

Bin Ladin Urges Egyptians to Help End Gaza Siege, Muslims to Regain Palestine

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Terrorism: Bin Ladin's Message Urges Muslim Nation to Regain Palestine On 18 May, a forum participant posted to a news website and discussion forum several links to a 22 minute, 38 second audio recording by Usama Bin Ladin, leader of Al-Qa'ida Organization, produced by Al-Sahab Media Production Organization, the media arm of Al-Qa'ida. The audio statement is entitled "a message to the Muslim nation." A translation of the audio recording follows:

"Praise be to God, Lord of the Universe. Prayers and peace be upon our prophet Muhammad and on all his scion and companions.

"My beloved Muslim ummah (nation), peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you. The Jews' celebration - with the participation of world leaders - of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Zionist enemy in usurped Palestine clearly emphasizes that the values of justice, freedom, and humanitarianism are but hollow slogans they raise to trick the weak and hide behind them the prevailing law in this age, namely; the law of jungle and fang, the law that enables the strong to eat up the weak, the law that says if you are not a wolf then wolves will eat you. He who is strong will outmatch others, and he who kowtows will tolerate disgrace.

"They have no place for he who has a claim to a right if he is weak, for the decision and last word is for the strong even if he is a liar.

"My Muslim nation! Nine decades have passed since Palestine fell first to the Christians and then to the Jews. If those who in their time Palestine was usurped have reaped what they sowed, and if the kings and presidents have sacrificed Palestine and Al-Aqsa Mosque so as to keep their thrones - and that is confirmed by the facts and documents - and if many religious scholars (ulema) have appeased and trusted them to preserve their honor, prestige, posts, institutes, and universities, claiming that that is in the interest of the (Islamic) Call (al-da'wah) - if all those gentlemen and dignitaries have sacrificed the entire Palestinian cause we are not exempted from the responsibility. Indeed, the responsibility is ours, by the Lord of the Ka'bah, and every one of us bears responsibility for the death of our oppressed kinfolk in the Gaza Strip, where scores have died as result of an unjust blockade. It is the duty of our brothers, the knights of the land of Kinanah (Egypt) to break that blockade because they are the only ones on the border of the Gaza Strip. Therefore they must strive to lift that blockade and to overthrow that vain tyrant whose heart has hardened into stone, the killer of the children of Gaza, who is saturated with (the spirit of) Pharaoh and Haman (Pharaoh's minister who drowned with him) in previously killing the children of the Children of Israel. May he and his aides get what they deserve from God.

"In order to avoid the failures that prevented the liberation of Palestine over the past decades, the present generation should study the reasons of the failure and take lessons from them. I will participate with you in that by mentioning some of the points in order to avoid them. First, I say the nation was not subdued at the time because of the scarcity of sincere persons who wanted to volunteer and struggle to regain Palestine, but it was subdued because its overwhelming majority was unaware of the new political situation that arose following the absence of the Ottoman State. Since then, the final say in the region had been for the Crusaders who installed their agents in our countries, and the nation believed that those agents are their legitimate rulers who are concerned for its welfare and whose protection is sought, and behind whom they fight. The people were thus reassured and believed those rulers when they said they will carry

out their duties, the most important of which is the regaining of Palestine. They entrusted them with the (Palestine) cause, and the cautious person is attacked from the place he considers safe (a saying).

"Here I will give an example to summarize and explain the nation's situation: Its situation was like sheep in a land with lions, and their shepherd was not caring for them properly but he was protecting them from the wolves. The shepherd's enemies colluded against him and killed him, and replaced him with wolves from among us and our enemies. The wolves wreaked havoc among the sheep. Every day the herd cherished the hope the wolves will desist from devouring the sheep but they did not do so. Does any rational person doubt that such a hope is misplaced? Such is our situation. The Ottoman State - its big faults notwithstanding - was protecting the ummah from the Crusader Western wolves. Britain colluded with Arab leaders, led by Al-Sharif Husayn (Bin-Ali of Mecca) and his sons, and King Abd-al-Aiz Al Sa'ud, in fighting and overthrowing the Ottoman State, and it was overthrown. Then Britain installed agents who implement its policy and preserve its interests at our expense. It is a foolish for a human being to think that the agents of the Crusader-Zionist alliance will stop fighting our religion and usurping our wealth. They are like the wolves that do not stop devouring the sheep. He who shepherds sheep in a land with lions and neglects them will find that the lion shepherds them.

