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A Video Speech from Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri Regarding the Events in Lebanon and Gaza – 7/27/2006



Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's number two, speaks regarding the terrorist organization's position regarding the "Zio-Crusader war" in Lebanon and Gaza in a video issued today, July 27, 2006, by as-Sahab, an al-Qaeda media production company. Zawahiri is shown sitting in front of images reminding of the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York and Washington, which show Muhammad Atef, Muhammad Atta and the World Trade Center towers aflame. He states that the events which have unfolded in the conflict evidence a lack of conscience by Israel and countries of the "Crusader's league," and al-Qaeda cannot remain "silent and cringe" when the missiles rain down upon Muslims in Lebanon and Gaza.

Jihad, according to Zawahiri, seeks not only the liberation of Palestine, but every former Muslim country extending from "Spain to Iraq," and not by treaty or armistice, but force. Those countries which have financed and supported Israel are warned that they will "pay the price" for their complicity in the attacks on Muslims in Gaza and Lebanon. Zawahiri recalls a lecture Muhammad Atef gave in 2000 to al-Qaeda trainees about Palestine and Qandahar, Afghanistan, in which Muhammad Atta, the lead 9/11 hijacker, asks: "what is the way to defeat the attack on Palestine?" Zawahiri then states that America knows the remainder of the story, and announces that a Nation that produced the nineteen "who shook America" is capable of producing double that number.

Emphasized throughout the speech is the necessity of Muslims to participate in jihad and support the Mujahideen, as Zawahiri argues that such is a historical obligation for Muslims. An interesting point is his citation of religious and historical leaders who are particular to Sunnis and particular to Shi'ites. Most important, however, is support given to the Mujahideen in Iraq due to their proximity to Palestine. Zawahiri believes that once America is defeated in Iraq and an Islamic Emirate is established in its stead, jihad will be transferred to the borders of Palestine and the Mujahideen from both that territory and Iraq can unite and achieve the "greatest conquest". In addition, Zawahiri posits that perhaps due to the "Zio-Crusader's attack" on Muslims, it will push the "traitors" in Iraq to cease justifying and supporting the American presence in that state.

Further, Zawahiri repeats a statement that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi made in his April 2006 video speech, "A Message to the People": "In Iraq we are very close to al-Aqsa Mosque of the Messenger of Allah, so we fight in Iraq and our eyes are on Jerusalem which can only be restored by the guiding Qur'an and sword of victory."

Following is a translation of the speech:

The Zio-Crusaders¹ War on Gaza and Lebanon

Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri [May Allah protect him]

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In the Name of Allah; the Grace of Allah, peace and prayers upon the messenger of Allah, his family and his companions and whoever supported him.

Muslim brothers everywhere: peace and mercy and blessings from Allah upon you.

The serious events in Gaza and Lebanon prove to every sane person that the Zio-Crusader war does not care about us and is without conscience.

There are ten thousand hostages in Israeli prisons, but for three Israeli soldiers the world was risen.

War with Israel is not subject to a treaty, cease fire, Sykes-Picot Treaty agreements, patriotism or disputed borders, but it is jihad for the Cause of Allah until the entire religion is for Him only. Jihad seeks the liberation of Palestine, the entire country of Palestine and to liberate every land that used to be a territory of Islam, from Spain to Iraq. The entire world is an open field for us, so just like they attack us everywhere we will attack them everywhere, and just like they united to fight us, our Ummah [Nation], we will unite to fight them.

The missiles and rockets that tear the Muslim bodies in Gaza and Lebanon are not completely from Israel but it comes from and gets financed from all countries of the Crusaders' league; therefore, whoever has participated in this crime must pay the price.

We cannot remain silent and cringe while watching these missiles pouring fire on our brothers in Gaza and Lebanon.

How can we remain silent, and we are the sons of Abi Bakar, Othman, Hamza, Ja'afar, Ali, al-Hussein, Sa'ad, Khaled, Talha, al-Zobier, Akrama, Salah al-Din, Yusef ibn-Tashfeen, and Muhammad the Conqueror. We are the sons of the ones who confronted the apostates, opened the world, and transformed the people from darkness of polytheism to the light of unification, and from worshiping humans to worshiping Allah. They extinguished the fires of Magis and opened Constantinople. With the Grace of Allah we have now returned to the field.

About a year before the two raids of New York and Washington DC the leader, Abu-Hafs² (may Allah have mercy on his soul), gave a lecture to a group of trainees about Palestine and the Muslims' conditions in Qandahar. At the end of the lecture the hero, Muhammad Attah (may Allah have mercy on his soul) stood up and asked the leader with seriousness and enthusiasm "what is the way to defeat the attack on Palestine?" and America knows very well the rest of the story.

¹ Zio refers to Zionist.

² Abu Hafs al-Masri AKA Muhammad Atef

The Ummah that produced the nineteen who shook America is able with the assistance of Allah to produce double that number.

Dear Muslim brothers everywhere, today we must target the Jewish and the American interests everywhere. Not only that but we must target the interests of all the countries who participated in the assault against the Muslims in Chechnya, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. All of these governments and their people are fighting Muslims according to the Islamic Shari'a [laws].

Dear Muslim brothers everywhere, I do not want to stir your emotions by an electrifying speech or by an emotional word, but I ask you in the Name of Allah, who there is no other God but Him, and for the love of the Messenger of Allah - prayers of Allah and peace be upon him, I ask you with the obligation of jihad which is imposed on every Muslim, to rise wishing for martyrdom to exasperate the Crusaders and the Zios.

The events which are occurring shows the seriousness of the two jihadi fronts in Afghanistan and Iraq, so Muslims must support jihad until the American forces get out of there totally paralyzed, dragging itself back to its country, and it pays the price for attacking Muslims and for supporting of Israel.

By Iraq being near Palestine it is an advantage; therefore the Muslims should support its Mujahideen until an Islamic Emirate of jihad is established there. Subsequently it would transfer the jihad to the borders of Palestine with the Aid of Allah, then the Mujahideen in and out of Palestine would unite and the greatest conquest would be accomplished.

The martyr Imam - as we consider him - Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has said "In Iraq we are very close to al-Aqsa Mosque of the Messenger of Allah, so we fight in Iraq and our eyes are on Jerusalem which can only be restored by the guiding Qur'an and sword of victory."

Perhaps the events of the Zio-Crusaders' attack on the Muslims may push the traitors in Iraq to swallow their shame and their disloyalty, and stop justifying and supporting the American Crusaders presence in Iraq.

My Muslim Ummah, without a doubt it is clear to you now that the governments of the Arabic and Islamic countries are inefficient and conniving, the organizations are paralyzed and defeated and you are all alone in the field. So proceed with the Help of Allah and depend only on Him. Fight your enemy, the worshipers of this existing world with the fearless weapon. Allah had said: *Then fight in the Cause of Allah, you are not tasked except for yourself, and incite the believers, it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing.* [An-Nisa 4:84]

As far as you, oppressed and weak, victims of the idolatry, oppressing Western civilization and America its leader, do stand together with us because we stand by you against oppression and idols which are forbidden by Allah and His Book: *The way is only against those who oppress men and rebel in the earth without justification; for such there will be a painful torment.* [Ash-Shura 42:42] Stand by us so we can bring back the rights to the people, and the symbol of oppression falls from the history of humanity.

Last of our supplications is the grace is to Allah, God of the two worlds, and Allah prayed and greeted our master Muhammad, his family and his companions.