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In the Name of Allah. All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon all his family, companions, and those who followed his footsteps.

My Muslim brothers: As-Salamu alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

To proceed:

These days mark the passing of 30 years since the signing of the Israel peace accords (the Egypt-Israeli Peace treaty) and 6 years since the Iraq invasion. Both of these events require us to stop and think.

As for the Israeli peace accords, two things have become clear after these 30 years:

- 1) The first is that one of the most important results of the accords was the exclusion of Egypt from the Arab-Israeli conflict. Thus, Israel became stronger in the region. It attacked Lebanon a number of times, it struck the nuclear reactor in Iraq, and finally, it perpetrated murder, destruction and ruin in Gaza. The Arabs, especially the Egyptian government, watch silently; rather, many of them encourage and support Israel.
- 2) The second is that these accords are living example of the wastage of sacrifices made on the battlefield due to political ruse and bargaining. In the war of 1973, the Egyptian and Syrian armies were in the lead within the first days of the war, then because of the cowardice of the political leadership of Egypt, the tides turned, and the Israelis advanced against the two fronts, Syria and Egypt. These are well-known recorded facts, but this is not the place to mention them all. The war was followed by a number of talks which resulted in the Egypt-Israeli Peace Treaty in which the sacrifices made and blood split was made waste, to start a new stage in a region in the heartland of the Islamic world distinguished by American and Jewish control and supremacy. Thus, [we learn that] the sacrifices made in the battlefield alone are not enough to achieve victory. Rather, one side of the war may achieve things through the political bargaining which occurs after the war which it was unable to in the war itself. This is what is occurring today in the compromises and pressures being placed upon the government in Gaza, so that Israel can gain from compromise, besiegement and pressurization things it could not on the battlefield.

Muneer Shaqiq: It seems to me that they want to establish a national unity government which Hamas agrees to. They will try their best that this national unity government be led by Salam Fayyad, to protect their security agencies produced by Dayton in the West Bank, and to protect the arrests which were made. For this reason, there is tremendous pressure that the Palestinian dialogue does not commence, or that the demands of Hamas be met that those arrested are freed. For this reason, I believe that this dialogue taking place is still working under an umbrella which seeks to prepare Palestine to outwardly calm the relations between Hamas, Fat'h, and other Palestinian organizations, and to form a government regarded as a government for all led by Salam Fayyad. Joining Salam Fayyad and Mahmoud Abbas means to proceed in a way Mitchell wants, which means proceeding in a way which will put an end to the Palestinian cause and the attempt to prevent any resistance which fights for this cause. For this reason, it is obligatory that those involved in the Cairo talks take note of this.

Sheikh Ayman: As for Iraq, the land of the Caliphate, six years have come to pass since its invasion by the Christian Crusaders. All praise is due to Allah, six years of loss and failure and [six years of] American being stuck in the quagmire of two wars in the Islamic world. They have no idea how to get out of them without defeat, loss and economic drain.

Abdul-Bari Atwan: Practically... what is the cause of this global economic downfall? This global economic downfall has occurred because Al-Qaeda dragged America into two wars: the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq... more than 800 billions dollars.

Narrator: A study carried out by two economists showed that the cost of the war in Iraq, supposing two methods of calculation, one conservative and another moderate, may reach 1-2 trillion dollars, as detailed in the following chart, even though they stated that they did not include the war in Afghanistan, which they acknowledged that it cost America up until they time they carried out this study in Feb, 2006, 82 billion dollars, about a billion dollars monthly. Similarly, the Iraq Study Group Report estimated that the net cost of American interference in Iraq has reached 2 trillion dollars.



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**THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF THE IRAQ WAR:
AN APPRAISAL THREE YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFLICT!**

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Three years ago, as America was preparing to go to war in Iraq, there were discussions of the likely costs. When Larry Lindsey, President Bush's chief economist, suggested that they might reach \$200 billion, there was a quiet murmur in the House: that number was a gross overestimation.¹ Deputy Treasury Secretary John Wolfowitz claimed that Iraq could "really finance its own war" and that the war would be both underestimating what was required and the debt burden would be too heavy to manage.² The successful prosecution of the war would have a profound effect on the economy.³

Many aspects of the Iraq venture have turned out differently from what was expected before the war: there were no weapons of mass destruction, Saddam Hussein was not a Qaeda and Iraq, no imminent danger that would warrant a preemptive strike, and Americans were greeted as liberators or not, there is evidence that Iraqis are being viewed as occupiers. Stability has not been established. Oil prices have risen and have been markedly different from those claimed.

