yourself), which, with its contradictory style and pathetic excuses, exposed it and everyone in its front, followed by the statement of the insignificant Legal Council of the two persons (most likely referring to the two members of the Ansar al-Sunnah Group who broke away from it to form the Ansar al-Sunnah Legal Council) who exposed themselves even more. I see that following the exposure of the Awakening (Councils) -- that is the burning of the first paper before the second joined the service -- and there lease of the statement of Ansar al-Islam, may God support them, and the statements of the Al-Mujahidin Army and the insignificant council, that one of the phases of jihad has come to an end. It ended by the Al-Mujahidin Army making a distinction between them and the others inside and outside Iraq. I consider it an announcement about the beginning of a new phase in the jihad movement in Iraq.

"One of the phases of the global Zionist-Crusader war against the Muslims in Iraq has ended, after an exhausting test of the jihad movement there. It exhausted the mujahidin, and the jihadist movement got mixed up with the nationalist and treacherous movements. The observer of the Iraqi situation stood puzzled, and the patient (person) felt unsure in the midst of the colliding waves, which, in my opinion, were necessary so that we can end up with the genuine group, to which God Almighty will grant victory.

"Among all these signs, the Islamic State (of Iraq) remained lofty. The Islamic State of Iraq declared itself as a state, established on God's book and the Sunnah of the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, by which, and no other, it will rule. For this reason, the entire world, except for those who have God's mercy, stood against it, and against its religion and its methodology, the methodology of monotheism which it had accepted for itself; the methodology of the prophets and the messengers, prayers and peace be upon them. Now a new phase will begin, and it will be different than what preceded it. It is the phase that follows the fall of the pretenders. It will be more active and jihad will be greater with the help of the Almighty God.

"Over several eras in history, God sent all the prophets to various places so that He alone could be worshipped. He sent them with a religion and with a complete life doctrine to follow. For that reason, there were confrontations and clashes between every religious call to monotheism and the general situation to which it was sent to correct and to reform, in accordance with the human nature which God, Glorious and Exalted He be, had given us. He is the One who knows us and knows what is best for us.

"Two types of people were sent to humanity: the prophets and their followers, and an opposing side that refuses the calls of the prophets and pushes them away. There could not be coexistence and truce between the two parties, and they do not have anything common to bring them

together. It is a struggle between two opposites and between right and wrong, light and darkness, and faith and non-belief.

"Facing deviation and evil will not be with words or with a religion that is limited to prayers, fasting and charity. It should be by putting together a detailed law, a complete Da'wah, and a religion that handles every aspect of life.

"The religion of Allah, the One and Absolute, since the coming of Adam, peace be upon him, and until the coming of the master of the prophets and the messengers Muhammad, prayers and peace be upon him, was the way to salvation for the people from what they were suffering from, for it is the solution that will free them from all kinds of misery. It is the religion that shapes the world to be happy and worthy of the dignity of man, whom God, exalted He be, had bestowed on him by creating him with His own hands and not with any other meaning. My God, exalted He be said, 'We said: Get ye down, all (ye people), with enmity between yourselves. On earth will be your dwelling-place and your means of livelihood - for a time. Then learnt Adam from his Lord words of inspiration, and his Lord Turned towards him; for He is Oft-Returning, Most Merciful. We said: Get ye down all from here; and if, as is sure, there comes to you Guidance from me, whosoever follows My guidance, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve. But those who reject Faith and belie Our Signs, they shall be companions of the Fire; they shall abide therein' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:38).

"There is only one path to happiness that frees people from their miseries and that is the path of the prophets and the messengers. The Almighty, exalted He be, says, 'Verily, this is My way, leading straight: follow it: follow not (other) paths: they will scatter you about from His (great) path' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am, 6:153). He chose one clear and decisive path (my way), and He attributed it to Himself, may He be exalted. There is the path that leads to God, the majestic in His majesty, the one that comes from His doctrine, and then there are the other paths, which divide people away from the path of God, and these are many because they are man-made. So if the first path leads to liberation, dignity, and salvation, the second one -- the manifolds -- will definitely lead to enslavement, humiliation and misery. History offers many examples and evidence.

"There were, as is the case today, un-Islamic chains and shackles that used to bind people, their freedom and their slavery. Then came the message of Islam to remove these chains. My God, exalted He be, says, 'Those who follow the apostle, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures),- in the law and the Gospel;- for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); He releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf, 7:157).

"The only way to release these chains over the ages is by following our God's direction to follow the illiterate prophet who allow what is good and prohibits what is bad, and releases our burdens and yokes that are binding us by following his guidance. This is the way, which the Islamic State of Iraq has chosen to follow and to operate under. It is the way of well-being and happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

"It is the ordinance, oh Islamic State:

"Oh Islamic State (of Iraq), no one came with that with which you have come who did not have an enemy.

"Some might think and say if the Islamic State of Iraq is right, then why all this pressure on it, and why are the enemies attacking it from every side?

"Our prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said, 'The most in their suffering among the people are the prophets, then the best, then the (next) best. One is afflicted in accordance with his faith.. If his faith is firm his affliction is hard, and if his faith is weak, his affliction is light. Indeed, one would be so much subjected to adversity until he walks among the people without any sins'(Hadith).

"The most afflicted among people are the prophets. The Almighty God says, 'Those were (the prophets) who received God's guidance' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am, 6:90), and then the best and then the next best. Do not give up because as your faith increases, your affliction will also increase. This is part of the good tidings given by God.

"It is the ordinance. When the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, received the revelation, Waraqah bin Nufal told him, 'No one came with that with which you have come, and did not have an enemy'.

"Yes, it is the ordinance of the prophets, and it is an old rule and ordinance, that every prophet that comes and invites people to God will have enemies and will be fought and harmed. There were some who were killed and others banished or tortured or imprisoned.

"This is why, the Almighty God says to His apostle, prayers and peace be upon him, 'Nothing is said to thee that was not said to the apostles before thee' (Koranic verse; Fussilat, 41:43). There is nothing new about God's ordinance on those who call for monotheism in all the aspects of life. The Almighty said, '(Such has been)the practice (approved) of Allah already in the past: no change wilt thou find in the practice (approved) of Allah' (Koranic verse; Al-Fath, 48:23). For example, our Master Noah, may peace be upon him, was harmed and cursed a great deal, as the Almighty God said, 'Every time that the chiefs of his people passed by him, they threw ridicule on him' (Koranic verse; Hud, 11:38). His companions were cursed as the Almighty mentioned what the non-believers had said, 'Nor do we see that any follow thee but the meanest among us, in judgment immature: Nor do we see in you (all) any merit above us: in fact we thing yeare liars!' (Koranic verse; Hud, 11:27) It is also, as the Almighty had said about the people of Lot, 'But his people gave no other answer but this: they said, 'Drive out the followers of Lot from your city: these are indeed men who want to be clean and pure" (Koranic verse; Al-Naml, 27:56).

"Praise God, they demand their banishment from their own homes because they want to be pure!

"Yes, this is the ordinance of the prophets and these are their enemies who are resisting the path of God. They agree among themselves and over the ages they agree to cause the same harm and hold the same animosity toward the people of truth.

"The prophet met the same situation. He was cursed, portrayed as possessed, and was faced with animosity, just like the Almighty said, 'Similarly, no apostle came to the Peoples before them, but they said (of him) in like manner, 'A sorcerer, or one possessed" (Koranic verse; Al-Zariyat, 51:52). This is immediately followed by, 'Is this the legacy they have transmitted?' (Koranic verse; Al-Zariyat,51:53)

"In other words, had the people of Noah written a document saying, 'Oh (people of) Aad, if a messenger comes to you calling you to worship God, tell them what we had said?'"

"Or had (the people of) Aad written to (the people of) Thamud telling them if a man was sent to you calling you to what (the people of) Hud called us, tell them what we had said?"

"Not at all, they did not transmit the legacy. It is simply the same Sunnah--same oppression, same rejection, and same response--just as the Almighty said, 'Nothing is said to thee that was not said to the apostles before thee' (Koranic verse; Fussilat,41:43).

"In addition, Isa (Jesus), peace be upon him, was slandered and the honor of his virtuous mother was attacked. Our prophet was the one who was harmed most for the sake of God because he called for monotheism.

"God passed this Sunnah on to the companions of the noble prophet, prayers and peace be upon them, and may God be pleased with all of them, and even on the scholars that came after them. We continue to witness some attacking Ahmad Ibn-Hanbal, Ibn-Taymiyyah, and Hmud al-Aqlaa and others.