"If the nation today is subdued because it did not do what it should have done to confront the surrogates of the Crusaders and to stave off their threat, many of the nation's sincere sons when they knew about the subservience of the country's rulers to the United States shunned them and joined Islamic groups that call for empowering Islam, restoring the Caliphate, and regaining Palestine. The truth is that the leaders of such groups found that the matter is a very heavy responsibility. Moreover, the rulers did not give them a chance to make an effort to achieve the good they sought, for the rulers increased the pressure on them, and faced them with the choice of either relinquishing the canon law (Shari'ah) path that enables them to establish an Islamic state, namely jihad in the way of God, or to be tortured and killed. They chose the first option, abandoned jihad for the sake of God, and termed as violence the mujahidin's fighting of the tyrants' violence and maligned it and maligned the mujahidin. There is no power and strength except through God! (a common supplication) What they have done is that they brought those who had sought to move away from the ruler's subservience back to the ruler's fold and to obeying him, recognizing his legitimacy in the name of Islam and the interest of the Call, falsely and misleadingly.

"Therefore, many of the nation's sincere sons are still going round in the same vicious circle in which the nation began to go round 90 years ago.

"My Muslim nation! Is it not time for you to get out of this wilderness? You have been weighed down by your wounds and exhausted by misfortunes as you have been following every obstinate tyrant. Is it not time for you to disavow Arab and non-Arab tyrants, from Indonesia to Mauritania, for the path to honor, dignity, glory, happiness, and regaining Palestine is clear and manifest in the religion of Almighty God, and that path was taken by the heroic leader Salah-al-Din al-Ayyubi (Saladin). When comparing some of his deeds with some of the deeds of Arab rulers during those decades we will see clearly the path to regain Palestine, God willing:

"First, Salah-al-Din abided by the teachings of Islam, and read he words of Almighty God: "So (Prophet) fight in God's way. You are accountable only for yourself. Urge the believers on, for God may well curb the power of the disbelievers, for He is stronger in might and more terrible in punishment," (Koran, Women: 4: 84). Thus he realized that the way to break the disbelievers' might is by fighting in God's way.

"As for the Arab rulers, they have shunned the teachings of Islam and considered the teachings of America and found that it orders the deletion of the (Koranic) verses on fighting and jihad from academic curricula, and orders capitulation in the name of peace. Therefore, they unanimously decided that peace with the Zionist entity is their strategic option. What a bad decision!

"Second, Salah-al-Din used to consort with pious ulema and sought knowledge even in the fields of jihad in order to apply it, and helped the ulema in urging the nation to struggle (jihad) against the Crusaders. As for the Arab rulers, they captivated the ulema with jobs in order to silence them, and they imprisoned those of them who refused, and they opened the media to bad ulema to discourage this generation's youth from struggling against (jihad) America and its agents. They (the ulema) stabbed the mujahidin and falsely testified that the agent rulers are legitimate.

"Third, Salah-al-Din fought the princes and their helpers who had fought alongside the Crusaders against the Muslims, even though those princes used to say "There is no god but God", because they knew that they had violated those great words by their deeds. As for the Arab rulers, they stood under the larger Crusader flag, led by Bush, to fight Islam and its people under the umbrella of the war on terrorism, as they alleged - and that is an apparent apostasy. If the mujahidin fight them they called them takfiri (those who consider others unbelievers) Kharijites (the earliest religious-political sect in Islam that turned against the Caliph after being his supporters).