So too for the costs. It now appears that Lindsey was indeed underestimating the costs. Congress has already appropriated \$100 billion for military operations, reconstruction, embassy costs, extra foreign aid programs in Iraq and Afghanistan. This total, by the end of November 2005, includes \$25 billion for military operations in Iraq and \$24 billion for related foreign operations, such as reconstruction.

Net Economic Cost of the War on Iraq (In Billion Dollars)		
Calculation	Conservative	Moderate
Direct Cost	839	1189
Economic Cost	187	1050
Total	1026	2239

¹ Paper prepared for presentation at the AUSA meetings, Boston, March 2003, which they are current are solely those of the authors, and do not represent those of any institution with which they are currently affiliated, or with which they have been affiliated in the past.

² CNN's American Mideast Dispatch is reported to have cited that Lindsey's estimate was "very, very high."

³ Paul H. Bremer, Secretary of Defense Inspector General, estimated the costs in the range of \$300 billion, some of which they believed would be financed by other countries.

As-Sahab

Sheikh Ayman: Six years, the Crusader West has showed its fangs and exposed its criminal revolting true self without any cover. Six years in which the Crusader West has exposed to us the truth of its democracy, freedom, justice, and their human rights not ours – the human rights of the westerner to enslave all other humans, for he who is not a westerner is not considered human. They have no problem with occupying their lands or depleting their resources, bombing their cities, burning their villages and demolishing their homes, all in the name of defending freedom and promoting democracy, the ugly democracy of the West which sees that true democracy is only for the west or in its service. But if the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) in Algeria or Hamas in Gaza wins the elections, they will get only war and tyranny, airstrikes, devastation and sanctions in return. The FIS and Hamas compromised the very basis of the authority of the Shariah, and they accepted to run in elections based upon a secular constitution which grants authority to the majority. Rather, Hamas accepted to run in elections based on the Oslo accords, which was basically surrender to Israel, but despite all this, the Crusader West was still not pleased with them, and they will never be pleased until they surrender totally to their demands.

In the last few days, talks were held in Cairo for Israel to impose upon the Palestinian Muslim people through plotting and conspiracy, what it could not through murder and devastation. The ones overseeing these talks are the same criminals who besieged our fellow Muslims in

Gaza, prevented the women, children and elderly of Gaza from seeking shelter in Egypt, prevented the angry Muslim masses from coming to the defense of their brothers in Palestine, imprisoning those who did reach upon their return as a punishment for threatening the security of Israel, and demolished, with the help of America, the tunnels through which our brothers in Gaza were provided aid. These criminal traitors are the ones overseeing the talks in Cairo and continue to pressurize the Hamas leadership to agree to the demands of the Crusader Quartet

Dr. Azzam Al-Timimi (Director of Institute of Islamic Political Thought in London): The conviction of Hamas, even though they do not explicitly state this, is that Egypt is the one who led the battle against Gaza. Omar Sulaiman, especially, led the battle against Hamas and Gaza. Omar Sulaiman, representing Mubarak – this is the wish of Mubarak and his regime – and Mahmoud Abbas and those around him thought this is a historic opportunity to wipe out the Hamas movement forever. Some of this is based on information while others are mere impressions, but many of these impressions which are not taken from direct information are confirmed by indirect information, from it this persistence of Mahmoud Abbas to blame Hamas and to hold them responsible for what happened.