"Hence, since the matter is as such, anyone who takes it upon himself to spread the religion of God, exalted He be, will be treated with hostility.

"'Anyone (man) who came with something similar to what you have brought was treated with hostility'(Hadith).

"If all the nations turn against you, oh Islamic State (of Iraq), and they caused you harm, endure and remain steadfast in your religion. Do not change or alter it, even if you all die for the sake of this religion, the victory will be yours, for among the prophets there were some who were wounded or were taken prisoners or were killed and their heads were offered (as a gift) to a prostitute (John the Baptist).

"They were noble prophets, dear to God, but these are the laws.

"If the entire world turns against you, do not leave this matter, and be patient. God will grant you victory for fighting for Him. My Lord, to whom belongs majesty, says, 'How oft, by Allah's will, hath a small force vanquished a big one? Allah is with those who steadfastly persevere' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah 2:249).

"It is sufficient unto you, oh Islamic State (of Iraq) and its soldiers, to know that harm and hostility are the fate of the prophets, and thus they are an honor to you.

"Endure the harm and the slander. Be patient and endure in the face of the unjust and the liars. The good example of your beloved, the master of the prophets and the messengers, should be your model. For him I sacrifice my father, my mother, and all my dear ones and myself. When he (the prophet) was asked: 'Couldn't God find someone else to send as His messenger?' and was told by another: 'If I see you hanging to the curtains of the Ka'bah, I will not believe you!!!' he endured and was patient so that God would bring victory to His religion and support him against the infidels, the oppressors, and the hypocrites.

"Are you not satisfied by the words of my God, to whom belongs majesty, 'Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe: verily, Allah loveth not any that is a traitor to faith, or show ingratitude' (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj, 22:38). Oh God, how merciful and generous are you!

"Ibn-Kathir said, 'God defends those who depend on Him and turn to Him when they face the greatest of evil and the craftiness of the indecent. He protects them and grants them victory, just as the Almighty had said, 'Is not Allah enough for his Servant?' (Koranic verse; Al-Zumar, 39:36).' Shaykh Al-Sa'di says, 'This is an announcement, a promise, and a good tidings from God to those who believe that God will protect them from every harm and because of their faith, he will defend them against the evil of the infidels and the evil and temptations of the devil, as well as the evil in their souls and the evil of their deeds;(they believe that) on their behalf, He carries the burden of the catastrophes which they cannot bear and relieves them, each according to his faith: the unbearable and the excessive.'

"The more you hold on to the religion of God and remain steadfast in its path, the more will God support you and defend you. It is necessary to hang on to the religion of God, implement His Shari'ah, depend on Him, and endure by equipping oneself with piety. The help (from God) will be as much as the supply (devoutness).

"My master Umar Ibn-al-Khattab, may God be pleased with him, says, 'We found our best life in endurance...' and Ibn-al-Qayyim says, 'Faith is two halves: One half is endurance and the other half is gratitude. More than one person from our ancestors said that patience represents half the faith. Abdallah Ibn Mas'ud said: 'Faith is two halves: One half is endurance and the other half is gratitude, and this is why God joined endurance with gratitude in His word: 'Verily in this there are signs for such as are firmly patient and constant, grateful and appreciative' (Koranic verse; Ibrahim, 14:5).'

"He also said, 'The most perfect people are those who are most patient. The only thing that kept people from reaching their possible perfection is their limited patience.'

"Ibrahim al-Taymi also said: 'There is no servant to whom God has given patience in the face of harm, affliction, and catastrophe, who has not done an unprecedented favor never received except by those who had faith in God.'

"Be patient and remain steadfast, oh mujahidin of the Islamic State (of Iraq), because you are in the right (path)!! Endure harm from the external and internal enemy, with its Awakening (Councils), its fronts, its police, and its hypocrites, for you are the vanguards and the hope of the Muslim nation.

"Rest assured that God, exalted He be, will not let you down as long as you hold on tight to His religion and to His strong rope. As long as you are meeting the conditions of victory, God will support you, no doubt, and '(It is) the promise of Allah. Never does Allah depart from His promise: but most men understand not' (Koranic verse; Al-Rum 30:6).

"My Lord, may He be glorified, says, 'If ye will aid (the cause of) Allah, He will aid you, and plant your feet firmly' (Koranic verse; Muhammad 47:7).

"As long as you aid (the cause of) Allah, exalted He be, you would have realized the condition and God will support you: 'And the promise of my Lord is true' (Koranic verse; Al-Kahf,18:98).

"The Shaykh of Islam Ibn-Taymiyyah says: 'Leadership in religion is acquired through patience and assurance...'

"Patience is the way of the wise and the prophets, and complaining to no one but God is the way of the righteous.

"Be patient and show, as the situation calls for, the danger of those people, their armies, their fronts and their Awakening (Councils), with the condition that this is done without exaggeration. You have in the apostle of Allah, prayers and peace be upon him, a great example. He used to stay away from the wickedness of his people and their piercing slander by busying himself with what was more important, namely communicating what God had revealed to him. Rest assured that God Almighty, in His majesty, will not deprive you of an hour of happiness that will wash away your sorrow and remove the yoke of your pain and anguish.

"(A verse from a poem)'Between a wink of an eye and another, God alters things from one situation to another.'

"Victory comes after hardship and anguish. The noble prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, says, 'Know that victory comes with patience, relief with affliction, and ease with hardship' (Hadith).

"The Lord of glory and might says, 'O ye who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy; vie in such perseverance; strengthen each other; and fear Allah, that ye may prosper' (Koranic verse; Al-Imran, 3:200). The Almighty also says, 'After a difficulty, Allah will soon grant relief' (Koranic verse; Al-Talaq, 65:7).

"Increase your asking for forgiveness, because it opens doors we thought would never open.

"Ask for forgiveness so that God can increase your strength and the strength of your (Islamic) state. The Almighty, exalted He be says, 'And O my people! ask forgiveness of your Lord, and turn to Him (in repentance): He will send you the skies pouring abundant rain, and add strength to your strength' (Koranic verse; Hud 11:52). Increase your asking for forgiveness, because it will lead to the forgiveness of sins and the pouring of rain and blessings and will increase your wealth and that of your sons, and will get you into Paradise, saying, 'Ask forgiveness from your Lord; for He is Oft-Forgiving; He will send rain to you in abundance, and will give you increase in wealth and sons; and bestow on you gardens and bestow on you rivers (of flowing water)' (Koranic verse; Nuh, 71:12).

"Heighten your istighfar (seeking forgiveness from Allah), because it will keep afflictions away from you. The one behind freeing (you) from affliction is the best of God's creation, Muhammad, the apostle of God, prayers and peace be upon him, and his presence among his companions and people in honor of him, but now, since he is dead, we are left with the other reason, namely, asking for forgiveness. My Lord, exalted He be, says, 'But Allah was not going to send them a penalty whilst thou was amongst them; nor was He going to send it whilst they could ask for pardon' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal, 8:33). Your exemplar and loved one (the prophet), prayers and peace be upon him, said in his eclipse prayer, 'Lord, haven't you promised me not to afflict them? Haven't you promised me not to afflict them when they repent?' (Hadith) Ibn-Abbas, may God be pleased with him, said, 'God provided this ummah with two forms of protection from the torment of punishment, which will guard you as long as they are among you. The first is the

presence of the prophet; now since the prophet has departed, only the second form of protection remains, and that is istighfar. He then recited the previous verse.

"Know that victory is surely coming. Continue to ask for forgiveness, until victory comes to you and even after. My Lord, exalted He be, says, 'and thou dost see the people enter Allah's religion in crowds. Celebrate the praises of thy Lord, and pray for His Forgiveness: For He is Oft-Returning (in Grace and Mercy)' (Koranic verse; An Nasr, 110:2).

"The noble prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, said: 'Whoever adheres to repentance, God will provide him with a way out of every hardship and relief from every concern, and will give him livelihood from where he least expects it' (Hadith).

"Beware, oh leaders and soldiers of the Islamic State (of Iraq), of leaving this matter, even if you all die. My Lord, exalted He be says, 'If ye turn back (from the Path), He will substitute in your stead another people; then they would not be like you' (Koranic verse; Muhammad 47:38).

"Oh Abu-Umaral-Baghdadi, beware of deviating from or reconciling the religion of God. Know that if you do, we will straighten you with our swords and our guns.