"Fourth: Salah al-Din used to enlist volunteers for jihad without the prior approval of Richard, the king of Britain, or his representative, to start jihad against them. However, the general mufti and a group of official and semi-official ulema in the land of the two holy mosques, led by the formerly shaykh of awakening, set permission from America's agent in Riyadh as a condition to fight the Americans. God's Messenger, may God's peace and prayers be upon him, said: "What had reached the people of the first prophethood is that if you are not ashamed do whatever you want." In Egypt, however, the general guide (of the Muslim Brotherhood) requested the approval of Bush's agent there in order to send 10,000 mujahidin to fight the Jews. What disdain of the minds of youths is this? In Lebanon, Hasan Nasrallah says that he does not want money because he has pure and untainted money, as he claimed, and does not want men because he has enough. However, the truth is the opposite of what he said. If he were honest and had enough, why did he not continue the fight to liberate Palestine and save our people from the Jews? On the contrary, he has welcomed the Crusader forces to protect the Jews. Subhi al-Tufayli, the former secretary general of Hizballah, has revealed the truth when he said that (Former UN Secretary General) Kofi Annan came to Lebanon and met with the Hizballah leaders to document the agreement between Hizballah and the Zionist entity. This is why he refused to accept the mujahidin volunteers because this conflicts with the signed agreement.

"Thus, the difference becomes clear between the course pursued by Salah-al-Din al-Ayyubi in fighting the infidels to stop their aggression and the course of America that was pursued by the Arab rulers. This course advocates surrendering to the enemy. Also became clear the course of the ulema, groups, and parties which revolve in the orbit of the governments. This is a clear straying from the right path. Although some of them raise the slogan of "Islam is the solution," do not be deluded by them, for the fact that they recognize apostate rulers conflicts with their slogan. Their state of affairs is like a man in early Islam saying that Islam is the solution. Abu-Jahl (one of the Meccan leaders, known for his hostility to Muslims) and the strong men of Quraysh (the tribe of the prophet) are among the then rulers, and thus, he is committed to what is issued by Dar al-Nadwah (the council chamber of Quraysh) in terms of man-made legislation

and laws. So, is there a sane Muslim who doubts that these people were led astray far away from the right path?

"When I describe the Islamic groups based on realistic situations, then this is out of giving advice to the nation and out of my concern about warning it against deviating from its course. The soundness of the course is above the safety of the states, groups, and individuals. When the safety of these sides conflict with the soundness of the course it will actually be an imagined safety. Safety, all safety lies in pursuing the course Almighty God revealed to our Prophet Muhammad, may God's peace and prayer be upon him. In addition to the fact that being a hypocrite toward falsehood is a sin, it helps others proceed on the path of misguidance and will never allow them to support religion, as they claim and imagine. Supporting the religion of God is attained by adhering to what He decreed and not by the heretical doctrines the heretics create in religion. Those hypocrites will not liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque or regain Jerusalem, but they will be liberated by youths who believed in their Lord, and Who advanced them in guidance. For these youths, the Al-Wala and Al-Bara doctrine (loyalty to Muslims and disavowal of non-Muslims), is given priority over kings and princes. These youths do not wait for the old ones if they stay behind or consult the notables if they become corrupt. These youths' source of talaqqi (learning) are not the laws of the United Nations or the so-called the international legitimacy, the idols of the West and east, or the ulema or leaders of groups in whose shadow they hide. Their sources of learning are also not political analyses by tendentious media that do not comply with the law of God, which disdain the rituals of religion under the name of humor, spread atheism under the name of the freedom of expression, and seek to distort the image of mujahidin and weaken them. However, these youths' sources of learning are the Book of Almighty God and the Sunna of our prophet, may God's peace and prayer be upon him. If a tree or a stone calls on them and says O Muslim, O slave of God, here is a Jew behind me, so come and kill him, they set out like arrows to smite at necks. Falling from skies on earth is easier to them than taking the permission from a tyrant or from anyone who recognizes him in order to implement the order of Almighty God and that of His Messenger, may God's peace and prayers be upon him.

"To conclude, I say that the way to liberate Palestine is clear and visible to the eye. However, when the issue is to be implemented on the ground differences emerge. Needless to say that there is no way to get to Palestine except through fighting the governments and parties that surround the Jews and prevent us from fighting them. At the time, many people will cry and say: How do you kill the one who says there is no God but Allah? Had such people had the power or a word at the time of Salah-al-Din and after him, they would have prevented him from taking practical steps to liberate Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque would have remained in captivity for 10 centuries. Such people move among several issues, which include the fact that they do not understand their religion. The companions of the prophet, may god be pleased with them, were unanimous on fighting those who refused to pay the zakah (alms tax) although they bear witness that there is no god but Allah and perform the other pillars of Islam. So, how would it be by the rulers who replaced Islam with man-made laws and fight with Christians against Muslims?