Regretfully, some of its leadership have persisted along the line of the same deal, called the Makkah accords, announcing that they are ready to agree with the puppet government in Ramallah based upon the Makkah accords which states that international resolutions must be respected. I say to these leaders, these international resolutions are not to be respected, but rather they must be degraded, denounced, and dismissed. Those who accept them must be exposed, as must their treachery to the Ummah. How can we accept international resolutions? Do we respect the Israeli flag waving above Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, Ramla, and Ashkelon due to international resolutions? Do we respect the Israeli government which is in control of the usurped land of Palestine due to these international resolutions? Do we respect Israel's borders and the land it took control of from Palestine before June 4, 1967 which these international resolutions acknowledge? Do we respect ending the state of war between Egypt and Israel which was built upon these international resolutions? Do we respect Yasir Arafat's and Mahmoud Abbas' acknowledgement of Israel and their criminalizing every Jihadi operation due to the Oslo international resolutions? Is it an obligation that we respect Israeli embassies and the Israeli flag waving over it in Egypt, Mauritania, Jordan, and the embassy called a "Trade Office" in Qatar due to international resolutions? And then must we respect the Israeli ambassador and the embassy team in these countries? How can a Muslim believe that Jihad is an individual obligation upon every Muslim to liberate Palestine and the rest of the usurped Muslim world and also that we must respect international resolutions at the same time? I say to these leaders that indeed Mahmoud Abbas, the one who has surrendered to America and who the Crusader West is pleased with, got nothing in return after years of failed talks. So will they give you anything for announcing your respect of international resolutions? So why compromise with an enemy which will not accept anything less than total surrender to it. What is the point of following the path of Arafat, whose fate was being poisoned to death?

Why accept following a path or starting to follow a path which none have taken except that they have lost? Why accept traitors who publicly work with Israel and imprison and torture the Mujahidoon and inform the Jews of their secrets?

Mohammad Nazzal, Hamas Political Bureau Member: I have with me an Israel plan, an Israeli security plan. This is from 1998... ten years ago. It says on it: The Office of Director of Preventive Security, adopted by the Preventive Security Force. This is a very, very, very dangerous document, and I believe that it must be distributed by the media. One of the most important contents of this document is to create a joint agency between Israel, the US and the Palestinian Authority, in order to guarantee the attack, foiling and threatening of terrorism and its bases by the Palestinian Authority. Of course who are the terrorists? The terrorists are Hamas and [Islamic] Jihad, etc. Note: "The joint agency will guide the operations of the Palestinian Authority and follow them and their methods of implementation. In the document, it mentions legislating laws against terrorism and its implementation."

Of course, what is terrorism? Introducing laws which will prevent the formation of humanitarian organizations, etc. They started to implement this plan from the Jerusalem Intifada. As you know, it was frozen. Today, Salam Fayyad... his government in the West Bank implements this. Today, what about the humanitarian organizations, popular bases for terrorists organizations: Zakaah committees, the humanitarian organizations run by Hamas, etc... This document makes suggestions which Salam Fayyad implements today. Here with me... in 29/11/2007, Jamal Bawatinah, the Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs... here you see it... released a number of resolutions which leads to the striking of humanitarian organizations... if the director can shine the light on it. The names of organizations, 103 organizations mentioned in these resolutions which have been banned based on this plan. Today in the West Bank...

Al-Jazeera Host: There is pressure from the US and Israel.. they can not resist.

This is unacceptable... today they are holding dialogues with Israel against their own people. I will mention something to you. This Israeli Plan which is being implemented now, a few days ago, my brother Ahmed, a heroic Mujahid from Al-Qassam Brigades was arrested, named Aw-ni Al-Shareef.

He is the one who was in hiding and it was said before that he was killed.

Yes, rumors were spread that he was martyred so that he could continue his work. After 6 or 7 years of hiding and pursuit, the security agencies... the Palestinian agencies, the agencies of Dayton, celebrated their arrest of this heroic Mujahid.

Abdullah Al-Nufaisi: A story.. a very harsh story. This mutual cooperation must wake us up. It must wake us up totally... so that we do not rely upon these regimes... at all. We must not give the benefit of the doubt to this regimes, we should not think well of them. I say, even if we find these presidents in a summit hanging on to the coverings of the Ka'bah, I will never believe them. We must reformulate our mindset. We must remove our tribal, simplistic and ridi-

culous mindset. We must wake up a little. And if we are not awoken by the blood of the martyrs in Gaza... and places other than Gaza... we will never wake up. The Zionist will reach us here in the Gulf if we do not start to reprogram ourselves, our thinking and our allegiance.

Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri: My Muslim brothers and Mujahidoon in Gaza, the equation which the Zionist-Christian Crusades are trying to impose, simply speaking, is to lay down your weapons in return for food and daily requirements. Because Palestine can never be liberated without Jihad, the people of Jihad must seek a way out. Here, I will repeat what I said before, that if things are tight in one area, they are easier in other areas. Our Crusader and Jewish enemies can be found anywhere. Secondly, your brother Mujahidoon in the various fronts of Jihad, their minds, hearts, homes, training camps, and battlefields are open for you and all other Muslims striving to come to the defense of Islam and the Muslims. They are honored, rather they see it as a means to draw near to Allah, to support and participate with you and work with you in this same Jihad of this one Ummah against the common enemy. Is this message clear?

Returning to the subject of the passing of 6 years since the Crusader invasion of Iraq, the land of Islam, Jihad and the Caliphate, I say: 6 years have passed in which the principles of Tawheed, Jihad, honor and freedom have become apparent, by the Grace of Allah, against the most vicious Zionist-Christian Crusade this Ummah has faced in its history. The Ummah has discovered its true self and its tremendous potential, and it has learned that only Jihad can deter the evil might of the oppressive criminal infidels.

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“Then fight in the Cause of Allah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing.” (Al-Nisaa: 84)

Abdullah Al-Nufaisi: If a person says “terrorist”, you should only think: this is our friend... I met Mullah Omar personally. Me... I had the honor... I am honored that I met Mullah Omar and I sat with him. He is a person who is not from our time. He is a person not from our time. He would not entertain Western missions. “Go! Go!” he would say to them, “Go to Kabul! I am in Qandahar.” **“Indeed the pagans are impure.” (Al-Tawbah:28)** You understand [how he does things]? “Go meet the foreign minister, discuss your politics. I am sitting here.” These are the type of people which benefit against the West. As for Uraiqaat and Dahlan etc... they do not benefit the Ummah at all.

Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri: These six years has seen the formation of resilient Jihadi groups in Iraq which caused and still continue to cause the failure of the American Crusader plan in the

heart of the Islamic world. Honorable and defiant Jihadi groups have formed, the Islamic State of Iraq in their lead, may Allah bring it victory. Arab and non-Arab forces of evil have all joined forces and wealth to fight and conspire against them, defacing them and causing strife within their ranks, torturing their members and desecrating their honor. Despite all this, the forces of Jihad in Iraq, especially the Islamic State of Iraq, have remained resolute and high like a lofty mountain unshaken by calamities or storms, by the Grace and Favor of Allah.

These six years have exposed the reality of those who claim to follow Islam, at the same time working with the invading Crusaders to occupy Muslim lands in Iraq and Afghanistan. These six years have exposed the dangerous role played and which continues to be played by Iran and the forces under its leadership, by working with the Crusader occupiers against the Muslims of Iraq and Afghanistan. How can it be that the leading legal authorities of the Shi'ites, who regard themselves as general agents of the 12th Imam, never issued even one fatwa stating the obligation of Jihad against the Crusader infidels who have invaded the Muslim lands of Iraq and Afghanistan.

These six years have forced America to gather its belongings and commence its retreat from Iraq, while the forces of Islam, Jihad and Tawheed remain standing high and resolute, by the Help and Power of Allah, in Iraq, the land of the Caliphate and Islam. America has decided to retreat from Iraq and leave its puppets behind to face the fate which awaits them and they will be surrounded, Allah willing, with what surrounded those before them in Vietnam, Iran and other places. America thinks that they have stamped out Jihad, which they call an "insurgency" in Iraq. Who are the ones, then, who forced them to leave before fulfilling their plans in the region? Is it not the heroic forces which waged Jihad, sacrificing for the Cause of Allah, especially the Islamic State of Iraq, may Allah aid it and grant it victory?

These six years have lowered Bush to his rightful place in history being bidden farewell from Iraq with shoes. Now America comes to us with a new face trying to fool us, a face which calls to change... [not their change] but ours, a change which compromises our religion and rights, not a change in their crimes, aggression, theft and atrocities.