"I bring to you the good news from the words of my glorified Lord, 'Never does Allah depart from His promise' (Koranic verse; Al-Rum 30:6). He had promised in His word: 'If ye are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you' (Koranic verse; Ibrahim 14:7).

"Be grateful to God for His blessings so that He adds more favor unto you. This is a truth which we do not doubt at all.

"Rules in supporting the Islamic State of Iraq amid the accusations:

"After the announcement of the establishment of the Islamic State of Iraq, may God keep it strong and glorified, and after the people came to know that it intends to rule by the Shari'ah of Prophet Muhammad, prayers and peace be upon him, which it is pursuing and is accepting no other alternative, accusations and lies that were not heard before the announcement of the 'Islamic State' surfaced.

"An Islamic State that is founded on the guidance of the prophets and the messengers to believe in and worship only one god and adhere to the religion in every aspect of life is bound to face confrontation from the other side that refuses to correct the general conditions and to reshape it in the way that pleases our One and Only God.

"The source of these lies, as it appears to me, was the announcement of a true Islamic State that wishes to rule with the pure prophetic Shari'ah. These accusations came in an organized and vicious manner from inside and outside Iraq to bring down the Islamic State and to kill it in its crib. Many naive and stupid people believed these accusations.

"Several sides made evil, baseless, and untrue accusations against the Islamic State. These were nothing but pure lies. The truth is to be said that the brothers in the Islamic State can be right and can be wrong, but there are some who are seeking to create strife by exaggerating this among the believers. This was greatly blown out of proportion. They made a big deal of some of the accusations and turned them into grave sins and calamities after adding to them lies and prejudiced rumors.

"The majority of this attack against the Islamic State (of Iraq) was espoused by America and its tyrant allies in the neighboring countries of Iraq. They began to tarnish them with things they did not have. They were joined by some of the commercial factions, the resistance inside Iraq, in addition to some clerics and propagators. Until now, I have not known of any scholar who could have participated in their defamation and slander, and I praise God for that, but there were some clerics and propagators, as well as knowledge seekers, who made a mistake, though we do not suspect their intentions. They did not abide by the regulations stipulated by the Shari'ah, which I will discuss shortly. They relied on what the Almighty, exalted He be, hates, and that is 'gossip.' They did not think about the outcome of their deeds and words. Some deviated, and the deviation of their methodology was clear. They went forth without worrying about anything. Their pride led them to sin. Then, there are some who should be ignored, in my opinion.

"We should be alert and careful with what we say or do, and in our positions in responding to the accusations that were directed at the Islamic State, its leaders, and its soldiers. There are those who are reckless and unreasonable, who expect infallibility from the Islamic State without feeling it, and others who are reckless and do not concern themselves with the outcome of their positions and the corruption to which it can lead, which are more grave and easier to spread. Their deeds harmed the jihad project and delayed it. As for us, we take the middle position without excessiveness or recklessness within the legitimate restraints in dealing with the mistakes of the mujahidin and the accusations against them.

"As for the legitimate rules to help the people of truth, who have been known for their correct methods and intentions -- or so we believe -- in implementing the Shari'ah of the Lord of all creation, amid accusations, whether rumors or lies, or even if they have some basis but were added to and turned into sinful acts, or even if they were genuine mistakes, we have many stipulations and lessons in the book and the Sunnah. I will mention some examples to show the legitimate method to follow in receiving them (the accusations), reacting to them and fighting them. To make this easy, I am giving three examples:

"1. Place yourself in a sensitive position in the decisions of the Islamic State. Would you have done what those who spread the fatal rumors, ugly accusations, or falsified mistakes did? Would you have done the same? If you were to deny and disprove them, why not then refute them and defend their leaders who were known for their faith, their piety, and their devotion, who died, or were killed without changing their positions, and the living among them whom we think of the same way. We reckon them to be so and we cannot recommend anyone to God.

"I say, whoever has proven his jihad, should not be suspected except with evidence as clear as the sun.

"A big lie came out and was circulated in the city, causing great calamities, the outcome of which continues to impact the Muslim world until now! It was spread by a hypocrite, and the people stood there confused about it. What should they do? What must they say? How must they act? Everyone was confused, even the prominent figures among them. It was started by an unfounded rumor. How easy it is to falsify, lie, and spread rumors, and how pitiful are the people who believe and spread them! It is the event which whenever we go back to it and remember it, we feel a squeeze on our hearts, a lump in our throats, and tears in our eyes because of the gravity of the lie and the greatness of the person about who it was spread. The revelation came in the Koran to teach them how to deal with it and things like it. The revelation came down to prove the innocence of our virtuous and chaste mother, the mother of all the believers, the companion, and the daughter of the companion (the prophet's wife A'ishah, daughter of Abu-Bakral-Siddiq), may God be pleased with her and with her father, the second of

two companions of the prophet of God, the one who was loved by our prophet, prayers of God and peace be upon him and his family, his wife, in this world and in heaven.

"The Almighty and the Majestic God said, 'Why did not the believers - men and women - when ye heard of the affair, put the best construction on it in their own minds and say, 'This (charge) is an obvious lie?'' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur, 24:12)

"There is no God but Allah. This was the great guidance for all. The lie and the sin were against our mother, and God teaches us to think well of ourselves.

"The Majestic (God) did not say, when you heard the affair, you should have not doubted her. Instead he said, 'The believers - men and women - when ye heard of the affair, put the best construction on it in their own minds' and followed it by a direct instruction, 'and say, 'This (charge) is an obvious lie?'' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur, 24:12) In other words, they should not have remained quiet after thinking well of themselves, and instead they should have warded the accusation off their mother and their beloved apostle of God, prayers and peace be upon him, which was thrown at them, and should have responded to it with a firm reply by saying that this (charge) was an obvious lie.

"Yes, that is because if you had believed that lie, it means that you do not think well of yourself. Then how could she, the virtuous and the pure, do such a thing? It is better of you to believe such a lie about yourself, but do not accuse her, especially that the accusation was actually aimed at the character of our noble prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, and was started by a group of Jews and the head of the hypocrites and circulated by those who fell for it from among the believers." "How can you speak about such matters? Do you now know the impact of your words, your deeds, and your fatwas? My Lord, exalted He be, says, 'and ye thought it to be a light matter, while it was most serious in the sight of Allah...Allah doth admonish you, that ye may never repeat such (conduct), if ye are (true) Believers' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur, 24:15 and 17). This is the divine guidance on how to deal with such grave rumors, the consequences of which might lead to destruction if believed and circulated.

"It was necessary to stay away from falling into such an event, when the virtuous wife of the prophet and their brother, the mujahid companion, are from them. Thinking well of them would have been better than believing something that is not befitting of the wife of the apostle of God, prayers and peace be upon him, and his companion, of whom we know only good things.

"My master Abu-Ayyub Khalid Ibn-Zayd al-Ansari and his wife, may God be pleased with both of them, did the same. As soon as he heard the lie, he thought about it and asked his heart. He found it hard to imagine what was rumored about our Lady A'ishah, may God be pleased with her, and the disobedience of God, the betrayal of His messenger, and the fall in the mire of an abominable act that was attributed to a Muslim man, based on a doubt, let alone believing it and circulating it.

"A verse (here, the author is mistakenly referring to a Hadith as a Koranic verse) came down about Abu-Ayyub and his wife praising their position on the incident, when Umm Ayyub (wife of Abu-Ayyub) asked Abu-Ayyub, 'Oh Abu Ayyub, have you heard what the people are saying about A'ishah?' He said, 'Yes, and it is all lies.' Would you do that, oh Umm Ayyub? She said, 'No, by Allah, I would not do that.' He said, 'And by Allah, A'ishah is better than you' (Hadith).

"God is great. God is great. There is no god but God.

"Al-Qurtubi, may God's mercy be upon him, in his interpretation of the verse said: 'It means that it was imperative on the righteous believing men and women to apply analogy to the matter by applying it upon themselves. If they exclude themselves from committing it, then it is even more distant to be committed by A'ishah and Safwan. Also, he said 'themselves' because the Muslim people represent one soul as they belong to the same creed.' In other words, how can you accuse yourself as the Muslim people represent one soul?