"Another possibility is that such people were so coward to fight the enemy and their wills became too weak to bear the costs of jihad in terms of leaving one's homeland and being away from relatives and friends. Such people might be void of wisdom. The rulers rule us with not what God has revealed. They have assumed power either by a military coup or by foreign armed support. They then say do not carry weapons. I say that the one who willingly abandons his weapon is the one who has no sense of honor and whose faith is weak. The mujahidin have read Almighty God's saying: "Among the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. of them some have completed their vow (to the extreme), and some (still) wait: but they have never changed (their determination) in the least." (Koranic verse, Al-Ahzab (The

Confederates), 33:23) Weapons were in the hands of the early honest men, may God be pleased with them, in both cases, of those who completed their vow to the extreme and some who still wait. We will keep the pledge and we will never change our determination in the least, God willing.

"O youths of the generation: Jihad is the only way to liberate Palestine and Al-Aqsa Mosque and to regain the orthodox caliphate, God willing. So, make sure to be available in its arenas, particularly those closest to Palestine. I assure you that the Zionist entity on the land of Palestine is very weak and abounds with weaknesses. It knows full well that it lacks the elements of survival in a large Islamic surrounding without a cord of support from the West and their agents, the rulers of the region. This is one of the main reasons behind its survival. This in addition to the fact that it was not exposed, even for one time, to a real war for the liberation of Palestine. Some might say that the Arabs have waged many wars and fought the Jews but Palestine was not liberated. I say that the one who is aware of the real nature of these wars knows that none of these wars was fought seriously enough to liberate Palestine. This is in addition to the absence of the necessary conditions for the success of this war. It would be enough to know that the commander-in-chief of all Arab armies that participated in the first war 60 years ago, and which was known as the 1948 war, was the British officer Glubb. So, is there any wise person who believes that the Arabs are serious about regaining Palestine? Britain was the side that handed Palestine over to the Jews and it was the one that appointed that officer as commander of the Jordanian army. He had the real power. The former King, Abdallah Bin-al-Sharif (Al-Husayn Bin-Ali), had only the name and the flag. That war was only a theatrical and an example of treason. Immediately after the war, they have accepted the temporary truce and then the permanent one. There was no war for which adequate preparation took place except the 10 Ramadn (October 1973) war. However, the supreme commander of this war, the late Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, was mainly concerned about regaining Sinai whatever the case may be, and not about liberating Palestine. This is what happened.

"As for the war in south Lebanon two years ago, during which the Jews sustained heavy losses, when it is put in its natural context, it becomes clear that it was a war in self-defense, but was not for the liberation of Palestine. Thus, it becomes clear that the fact that the Zionist entity has survived until today is not because it is powerful, but because the governments have relinquished jihad and resistance against it and protected its borders due to its weakness. I assure you that the Zionist entity cannot bear one hundredth of what the mujahidin offered before to defeat the Russians in Afghanistan. It also cannot bear one hundredth of what the mujahidin offered today to strike at America and its agents in Iraq. All these efforts are the efforts of the sons of my nation, not the efforts of governments. So, have faith in God and them in yourself and adhere to the path of jihad. You should know that the weakness of the Zionist entity is not enough to defeat it, for although it is weak, the worm-eaten wood needs power to drop it, hoping that you will be this power, God willing.

"O youths of the generation, "our wills ask me why cowardice and weakness when our world is full of harmful policies that are aimed at weakening our faith, and here lies the danger, O brother, you are a superpower and jihad against infidelity is your ordeal, do you fear death when death is your paradise, the pillar of religion will not become strong by shouts and defeatist calls, nothing other than the sword is useful to the youths of the generation." (last sentence in quotes verses of poetry) "And praise to Allah, the Lord and Cherisher of the Worlds." (Koranic verse, Al-Saffat, (The Rangers), 37:181) May God's peace and prayers be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and all his companions."