Adam Kokesh, Former Soldier in Iraq (Iraq Veterans Against War IVAW): What Obama's doing with our foreign policy is not change... We still have Iraq, and they're gonna take, we're gonna relabel the troops non-combat troops. Then they're saying, we're gonna have a surge in Afghanistan, yeah those guys are combat troops. Clearly, they're still out there fighting for what we call "American interests" which is control of the resources and manipulation of the region.

James Circello, Former Soldier in Iraq (Iraq Veterans Against War IVAW): It's the continued policies of Bush. Its not change. But the idea of continuing a war with 50,000 troops and 200,000 contractors [is illogical]. They're Americans with guns, they're not there building hospitals, they're not there building schools. They're Americans with guns.

Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri: Whatever explanation people may give for the victory of Obama, the reality is which one cannot deny is that his victory is an acknowledgement of the American

masses of the failure of the politics of Bush and his gang of criminals, and that they are tired of their foolish antics, their losses, and their lies and forgery. Obama's victory is an acknowledgement of the American people that they are tired of the American government's claim which they so often repeat that they have achieved victory in Iraq and suppressed the Jihad there, which they falsely call "insurgency". If Bush and his criminal gang have succeeded and achieved victory in Iraq, why were they scrapped by the American voters? And why was Obama able to take advantage of their failure in Iraq to achieve a historical political victory? If America has achieved victory in Afghanistan after 7 years and in Iraq after 6, then why are its troops so demoralized and why is suicide still on the rise as of last year?

After six years, Jihad still continues in the resolute land of Iraq. The Mujahidoon, especially the Islamic State of Iraq, may Allah protect it, are still a challenge to the idolatrous tyrant America. The Crusader forces with all their technology, allies, and puppets and even with the help of Iran are still unable to suppress the spread of Jihad in Iraq; rather, America has been forced to retreat from Iraq, leaving it as an open ground for the expansion of Jihad, at its head the Islamic State of Iraq, even though they know well that the Islamic State of Iraq and their brother Mujahidoon will never stop until they destroy the borders between them and Jerusalem and march towards it to unite with their brothers there to wage Jihad against the Zionist Jews and liberate Al-Aqsa Mosque, Allah willing.

For this reason, today, six years after the Crusader invasion of Iraq, the land of the Caliphate and Jihad, I first thank our Master and Protector, Allah (ﷻ), that he favored His slaves, the Muhajidoon of Iraq, by making them steadfast and resolute. Secondly, I congratulate, thank and show my support to each and every the lion of Islam in Iraq, to the Islamic State of Iraq and its heroic leader, Sheikh Abu Omar Al-Baghdadi Al-Husseini Al-Hashimi Al-Quraishi, to the lion of Islam, Abu Hamza Al-Muhajir and the rest of their courageous brothers; to my brothers and beloved from Ansar Al-Islam, especially his excellence, Sheikh Abu Abdullah Al-Shafi'i and his noble brothers; and to the rest of the honorable groups fighting Jihad in Iraq. I say to them: May Allah grant you the best of rewards for your services to Islam and the Muslims in this time. I pray that Allah accepts your sacrifices and gives you the best of rewards on our behalf, and that He gathers us together soon, victoriously reconquering Jerusalem, Baghdad, Riyadh, Cairo, Kabul, and the rest of the Islamic lands. I pray that Allah, our Master, completes His favor, generosity and victory for both of us so that we recover the honorable and mighty land of the Caliphate, even if the infidels despise this.

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"And on that day the believers will rejoice.* over the victory of Allah. Allah gives victory to whom He pleases, and He is All-Mighty, Most Merciful." [Room: 3-4]

Again, I ask Allah to reward you with the best of rewards for your resilience, for the clarity of your methodology and for the purity of your creed. You did not soften up or bargain as many others did, even those who claim to be people of Jihad and *Tawheed* (Islamic Monotheism).

Be steadfast o slaves of Allah! Indeed victory is only having patience for a time.