"They should not only exclude them from committing the deed and have a good opinion about their brothers, but in addition to their exclusion and denial they must disaffirm and disown the deed. Also the honorable Abu Ayyub al-Ansari said this 'lie,' which he mentioned with the definite article 'the,' meaning that this is specifically the lie, and he did not contemplate it in his mind to give Satan a chance to interfere. He then refuted the charge against himself and his wife and denounced their commitment of such acts. Then he said: 'This is a lie, fabrication, and falsehood.' This is the divine instruction pertaining to rumors that reach people's minds about bad or abominable deeds associated with the jihad of your brothers as clarified by the holy Koran and the pure ways of the prophet.

"As soon as we heard our opponent's accusations and lies, we applied the deed to ourselves. If we were in their place, should we fight with the Americans against the believers and walk accompanied by the Americans Hummers? Or should we support the Al-Dajjal (Al-Mahdi) Army to fight the Sunnis! Or force people to pledge allegiance and fight them if they do not agree! Or should we exhume the graves of the believers and extract their bodies and mutilate them while they refrained even from benefiting from the corpses of the Americans! No, I swear we will not do that. This is not something from our religion and the soldiers of the Islamic State (ISI) are more righteous, honest, and good-natured than we are. How could they do that, and how could we believe or circulate it!

"(God said:) 'This is a most serious slander! (Koranic verse; Al-Nur, 24:16)

"Yes, if you were in their place and had an influential position in the state's resolutions, would you acknowledge or allow that! No, by God I would not do that, so how could I believe that those good virtuous (people) are doing that! Then I appear on satellite channels conveying and fabricating these charges and serious offenses by falsely showing evidence and pretending to cry about it to the scholars! Or allow the forums and the Internet networks to circulate these lies! Or hold sessions, lectures, and seminars to promote them! All of this because of fabrications that I do not accept or conduct, and I have a good opinion about myself and refrain from doing that, and then I accept that the mujahidin of the Islamic State are conducting and following it! This act is a result of a lack of faith and devotion, otherwise how can I consider myself exalted from performing it while I accuse others! Almighty God says in the context of the following verses: 'Allah doth admonish you, that ye may never repeat such conduct, if ye are true Believers' (Koranic verses; Al-Nur, 24:17).

"Since I have a good opinion of myself, I should have a good opinion about my brothers, whose methodology, religion, struggle, jihad, and sacrifices we know and were for the sake of reunification and unity by applying the Islamic Shari'ah in a good manner.

"Al-Nahas said: 'By themselves they meant their brothers; God deemed it a duty on Muslims. If they hear a man defaming or mentioning someone saying disgraceful things that are not known to be true to that person, they must denounce and discredit him.'

"Yes, they are our brothers and we only know good things about them. We might know some of their prominent leaders, those who are known or unknown to people. By God they are among the trusted pious (people) and we do not recommend anyone to God. We have learned their creed through their statements and their leader's statements, and we were informed of their recommendation by the nation's leaders and the most prominent people, and everyone testifies about their infliction on the enemies of God, the Americans, and their supporters. We only have a good opinion about them.

"Those who discussed the accusations and considered themselves familiar with what is happening and are artists in speculations became a reason for wasting their blood due to their acts and accusations. Then they became arrogant about the truth and did not return to it, along with those who participated, conveyed, talked, and believed them. God has promised all of them, without exception, that He will not let them go without punishment. Almighty God said about those who slander: 'As for the slanderers, unto every one of them will be accounted all that he has earned by thus sinning; and awesome suffering awaits any of them who takes it upon himself to enhance this sin' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur, 24:11).

"They have spoken about the (Islamic) State (of Iraq) and the slanderers failed themselves. Now the truth has become clear to all those who were hesitant and to those who have sense, due to Almighty God's planning and by His cunning toward the enemies of religion who trade in it. The truth of our deeds were supported by the Shari'ah regulations and 'The Islamic State' remains lofty to support God Almighty and His noble prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, by applying God's Shari'ah.

"You have excessively talked about it (the State) with false accusations that you fabricated and spread. (God said:) 'And ye conceived an evil thought, for ye are a people lost in wickedness.' (Koranic verse; Al-Fath, 48:12).

"God Almighty said: 'And why did ye not, when ye heard it, say? It is not right of us to speak of this: Glory to Allah. This is a most serious slander' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:16).

"Oh resistance factions, parties, groups, organizations, and shaykhs: if you are incapable of refuting these charges and you participate in the lie, aren't you able to remain silent? If you do not want to support them, can you hold your tongues from accusing them? You are only required to refrain from attacking the Islamic State that desires to rule by the Shari'ah of Prophet Muhammad, prayers and peace be upon him. Aren't you capable at least to say what (God said:) 'It is not right of us to speak of this' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:16). Aren't you capable of abstaining from supporting those suspects -- whom God exposed -- who level charges against the state of Islam?

(Line of poetry) "You will not notice any defect if you are content, but when you are discontent you will notice all the shortcomings.'

"Your deeds helped in the fight against them, injuring, capturing, and hurting many of them. Oh shaykhs, writers, media people, and resistance factions, hold your tongues as(mentioned) in the noble Hadith: 'Is there anything that causes people to be thrown into Hell on their faces, or he said, on their noses but the harvest of their tongues?' (Hadith)

"The Almighty God said: 'Behold, ye received it on your tongues, and said out of your mouths things of which ye had no knowledge; and ye thought it to be a light matter, while it was most serious in the sight of Allah' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:15).

"How can they hear it through their tongues when hearing is through the ears? If they heard it through their ears and carefully contemplated it and their minds were filled with it and their hearts contemplated it, they would have denied and not disseminated it in this manner. The eloquent description by the Koran states as if they heard it through their tongues they immediately say it through their tongues. This abominable act shows a manner of recklessness, frivolity, and lack of abstaining in handling the important and critical matters in a reckless way and without care.

"The Koran also describes that they talk about it with their mouths and not with their tongues after their minds, or hearts, or conscious contemplate on it.

"Imam Al-Qurtubi mentioned this verse and said: 'For this reason the scholars said: 'Originally the verse is about the status of faith acquired by the person, the status of piouness the believer has reached and the cloak of virtue that protects the Muslim, which could not be removed by a probable news, even if it got disseminated, if its origin is false and unknown'.'

"Therefore, it is a duty on a Muslim, if he hears a rumor or an error attributed to his brother, he must apply the event to himself first; this is the context of having a good opinion of Muslims. Subsequently, how is the condition of the mujahid who left his family and country to support Muslims? How is the condition of an Islamic State, which nations are calling each other to destroy it before its establishment? If the recipient of the fabrication exempts himself by considering it exalted to fall into mistakes, then the good opinion about his brothers obliges him to apply the same judgment toward them; otherwise, unintentionally, a Muslim will get the disease of admiring the self and contempt of others, as we found some of them. This disease is among the great plague, which cardiologists warned of and Shari'ah text discouraged. The problem does not lay in this, but it lay in a group of believers, who accepted to listen to these rumors, as well as a group of diseased hearts that love searching and disseminating such matters. Almighty God clarified that by saying: 'There would have been some among you who would have listened to them' (Koranic verse; Al-Tawbah, 9:47), meaning that they listened to the biased hypocrites. This is the greatest disease; that a group of people accepts to listen to these rumors and to the words of the biased and hypocrites.

"Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah, God's mercy be upon him, said: 'You must know if the hypocrites go out with the Muslim army, they will only make them insane as they quickly seek to spread sedition as some among the believers listen and respond to them for the wrong assumption or some sort of a desire or for both reasons. Despite all this, Almighty God, in the context of the previous verses, is guiding us to a great matter when He said: 'think it not to be an evil to you; On the contrary it is good for you' (Koranic verse; Al-Nur 24:11).

"Yes by God, behind what happened, it is advantageous to us and the Islamic State, whether we know that or not .Our standards are not purely secular, but religious, and they are related to the hereafter and we do not forget our share of it in life. It is not the right place to explain the great benefit that we and the Islamic State have accomplished as a result of these events.

"Those who slipped and got involved in what happened must begin to repent, as my Lord is more merciful. He, be glorified, stated in the context of verses: 'Allah doth admonish you, that ye may never repeat such conduct, if ye are true Believers And Allah makes the Signs plain to you:

for Allah is full of knowledge and wisdom' (Koranic verses; Al-Nur 24:17 and18). Praise be to God, Lord of all creation.

"2. If one of the soldiers or even one of the leaders committed a mistake, it was proven that they had erred in their efforts; mistakes are part of human nature and they are in a state of war and all the nations rushed madly upon them. It was mentioned in some terms -- as if they were applying an emergency law -- and their war does not allow the delay of decision-making. Their situation could not be compared to the so-called emergency laws as it is more intense. If they had committed mistakes, will their mistakes become magnified while they remain silent about their enemy's allegations? Or should their mistakes be compared to the crimes of their enemies? Should we mention their shortcomings and forward our arrows toward them, leaving behind the mistakes of their greatest enemy, the Americans and their allies, as they are saved from the arrows that are reversed toward us?