My brothers, the lions of Islam in Iraq! You are the ones today the Ummah hopes will reach Jerusalem and liberate Palestine. Be steadfast, persevere and compete in perseverance, for you are covering a great front of Islam. Remember the saying of Allah, The Truth (ﷻ):

“And don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy; if you are suffering then surely, they (too) are suffering as you are suffering, but you have a hope from Allah that for which they hope not, and Allah is Ever All Knowing, All Wise.” [Al-Nisaa:104]

O people of Jihad and Tawheed in Iraq! Unify upon Tawheed. This is your way to victory and supremacy. Strive in this as much as you can, and Allah will grant you success, guidance and will care for you.

I give good news to my brother Mujahidoon in Iraq, the land of the Caliphate and Jihad, especially the Islamic State of Iraq – may Allah grant it victory, of the saying of Allah, The Truth (ﷻ):

“And many a Prophet fought, and along with him fought large bands of learned, religious men. They never lost heart for that which did befall them in Allah's Way, nor did they weaken nor degrade themselves. And Allah loves the patient. * And they said nothing but: ‘Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and our transgressions (in keeping our duties to You), establish our feet firmly, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk.’ * So Allah gave them the reward of this world, and the excellent reward of the Hereafter. And Allah loves the good-doers.” [Aali Imran: 3:146-148]

Receive the good news that your brothers in Afghanistan and Pakistan are making the Crusader enemy and its agents to taste the bitterest of punishments, and they are inflicting such harm on them that even the whispers of Satan have ceased. Deal with them forcefully where you are, for your brothers in Afghanistan and Pakistan are dealing with them forcefully here.

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“So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory) if you are indeed (true) believers. * If a wound has touched you, be sure a similar wound has touched the others. And so are the days (good and not so good), We give to men by turns. So that Allah may test those who believe, and that He may take martyrs from among you. And Allah likes not the wrong-doers. * And that Allah may test the believers and destroy the disbelievers.” [Aali Imran: 3:139-141]

I also ask Allah (ﷻ) to reward the truthful and sincere scholars of Iraq the best of rewards, who stated the obligation of Jihad against the infidel crusaders who invaded the lands of Islam, those who defended the honor and nobility of the Mujahidoon and those who refused to be tools in the hands of America or Iran to be used against their fellow Muslims in Iraq.

I also call upon the Muslim Ummah to support the Muhajidoon in Iraq, especially the Islamic State of Iraq, for this is the shortest route to change the bitter condition in the heart of the Islamic World and to turn towards Jerusalem, demolishing the boundaries and obstacles which the corrupt idolic tyrants have placed between us and our brothers in its vicinity.

We will continue to be impotent against the crimes perpetrated in Palestine and other lands in the Islamic world as long as we do not break these boundaries and obstacles, and whenever the Zionist-Christian Crusader enemy commits another massacre against us and our brothers, we will suffice with protests and shouting, giving speeches, sermons and admonitions, and then once again return home broken and in despair, unable to do anything.

Today, Allah has made this rare opportunity easy for us, for a front has been established in the beloved land of Iraq free from the shackles of any government or regime, and a unified and mighty Jihad-waging Islamic State has been established, one which destroyed the plans of the American Crusaders in the heart of the Islamic World, one which burns with the passion to turn towards Masjid Al-Aqsa and Palestine.

We must support this blessed Jihad in Iraq, the land of the Caliphate, and we must support this garrisoned fledgling state of Jihad. Let us not stand back from this obligation, or else we will bring on the Wrath and Punishment of Allah.

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“O you who believe! What is the matter with you, that when you are asked to march forth in the Cause of Allah you cling heavily to the earth? Are you pleased with the life of this world rather than the Hereafter? But little is the enjoyment of the life of this world as compared with the Hereafter. * If you march not forth, He will punish you with a painful torment and will replace you by another people, and you cannot harm Him at all, and Allah is Able to do all things. * If you do not help him (Muhammad) (it does not matter), for Allah did indeed help him when the disbelievers drove him out, the second of two, when they (Muhammad and Abu Bakr) were in the cave, and he said to his companion (Abu Bakr): ‘Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allah is with us.’ Then Allah sent down His Sakeenah (calmness, tranquillity, peace, etc.) upon him, and strengthened him with forces (angels) which you saw not, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowermost, while it was the Word of Allah that became the uppermost, and Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. * March forth, whether you are light or heavy, and strive hard with your wealth and your lives in the Cause of Allah. This is better for you, if you but knew.” [Al-Tawbah: 38-41]

I specifically call out to the truthful scholars of this Ummah who openly speak the truth, exposing the realities for the Ummah, clarifying who are the traitors who sell it to the Crusaders and the Jews and who are the truthful Mujahidoon who sacrifice their lives, wealth and everything they own for its honor and nobility.

I call upon the truthful scholars of the Ummah to expose those who barter the religion, the traitors who worked with the Crusader occupiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, those who to this day have not even given one verdict stating the obligation of fighting the Crusaders in Iraq and Afghanistan.

How can they give this verdict against those who brought them on the points of their spears to seats of power? I call on them to encourage the Ummah to set out to the various battle-fields of Jihad, especially Iraq, for it is the gateway to Jerusalem, Allah willing.

I call upon them to warn the Ummah from the demoralizing scholars, those who ask them to remain behind and leave the Mujahidoon to face this Crusade when the Mujahidoon have never stopped encouraging them. The Mujahidoon encourage the Ummah to set out with their lives and wealth while these encourage them to turn around and sit back; rather they

mete out hypocritical praise on the traitors who besiege Gaza and introduce Arab initiatives to recognize the legitimacy of Israel.

Poetry:

Non-Europeans are Europeans behind your back,

So which way will you turn?

I call upon the truthful scholars of this Ummah to encourage the Ummah to strive to change the corrupt and corrupting rulers who work with the Crusader occupiers against Islam and the Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Algeria and Somalia, and that they expose to the Muslim Ummah the reality of these regimes and rulers which the Crusader occupiers erected in Afghanistan, Iraq, Ramallah and Somalia, those who arrived on top of the Crusader tanks, under their flags and protection.

In conclusion, I would like to send two messages, the first to Americans and the second to the Muslims.

As for my message to Americans, I say to them:

Six years after the invasion of Iraq and more than seven years after the invasion of Afghanistan, you have tasted, are still tasting, and will continue to taste the results of the stupidity of Bush and his criminal gang. However, your new president, Obama, has not changed the way the Muslims and the weak and oppressed view America in the least.

America is still the one killing Muslims in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan, and it is still the one stealing their resources, occupying their lands, and supporting corrupt traitorous thieves in power in their lands. So the situation has not improved, rather it may worsen.

The Muslim nation is experiencing an awakening in which it is returning to Jihad which refuses to surrender to humiliation, and demands retribution from the criminals. This is what your leaders are trying to hide from you, fooling you into believing that arresting, killing, or torturing so and so will protect Americans from danger.

Kill, torture and imprison whom you wish, but this will never lessen the severity of the Jihad against you the least. You are facing an Ummah which believes in Jihad, Tawheed, and staying garrisoned which rose to stand against your oppression and crimes. Obama seeking to increase military presence in Afghanistan and to continue to launch airstrikes in Pakistan is only pouring fuel into an already ignited fire, exposing you to even more losses, deaths and handicapped. Obama's claim that he can compromise with moderate elements of the Taliban is a false notion, one which he is either using to fool you, fool himself, or both.

Muneer Shaqiq: For this reason I think that the start was very difficult. From the very beginning, his false notions of change will disappear. The most he can do is to try to bring America

back to its state before the crisis. He cannot bring change, progress or new ideas. As for the crisis, it will guide many of his policies, for it is very deep indeed.

Imagine. Today they announced that they have lost more than 50 trillion dollars. Where will they get it? This is a big, big problem. Then to patch up American failures in many issues and fronts, whether it be Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, or Afghanistan is not an easy task. Imagine, he thought that withdrawing from Iraq would be something easy, but now he sees that there are some real problems in how America will do this. He went to Afghanistan wearing a war helmet thinking that he could win a quick victory, but after sending 35,000 troops, they found out that the battle wind was not blowing in their direction, so then he starts talking about holding talks with moderate elements within the Taliban, etc. Thus, I believe that not only did people have false notions about Obama, he himself had false notions.

Sheikh Ayman: The Taliban and all the Mujahidoon in Afghanistan and Pakistan are fighting under the leadership of the Ameer Al-Mu'mineen, Mullah Muhammad Omar – may Allah protect him, the heroic Muslim Mujahid who challenged you with the Power and Help of Allah, and so Allah made him steadfast. Here you are today being defeated by his Mujahidoon.