"Eight of the mujahidin left secretly in a mission assigned to them by their commander, and on their way two of them were delayed for some reason while the remaining six completed their journey. Their commander was the honorable Abdullah Ibn Jahsh, may God be pleased with him. When a convoy of Quraysh passed by, they thought they were on the last day of Jumada al-Thani; not knowing that it was the first day of Rajab, the sacred month. The brigade tried and killed Amr Ibn al-Hadrami and captured two while the fourth fled and they also captured the caravan. They returned (home) with their booty and captives and Quraysh began distorting the (image) of the mujahidin including all Muslims and their leader during the first Islamic State. They said: Muhammad and his companions have violated the sacred month (no fighting is allowed in this month), they spilled blood, seized wealth, and took men prisoners during this month.

"When the mujahidin came to God's messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, he said to them: 'I did not order you to fight during the sacred month' (Hadith). The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, refused to take the booty and both captured men and the booty fell into the hands of the mujahidin and they thought that they were destroyed. Their Muslim brothers harshly scolded them for their deeds.

"What was the Shari'ah deterrent in such an error or similar endeavors when the mujahidin erred and were admonished by God's messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, who did not accept their action, and the infidels and hypocrites discredited them as a result of their deeds?

"The Lord's directive came from above seven heavens, teaching and guiding us with a good comprehensive approach. The accusations came from the furious enemy or the apostate Awakening (Councils) or the factions or fronts that had established the apostate's fronts or the fronts mixed with rotten patriotism or parties that are placing their hands in the hands of the occupier or some clerics and proselytizers. Maybe the accusation actually happened and they accused the Islamic State to belittle them. Thus their deeds and sayings will consequently assist in creating a catastrophe for the mujahidin in deeming permissible the spillage of their blood, property, and honor. The divine guidance comes to resolve this matter and similar matters. Almighty God has descended the Koran that will be recited until Judgment Day. The Lord of all creation said: 'They ask thee concerning fighting in the prohibited month. Say: fighting therein is a grave offence' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah, 2:217).

"Yes, what they are doing is a big mistake, which they do not want to admit, but upon completion of the verse, we find the guidance in comparing the act of the enemy and their crimes against the believers. (God said:) 'To prevent access to the path of Allah, to deny Him, to

prevent access to the Sacred Mosque, and drive out its members; Tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter. Nor will they cease fighting you until they turn you back from your faith if they can' (Koranicverse; Al-Baqarah, 2:217).

"God is great.

"If it is proven that they actually made mistakes, do we leave all the mistakes and the calamity caused by their opponents and we cling to our brother's mistakes, who tried and made a mistake?

"They accuse the Islamic State of Iraq of harshness, takfir (declaring one who was previously a Muslim as a non-believer), immoderation, and deeming permissible the forbidden blood and the rest of their accusations, which are originally void, and upon it, they built their unjust sentences that should originally be applied to their opponents as they deem permissible their blood, as well as their fight against them and their support to the enemy and other admonitions. It is not surprising that they spread fabrications, as they (Islamic State) want to arbitrate Shari'ah in all the events of their life and it is a natural outcome that they will be attacked by nations, who are against the call of the prophets and the messengers for monotheism in all aspects of life with a comprehensive approach. What should we expect of their enemies who stood alongside the occupiers to accuse them, although they did not describe the enemy with such descriptions?

"The Almighty God has guided and taught us not to allow the infidels and the hypocrites to employ the events for their benefit to alienate the Muslims and mujahidin and guided us to support the truthful people. After mentioning that fighting in the sacred month is a great sin, He continued in the same verse by slandering the infidels and their aggression as it prevents access to the path of God, which is more condemning and more hideous than the mujahidin's mistake, as the infidels prevent access to the path of Allah, their non-belief in God, denying Muslims access to the Sacred Mosque, and now (driving them out) from the Iraqi provinces one after the other. Polytheism is considered by God worse than the killing conducted by the mujahidin in the sacred month, for which they were reproached and it was made as a reason to belittle them and to instigate against them to stop them from the path of God.

"Shaykh Al-Sa'di, may God have mercy on him, said: 'Since this verse descended because of the incident of Abdullah Ibn Jahsh and their killing of Umar Ibn al-Hadrami and seizure of their money, which occurred according to sayings in the month of Rajab, the infidels reproached them for fighting in the sacred month! They were unjust in their reproach, as they have offensive deeds that are greater than that by which they had reproached the Muslims. Almighty God clarified their stance and said: 'to prevent access to the path of Allah' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah, 2:217), meaning the polytheists' prevention of those who wanted to believe in God and His messenger and causing strife against those who believe and seeking to let them turn back from their religion, and their atheism is happening in the sacred month and sacred country, which in itself is enough evil. How could it be -- meaning the polytheists' action -- in the sacred month and in a sacred county?

"'And drive out its members' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah, 2:217) means the people of the Sacred Mosque, who are the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, and his companions because they are more entitled to it than the polytheist. These things, each and every one of them, is 'worse than slaughter' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah,2:217) in the sacred month and how, if it is gathered in all of them, meaning the polytheists?

"It is known that they are dissipated and unjust in their admonition of the believers. The Almighty told us that they will continue to fight the believers and their intention is not their wealth or killing them, but they intend to let them abandon their religion and become atheists after their faith, thus they became among the people of hell.

"Following this criterion and this creed, the killing of the polytheists combatants in the sacred month is called a great sin; so how about those who kill a Muslim mujahid of the Islamic State or justifying his killing with a justification that originally does not allow his killing, falsely accusing him of belonging to the immoderate people or takfiri or ignorant people for the least suspicion.

"The accusations that came initially from different directions and then evolved to be fighting with the trading resistance factions along with the Awakening (Councils) and the apostate police against the Islamic State and its soldiers. It was undoubtedly one of the most important factors in the delay of the jihadist project at this stage, as I see it. These accusations and their dissemination were the main reason for the continuation of the tragedies of the Muslims of Iraq. On the other hand, what those criminal fools have done benefits the aggressor infidel and the lurking hypocrite as it delights them and they utilize them very well in their war against Islam and Muslims in Iraq and in places other than Iraq.

"On the one hand, they solely directed at the Islamic State of Iraq criticism, accusing it of being immoderate and arrogant and having a love for leadership, being ignorant, and deeming permissible the forbidden blood, as well as other suspicions and lies, leaving the assailant infidels, the hypocrite traitors, and the pretenders without mentioning their cunning, scandals, aggression, and criminal acts in preventing the path of God. This is injustice itself! On the one hand it is an unjust assaulting method that is bias, and on the other hand it facilitates the way for the infidel invaders along with the hypocrites to gloat against the mujahidin and those who hold the banner of religion by attacking and abusing them. We seek God's refuge from their descriptions.

"Sayyid Qutub, may God's mercy be upon him, stated in his comment on the previous verse, which is applicable to what the Islamic State is facing from its adversaries and enemies, parties, resisting trading factions, police, and those who supported the occupier against them, about religious opinions in a stupid and foolish manner that was against them. They have strayed and misguided people and because of them the blood of the virtuous mujahidin of the Islamic State was shed, their honor was violated, and they were greatly harmed.

"Sayyid Qutub described the infidels and hypocrites' statement pertaining to the brigades of the honorable Abdullah Ibn Jahsh, may God be pleased with him, which was mentioned in the story above and the accusations of shortcomings regarding them by saying the following: 'The saying was a truthful word intended to void the right, only as a cover up they hid behind to distort the position of the Muslim community and make them appear as aggressors, while initially they are the aggressors! They violated the sanctity of the sacred month. They are tyrants and aggressors who do not value sanctities and are bold toward sanctities as they step on all the known ethics and religion respected by the society. They stand against the truth, preventing people from the truth, causing strife to the mujahidin and hurting them tremendously, driving them out from the sacred land in which everyone is safe, even the pests, and then they hide behind the sacred month! They have turned life upside down in the name of prohibitions and sanctities! Raising their voices: look here is Muhammad and his companions violating the sanctity of the sacred month!'

"The mujahidin of the Islamic State are not impeccable; they are right and they err, as Almighty(God) said: 'Fighting therein is a grave offence' (Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah,2:217) pertaining to the brigades of Abdullah Ibn Jahsh, may God be pleased with him. The biggest mistake is to waste their struggle and strive in the name of God and their exemplary punishment to the enemies of God and magnify their mistakes, which so far have not been proven! What was proven was that the promoters of these charges are more deserving of them. They have exposed themselves by themselves, like what happened with the Al-Mujahidin Army, HAMAS-Iraq, the agent Islamic Army, and other resistance trading factions and fronts, and the National Reform Fronts, which announced that they want to rule according to the secular law, meaning to rule without that which God has sent down!

"The divine creed and the Shari'ah standard teach us to stand always with the group of believers. Shaykh al- Islam Ibn Taymiyyah said: 'The believer should have enmity and support for the sake of God. If there was a believer, he should support Him even if he was aggrieved by Him; unjustness does not interrupt loyalty to faith.'

"God guides us to more than this act to deal with the truthful mujahidin as in the previous story in the context of verses, as the interpreters explained that God Almighty had appeased the hearts of those errant mujahidin in the brigades of the honorable Abdullah Ibn Jahsh , may God be pleased with him, in the verse that comes after the previous verses, as Almighty God said: 'Those who believed and those who suffered exile and fought and strove and struggled in the path of Allah,- they have the hope of the Mercy of Allah. And Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful'(Koranic verse; Al-Baqarah, 2:218).

"Consequently, in this manner we should deal with the mistakes by the truthful mujahidin who are seeking to apply the Shari'ah of the master of all prophets, Muhammad Ibn Abdullah, prayers and peace be upon him. We must disapprove of their mistakes if proven. Meanwhile we should not forget their struggle, sacrifices, good effort, and their desertion of their families and lands to defend the religion.

"This way, we will not give the infidels and hypocrites an opportunity to have joy because of the mujahidin's mistakes, those proven and those unproven and fabricated. We should remember the scandals of the infidels and their supporters and their prevention of access to the path of God; thus they could not exploit the event for their benefit against the Muslims.

"At the same time, we should praise the mujahidin after disapproving their mistakes by mentioning their virtues and supporting them, which has a great effect in their jihad and fight against the enemies of God, but more than that, as the divine instructions teach us to appease the mujahidin's hearts, who have been insulted by fabricating lies against them, after showing them their mistakes so that our Shari'ah and those protecting it would not be alienated, but it remains pure as it was previously in the best eras. It will remain protected from deviations and inclinations by the truthful mujahidin of the Islamic State.

(Line of poetry) "If a beloved commits one guilt, his merits will bring a thousand intercessions.

"Praise be to God in all events.

"3. If the mistakes by some of the soldiers or even some leaders are proven--no matter how big the mistake because every son of Adam errs--this should not underestimate the importance of the whole State, its creed, its jihad, its martyrdom, or the sacrifices of its people, but we must

disclaim the erred person because of his mistake even if it is great mistake. His mistake should not be a reason for hate, enmity, instigating, defaming him, but his position remains the same as well as his support. We should disclaim them according to Shari'ah measures, and our support should be without disappointment, instead of helping the enemies of God against them.

"My master mujahid, Usama Bani Zaid, may God be pleased with him, while fighting and striving, he killed a polytheist who pronounced the Shahadah (testified that there is no god but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God) under the pretext that he stated it to protect himself from being killed. The honorable prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, harshly admonished him, and despite that he remained loved by God's messenger, prayers and peace be upon him, and his position remained unchanged to the prophet. He even appointed him as an amir of the Army that was known by the name of 'Usama's Army' and he ordered and recommended support of his army. He even put under his command the honorable Abu Bakr al-Siddiq and the honorable Umar Ibn al-Khattab, may God be pleased with them. He did not have enmity or hatred toward him and he did not defame or instigate against him, God forbid. May peace and prayers be upon him and his family.

"This is the legitimate measure in dealing with the mistakes of the genuine mujahidin no matter how big the mistakes are. Their position remains and we remedy the mistakes and we clarify and give everyone their rights.

"The jihadist leader, my Master Khalid Ibn al Walid, may God be pleased with him, killed those who showed their Islam from the tribe of Juzaymah when he misunderstood their words! The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him, was furious about his deed and he disclaimed his deed in front of Almighty God, but he did not disclaim him and he remained the commander of the Army and the successive jihadist operations. He remained the commander of the Army until the era of the honorable Abu Bakr al-Siddiq and during the era of the honorable Umar Ibn al-Khattab, may God be pleased with them. Despite his great mistake, he (the prophet) did not eliminate his prestige or his jihad. So how is the situation of those who slandered, instigated, and showed enmity because of mistakes and faults toward a whole State, the Islamic State and Muslims!

"The time has come after the fall of the pretenders of warlords of resistance trading factions and chieftains and the exposure of their affairs. We should not be blamed in front of God by those who admonish with regard to them. They have shown their hostility toward the Islamic State of Iraq, they defamed it, fabricated lies, and demanded its dissolution and they supported the enemy to weaken it. They were the cause for deeming permissible the shedding of its mujahidin blood, honor, and Muslim's honor. God suffices and He is the best benefactor. God suffices and He is the best benefactor.

"Shaykh Ibn Jibrin said regarding the people who are similar to them and who ruined peace between believers, which is the peak (of problems), and they dismissed the Muslim masses from their brothers in the Islamic State and they falsely accused them: 'Reduce your admonitions toward them, or step in their position and deliver' (line of poetry).

"When did you repay what they repaid? When did you take action like their action? When were you useful like their usefulness? When did you make an impact like theirs? Woe unto you, won't you stop your evil, your harm, and your damage against your brothers who have the same belief like yours, and they call for goodness and call for God, the Exalted?

"You are like the ones about which one of the scholars said:

"Since when were you suited for every virtue?
"Since when were you at war against those who deviated or did not believe?
"Since when did you step on the enemy's head by a brigade?
"And a bomb or cannon that leaves no trace?
"You sell great proud honorable shaykhs,
"The light of insight and sight.
"They are blessings to the country and its people.
"By them God fends off the woes from the humans. (poem)

"Where are they from the guidance of the great Koran and the guidance of the prophets, messengers, and the master of all creations, Muhammad the trustworthy, prayers of God and peace be upon him and his family. Where are they from the regulations of the (Islamic) law and where are those commercial factions of resistance that claim that they follow the (Islamic) law while they see those who strive to arbitrate the (Islamic) law, and then they wage a war against them and they do not abide by a religion or a manner, so God suffices us for everything against them and He is the most excellent guardian."It is enough that whoever defames, calumniates, and antagonizes the Islamic State, God, the Great in His majesty, disgraces him and belittles him in the eyes of the wise! No one is left, according to what I see, from among those who fought the Islamic State(of Iraq) whether a party or a commercial resistance faction or a group or an institution or an organization or a shaykh without falling or becoming insignificant.

"Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe' (Koranic verse; Al-Hajj, 22:38).

"Allah is enough for a protector, and Allah is enough for a Helper' (Koranic verse; An-Nisa, 4:45).

"They have fallen into their evil deeds and we are not gloating over their misfortune, God forbid, but it is the law (of God).

"For this is the method of the prophets, prayers and peace be upon them. They are severely hostile against them. Even God, the Exalted, described what they encounter in saying:'(Respite will be granted) until, when the apostles give up hope (of their people) and (come to) think that they were treated as liars, there reaches them Our help, and those whom We will be delivered into safety. But never will be warded off our punishment from those who are in sin' (Koranic verse; Yusuf,12:110).

"After the prophets reach the stage of 'giving up hope (on their people),' which is a form of exaggeration due to the horror of their enemies' impact is on them, comes the great victory, then God will salvage whoever He wants and pour His power upon the criminals who avoid the call of the prophets to the oneness of God, the Great and Almighty, and to arbitrate His law in the entire life.

"Praise be to God, then praise be to God.

"Who is more deserving of peace? The Islamic State of Iraq or its adversaries?

"All of the people, nations, and countries at all times strive to achieve peace, and the world, through America's leadership, has become less safe today, and the Democratic Party claims that keeping peace is in its program more than others and it will take over a fatal inheritance from their defeated predecessor. After that they will dream of peace more than they dream about it

now. By God, we will make them the most miserable people of the world and the least peaceful with the help of the Self-Sufficient, the Powerful!