Mullah Omar – may Allah protect him - made a statement which ought to be written in the history of Islam and humanity with golden ink. He said it in the most difficult of times, when the Crusader storm had laid siege on Afghanistan. He – may Allah protect him – said: “Bush has promised us defeat, while Allah has promised us victory... we will see whose promise is more truthful.”

O Americans! Haven't you learned anything? Or are you still lost in your materialism, scrambling behind Obama who is leading you to the same fate as the British and the Russians in Afghanistan?

Obama's claim that he can solve the problem of Afghanistan and Iraq by coming to an understanding with Iran is another false notion with which he is fooling you. Iran is not bold enough to even take a step into Afghanistan, as it knows more than others about the Afghans and their history. All it can do is to supply aid, weapons and money to its agents in Afghanistan, but this is something the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan has already faced, gathering its agents together into 5% its land area. As for Iraq, Iran with its limited strength and after implanting so much hatred for it in the hearts of the Muslims and Mujahidoon cannot succeed in something which you totally failed in despite all your strength and tyranny. Rather, your cooperation with Iran has tainted its face in front of all Muslims. The more you work with it, the more the Muslims hate it. Thus, it is a plan which is bound to fail, for it only instigates the Muslim Ummah and encourages it even more, and exposes the extent of Iran's dangerous role to stab the Ummah in its back even more.

Muneer Shaqiq: For this reason, I don't think there are any advantages in entering into this type of agreement with America, for America must be prevented from the region. We must solve our problems ourselves, even..look, in Afghanistan, I don't think that it is advantageous

for Iran to come to any understanding with America. In Afghanistan, the principle parties fighting against America must unite and establish neighborly relations; which means Iran, Taliban and all other forces, because any type of deal with America will be devastating.

America is an imperialistic country, and there is a dangerous Zionist influence inside it. For this reason there is a barrier between us. Meaning yes, it's true that no one wishes to enter a war with it, but the problem is that America is now controlled by Zionists. If you were to look at the majority of Obama's cabinet, you will find that the majority are vicious supporters of Israel and Zionism, and it is clear that the plans he has are Israeli plans. But if he differs from the Zionists about some residential areas of Jerusalem and they try to pressurize each other, this doesn't mean that he's on the other side. This also happened a lot with Bush Sr. and Baker.

Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri: As for my message to the Muslims, I say to them: Six years have come to pass since the invasion of Iraq in which the Mujahidoon have remained heroically resolute in the face of death. The signs of victory have appeared in the horizons with the Americans defeated retreat. Follow the example of these brave heroes. Don't let the clamouring, fussing, lying and fabrications of America fear you at all, for your brother Mujahidoon have rubbed their noses in the dirt in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia. America and its Crusader and Jewish allies today have launched the most vicious crusades in history against you. So arise and come to the defense of Islam! Arise and come to the defense of the Prophet (ﷺ) who the criminal Christian crusades have defamed!

Arise and come to the defense of your weak and oppressed brothers all over. Allah, The Truth (ﷻ) says:



"Let those (believers) who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter fight in the Cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the Cause of Allah, and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward. * And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah, and for those weak, ill treated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help.' * Those who believe fight

in the Cause of Allah, and those who disbelieve fight in the cause of false gods. So fight you against the friends of Satan; Ever feeble indeed is the plot of Satan.” [Al-Nisaa: 74-76]

Do not be miserly in the Cause of Jihad with your wealth, for it is its lifeline. Allah (ﷻ) says:

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“Behold! You are those who are called to spend in the Cause of Allah, yet among you are some who act miserly. And whoever acts miserly, it is only at the expense of his own self. And Allah is Rich (Free of all needs), and you (humankind) are poor. And if you turn away, He will exchange you for some other people; and they will not be your likes.” [Muhammad: 38]

O Allah! Grant to this Ummah a guided state of affairs, in which the obedient are honored and the disobedient are held ignoble, one in which the good is enjoined and the evil is prevented.

And may the last of our prayers be that all praise are due to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon our leader, Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.

As-Salamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuhu.

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