"The West, under the leadership of America in our war, used to live in prosperity, opulence, and comfort of financial progress and at the top of development in various fields of life, but today it is living in the low lands by losing safety and in a state of fear, horror, and worry and this controls all their sides of life. Prosperity did not achieve peace for them, and peace does not come without belief and they are both inseparable.

"The Truth, Blessed and Exalted He be, says: 'If the people of the towns had but believed and feared Allah, We should indeed have opened out to them (All kinds of) blessings from heaven and earth; but they rejected (the truth), and We brought them to book for their misdeeds.' (Koranic verse; Al-A'raf, 7:96) and also says: '(And Allah's Message is): 'If they (the Pagans) had (only) remained on the (right)Way, We should certainly have bestowed on them Rain in abundance'.' (Koranic verse; Al-Jinn, 72:16) So there is no peace or affluence or happiness or safety without the belief in God alone and arbitrating His law.

"The Truth, the blessed and the exalted He be, says describing the reasons of sending fear onto the people 'Allah sets forth a Parable: a city enjoying security and quiet, abundantly supplied with sustenance from every place: Yet was it ungrateful for the favors of Allah. So Allah made it taste of hunger and terror (in extremes)(closing in on it) like a garment (from every side), because of the (evil)which (its people) wrought' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl, 16:112).

"The nations gathered against the Islamic State as the predators gather against their preys: the great nations, the global intelligence, the international organizations, the research centers, the entire global media -- with the exception of the righteous and virtue people in the jihadist internet sites -- the most modern war planes, the satellites, missiles, bombs, tanks, neighboring countries, Awakening (Councils), the army and police, the shaykhs, commercial factions of resistance, and many, many others which struck it (Islamic State of Iraq) with same bow. God suffices us for everything and He is the most excellent guardian.

"By the mere low worldly measurements it is impossible for this Islamic State to withstand not even one week against those criminals and it does not have any security or peace!!

"But it (Islamic State of Iraq) will remain.

"My Lord, blessed and exalted He be, says: 'Men said to them: A great army is gathering against you: And frightened them: But it (only) increased their Faith: They said: "For us Allah sufficeth, and He is the best disposer of affairs' (Koranic verse; AlImran, 3:173).

"Yes, 'it (only) increased their Faith' and did not increase their fear or panic.

"The relation between peace and belief became clear and obvious in the book of God, the Great and Almighty, the Creator of everything, and in the method of His honorable messenger, prayers and peace be upon him and his family, the teacher for the entire humanity.

"So from the beginning the enemies of God will not obtain the heart's tranquility, rather the believers alone will obtain it. Even if those who make the claims – the merchants -- sought the help with all their capabilities, they would never achieve that. My Lord, the Exalted says: "Those

who believe and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah. For without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction' (Koranic verse; Al-Ra'd,13:28).

"For those who surrender to God alone, the weight is lifted from their chests and the tightness is gone, no patriotism, no nationalism, no factionalism but just Islamism. 'Is one whose heart Allah has opened to Islam, so that he has received Enlightenment from Allah, (no better than one hard-hearted)' (Koranic verse; Al-Zumar, 39:22). As for the other party that fights the call of the prophets and messengers, 'Woe to those whose hearts are hardened against celebrating the praises of Allah. They are manifestly wandering (in error)!' (Koranic verse; Al-Zumar, 39:22)

"And God, the Great and Almighty, brings down tranquility upon the hearts so panic is gone and their faith and worship of God increases and become far from the sins. 'It is He Who sent down tranquility into the hearts of the Believers, that they may add faith to their faith' (Koranic verse; Al-Fath, 48:4).

"So they will be blessed with peace and tranquility, then if the their state becomes solid and they rule only by what God sent without any circumstantial laws, this would be the peace that no one else on the entire earth has, with the permission of the Almighty, the Wise.

"The Truth, blessed and exalted He be, says: 'It is those who believe and confuse not their beliefs with wrong - that are (truly) in security, for they are on (right) guidance' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am, 6:82).

"So, what frightens us from our wretched lowly enemies? Is it the arrests, prison, torture, and interrogation? Heck with them, and disappoint them, but rather it gives us more power and firmness on the religion as long as we are supporting the religion of God to seek his satisfaction. Do we fear the killing, eviction, and chasing? How nice it is to be harmed for the sake of supporting the religion of God, the Great and Almighty.

"We are at a peace that the Americans, their allies, and those who follow their plan will never have. So who is more worthy of peace? Is it the Islamic State or its adversaries?!

"My Lord, blessed He be, says: 'Whoever works righteousness, man or woman, and has Faith, verily, to him will We give a new Life, a life that is good and pure and We will bestow on such their reward according to the best of their actions' (Koranic verse; Al-Nahl, 16:97). So this is the life that the leaders and soldiers of the Islamic State of Iraq feel. Also, anyone who is under their command, may God keep their glory, will sense it by the will of God.

"As for the enemies of the Islamic State (of Iraq), the Americans and those who support them and followed them, they are the furthest people from peace, tranquility, and serenity. My Lord, blessed He be, says: 'But whosoever turns away from My Message, verily for him is a life narrowed down' (Koranic verse; Taha, 20:124)and says: 'If anyone withdraws himself from remembrance of ((Allah)) Most Gracious, We appoint for him an evil one, to be an intimate companion to him' (Koranic verse; Al-Zukhruf, 43:36).

"As for the Awakening(Councils), the commercial factions of resistance, and whoever gave the fatwa to them, then they are also far from comfort and tranquility because of the difference between who wants God's acceptance and who wants to please many parties!

"The honorable messenger, prayers of God and peace be upon him and his family, said: 'Verily, he who seeks the pleasure of Allah, even while displeasing people, He suffices him in his affairs with people. But he who seeks the pleasure of people while Allah is displeased, He leaves him to people (and he will be far from His Grace)' (Hadith).

"Therefore, whomever God is pleased with will not feel fear or the loss of peace.

"I, the humble worshiper of God who is proud of his religion, hold God, the carriers of His thrown, His angels, and his entire creation as witness that I am satisfied with the Islamic State of Iraq, its leaders, its soldiers, and its jihad because the Islamic State is more deserving of peace than its adversaries, the enemies of God, but since the war was waged between the two parties, we feel more safe and our enemy feels more terrified, afraid, and not tranquil!!

"I give you an example on the difference between us, after Tuesday's marvelous blessed events which targeted America with four airplanes. America has been living in horror, fear, and panic that did not and will never end, by the will of God, until this day. If those who work in the airline business were asked about the changes in the procedures since these blessed events, you would find many surprises!

"In our example, an American study -- which conceals a lot of the truth which is the habit of the defeated in lying -- shows that under the account of 'American Psychological Society' that six out of ten soldiers who went to Iraq and Afghanistan suffer from 'painful psychological tensions' and those are the ones who underwent treatment. According to the study, most who suffer from these tensions try to hide it and some did not go for treatment for fear of a scandal, and therefore they are not classified among the six out of ten defeated infidel fools who tried to fight you, oh Islamic State.

"God, the exalted, says: 'Soon shall We cast terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers, for that they joined companions with Allah, for which He had sent no authority: their abode will be the Fire: And evil is the home of the wrong-doers' (Koranic verse; Al-Imran, 3:151).

"And also says: 'And those of the People of the Book who aided them - Allah did take them down from their strongholds and cast terror into their hearts. (So that) some ye slew, and some ye made prisoners' (Koranic verse; Al-Ahzab, 33:26).

"No matter how much they fight you, you are in peace and they are in terror and fear and are scared. The prophet, prayers and peace be upon him and his family, said: 'I have been given five (as received) things which were not given to anyone else before me: 1. Allah made me victorious by awe, (by His frightening my enemies) for a distance of one month's journey; 2. The earth has been made for me (and for my followers) a place for praying and a thing to perform ablution using sand' (Hadith). Some explainers of the Hadith said that this is not exclusive for the prophet alone, but rather for him and his nation where he said in the Hadith: 'The earth has been made for me (and for my followers) a place for praying.' This rule is for him and his nation, therefore it applies also to the first part 'Allah made me victorious by awe' meaning for him and his nation, however the exclusiveness is that this was not granted to other nations before him. The Hadith was mentioned by Al-Drami in the text '(by His frightening my enemies) for a distance of one month's journey.' Al-Sanadi said in his footnotes on Sunan al-Nisa'i: 'The effect of this exclusiveness remained in the caliphs of his nation as long as it remained on status quo,' and this is what we see and feel in the enemies of the Islamic State.

"Then rule by the laws of God, the Great and Almighty, the One with no partner. My Lord, the Exalted, says: 'It is those who believe and confuse not their beliefs with wrong – that are (truly) in security, for they are on (right) guidance' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am, 6:82). When this verse was revealed, it became a burden on the companions for what it has, so they said 'which one of us has not sinned?'

"Those are the best people after the prophets and messengers and they feared that they would not have that peace! Which one of us has not disobeyed God? Which one of us has not committed a sin or offense? But the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him and his family, reassured them in his saying: 'Not like that, but rather as the right servant of God said 'O my son! join not in worship (others) with Allah. for false worship is indeed the highest wrong-doing' (Koranic verse; Luqman,31:13)' (Hadith).

"So those who leave polytheism and do not mix their monotheism with it has the peace in life and thereafter.

"I say to all adversaries of the state of Islam, America, its allies, and the commercial resistance factions which facilitate their missions, as well as the apostate Awakening (Councils) and everyone who stands in her (State of Islam) face, what my Lord the Almighty in His Loftiness had said, 'Which of (us) two parties hath more right to security? (tell me) if ye know. It is those who believe and confuse not their beliefs with wrong - that are (truly) in security, for they are on (right) guidance' (Koranic verse; Al-An'am, 6: 81-82). You do not lose the pride that we feel; human beings cannot lose something they do not already have.

"Oh state of Islam and its soldiers, remain steadfast on the religion of God and do not bootlick or give it up. Hold on to it (the religion) tightly. The signs which God the Great and the Almighty has given you are many because you are helping in His cause, His religion, and His prophet. As for your enemy, we do not know that it fears anything more than it fear you: 'Of a truth ye are stronger (than they) because of the terror in their hearts, (sent) by Allah' (Koranic verse; Al-Hashr,59:13). They do not complain about or fear anyone other than you and only you from among all of the factions. This is support from God, the Great and Almighty, and a sign for you, oh mujahidin believers, so that you do not become tired or weary, lose heart or despair. The Lord, blessed He be, says: 'Remember thy Lord inspired the angels (with the message): 'I am with you: give firmness to the Believers: I will instill terror into the hearts of the Unbelievers'"(Koranic verse; Al-Anfal, 8:12). He instilled in the hearts of your enemies the terror from you, and He sustains you by support from Him.

"Perhaps the minds of the West, the tyrants of the east, some of deceived ones, and those who make claims of knowledge cannot accept that a group of believers had established an Islamic State that can lead and rule Iraq, and I say as a matter of fact that this state will be able, in a few years by the will of God, to lead the entire Islamic world because it adheres to a divine method by the guidance of the honorable prophet that makes those in charge of it qualified for this duty and more. Think with me, can a lad lead a camel? Only if the lad has the awareness that the camel lacks!

"The Last word:

"What would a free soul do when his last breath rattles in his throat by shackles that are on him from the modern ignorance confining him while he sees the rise of dawn on the horizon by establishing a state for Islam?

"Life came back to him just by hearing about it and about its men who sold themselves for its establishment to liberate the people by the Oneness of God and worshiping Him and ruling by the laws He wanted for the people and by what He know is best for them.

"What should he do when he sees who is able to give him back his breath and life while the close ones conspired against him that is looming over us and the enemy that controls our matters?

"What would a human do while in panic because the arena is empty of loyalists with the exception of a very few who are holding the embers?

"What would he do when he sees those who make the claims of jihad conspiring against this hope that almost brings life back to him? He has to do nothing but gather his strength stand a glorified stance and shout optimistically to regain his life, saying that the state of Islam will remain.

"So honorable believer brother, adversaries of the Islamic State of Iraq who had slipped in (some)dispute or conveyed some false accusation and rumors or permitted it and witnessed it and did not disavow it and doubted his brothers, I say: People know the honesty of the Islamic State of Iraq's method, and they know that its leaders and soldiers were the most falsely accused over and over again, and many other parties participated with them in these accusations and many of those who make the claims of jihad that business with the group is falling and they started to reveal themselves 'but the plotting of Evil will hem in only the authors thereof' (Koranic verse; Fatir, 35:43) and the ranks were well distinguished that 'those who died might die after a clear Sign (had been given), and those who lived might live after a Clear Sign (had been given)' (Koranic verse; Al-Anfal, 8:42). So I tell you in a few words and I remind you through the saying of my Merciful, Loving Lord: 'O ye who believe! Turn to Allah with sincere repentance: In the hope that your Lord will remove from you your ills and admit you to Gardens beneath which Rivers flow,- the Day that Allah will not permit to be humiliated the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their Light will run forward before them and by their right hands'(Koranic verse; At-Tahrim, 66:8). I pray to God, the Exalted, by His favor and generosity to make among those who are not defamed and to place us with the(prophet), prayers and peace be upon him and his family and the believers, and not to deprive us of the light with them.

"Contemplate the oppression that happened to your brothers in the Islamic State (of Iraq), do you know about the hardship, suffering, and misery that they are experiencing? Do you know the amount of worry and grief that they are living? Do you know about the pure blood that was spilled by oppression and animosity and the honor that was violated?

"I say to all of you: ask forgiveness from God and repent to Him and know that our hearts are open for you, and God knows that we miss you. We are from you and you are from us, and who does not make mistakes? The issue has not yet gone too far. Set before your eyes the words of my Lord, the exalted: 'If ye turn back (from the Path),He will substitute in your stead another people; then they would not be like you' (Koranic verse; Muhammad, 47:38).

"And to my brothers and beloved leaders and soldiers of the glorified Islamic State of Iraq and their supporters and those who love them I say: Persevere, for you are following the right path. Remain steadfast for you are following the right path; remain steadfast for you are on the clear righteousness.

"Beware, beware, and beware of altering or changing this religion. Hold tight to the strong rope of God and be the most merciful Muslims to the Muslims and the most hard against the non-believers and hypocrites.

"Hold on to the laws of the noble prophet, our master and beloved Muhammad, prayers and peace be upon him and his family and hold on to it tightly; you have no other alternative. Do not rule by any other or combine it with what is lower. It is the most supreme (law) and nothing is loftier.

"It is a matter of a few days and we will meet with the beloved ones, Muhammad and his family and companions.

"Our noble prophet prayers and peace be upon him and his family, had promised us to meet him at the lake and said: 'Your meeting with me is at my pool (hawd), the length and width of which are the same and are equal to the distance between Aylah and Mecca, covered during one month's journey. There are goblets floating on the pool, which are more than the number of stars in the sky. Its water is whiter than silver. Once you take a sip of its water, you will never be thirsty again' (Hadith).

"The best and most perfect of creation, the most honorable among the prophets and the messengers misses us. Yes he misses us and misses seeing us. He said before his death, 'I wish that I could meet my brothers' (Hadith).

"So do we deserve this entire great honor? He misses us and promises to meet us at the lake and describes us as his brothers. Hasn't God guided us by him? Hasn't God saved us by him? Hasn't God given us mercy by him and hasn't God blessed us by him?

"My mother, father, myself, and all my relatives, our lives are for him.

"May our mothers become bereaved if we do not support the messenger of God, prayers and peace be upon him and his family.

"Oh brothers and beloved ones, I warn you and myself, the wrongful, sinful, and imperfect self, that we disobey the orders of our prophet and our beloved and the apple of our eyes, prayers and peace be upon him and his family. Or to change his religion and laws we shame him!

"Or we rule by something other than the law of God, the Great and Almighty, in what we have, for the prophet, prayers and peace be upon him and his family, said: 'I am your predecessor at the pool (lake), and I will be waiting for whoever will come to me. I will increase your numbers among the nations, so do not disgrace me. You have seen and heard me, and you will ask about me. Whoever lies to me, let him prepare his place in Hell. Some of you will be brought in front of me until I see them and then they will be taken away from me and I will say, 'O Lord, my companions!' It will be said, 'You do not know what they did after you had left' (Hadith). Then he says to whoever brings novelties after him or changes or adjusts: 'destruction, destruction to those who changed things after me' (Hadith).

"Beware of changing or giving up what is right, which you are experiencing and it is in front of your eyes, the acceptance of God, the Great and Almighty, Who has no accomplices. If He is pleased by you, then He will not become discontent with you and this is the victory in life and thereafter, and this is the clear victory.

"I say what you have read and I ask forgiveness from God for me, the leaders, and the soldiers of the glorious proud state, 'the Islamic State of Iraq,' and to our Shaykh Abu Umar al-Baghdadi, and to my parents and the believers and female believers.

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