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"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Ever Merciful. On behalf of the al-Malahim Media Foundation, we would like to present to our readers this interview that is exclusive to the Inspire Magazine with the Amir of the Al-Qaida Organization in the Arabian Peninsula, Shaykh Abu Basir Nasir al-Wuhayshi, may Allah preserve him."

[Q1:]

"Shaykh, the Al-Qaida of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) is one of the oldest branches of the organization. Can you please give us a brief introduction to its history and objectives?"

[A1:]

"All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. Jihad is an obligation from Allah. Young Muslims are brought up into it since the day the Messenger of Allah carried the sword until the last of this nation will fight against the False Messiah. Jihad will continue throughout the generations of Muslims. The organization of Al-Qaida is among these generations of Muslims who are carrying the responsibility of calling to Islam and defending the holy sites, the religion, honor and land since its foundation before three decades."

"Since 1990 when the Americans occupied the land of revelation, the youth of the Peninsula of Islam are defending their religion, their holy places and their land which their Messenger, peace be upon him, ordered to expel from it the disbelievers. They have executed a few operations against the Americans in and out of the Arabian Peninsula. The most famous are the Ulaya, al-Khobar, East Riyadh, USS Cole, Limburg, and the assassination of US soldiers in the island of Faylakah in Kuwait. The leaders of Al-Qaida such as Shaykh al-Battar Yusuf al-'Uyairi, 'Abdul 'Aziz al-Miqrin, and Shaykh Abu 'Ali al-Harithi and others led this war against the Americans in and outside of the Arabian Peninsula. We are proud with this legacy not only as Muslims but as freemen too. The organization of AQAP, as our beloved leader Shaykh Usamah said: 'With America entering into conflict with the sons of the land of the two holy places, it will forget the terrors of Vietnam. And, by the will of Allah, the upcoming victory in the land of Hijaz and Najd will make America forget the horrors of Vietnam and Beirut, by the permission of Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He.'"

"Our objectives are driving out the occupiers from the Arabian Peninsula and purifying its land from them, establishing the law of shari'ah, the establishment of khilafah, spreading the call to the oneness of Allah, defending against the transgressors and helping the weak."

[Q2:]

**"After the last few operations, the media was mentioning that the AQAP is among the most dangerous branches of the organization. Why do you think there is this increased focus on the organization? And how serious is this danger?"**

[A2:]

"All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, Allah has blessed us with effective operations against the transgressing Americans and we ask Allah to grant us more. The interest that is shown towards AQAP is because of the strategic importance of the Arabian Peninsula. This is the place of the revelation, the birthplace of Islam, the land of the two holy Mosques and the blood of the sahaba runs through the veins of its sons. Because of the greed of the Americans, they have vital interests in the Arabian Peninsula. The passage ways of commerce pass through its waters and oil is stolen from it. So this place is a vein of life for the Americans."

"Thus they are focused on it and they do not want any conflicts in this area or any group that would protect the wealth of the Muslims and their religion. They fear that their plots would be foiled and their dreams brought to an end. To answer your question on how serious the danger of AQAP is, I say that wherever there are mujahidin, there is danger awaiting the disbelievers. The mujahidin are one body and if one of them is somewhere you would find fear and terror spreading in that place. All of the branches of Al-Qaida have succeeded in powerful operations against the Americans and the latest is the car bomb in New York. The different branches have good competition in fighting the Americans and their allies. All of them want to win the race of destroying the idol (i.e., America) and to have the greatest share in that effort."

[Q3:]

**"The first operation for AQAP outside of Yemen targeted Muhammad bin Nayif, the Saudi Assistant Minister of Defense. Why Muhammad bin Nayif? And what are the results of the operation?"**

[A3:]

"All praise is due to Allah, the targeting of Muhammad bin Nayif was part of our effort to purify the Arabian Peninsula from the traitors. He and his ilk are the ones who allowed the Americans to set base in the Peninsula of Islam, playing the role of Abu Ruqal in its worst forms. He is an American in the clothes of an Arab. If it wasn't for these traitors, the American airplanes wouldn't have bombed Iraq and Afghanistan from the airports of Kharj and Riyadh and others, and if wasn't for them, the Jews wouldn't have remained in Palestine for more than sixty years."

"So this evil deformed person who is leading the war against the mujahidin, who is plotting against them day and night, and is implementing the American agenda, has led us to target him because of his actions."

"Some of the results of this blessed operation are that it turned the attention of the mujahidin to target the leaders of disbelief and the plotters of evil and that reaching them is not difficult by the will of Allah. This operation broke the legend of the infallibility of their security measures and made it clear that the heroic mujahid - by properly concealing his device, not having any metal parts in it and putting his trust in Allah - can reach to his target without being exposed."

[Q4:]

**"Regarding the operation of brother `Umar al-Faruq – may Allah hasten his release – on the Detroit flight, even though the device did not explode, analysts considered that the message intended by the operation has reached its destination. What is the message behind the operation? And what are the fruits of the operation!"**

[A4:]

"All praise is due to Allah, the operation of `Umar al-Faruq – may Allah hasten his release – is a strong blow to the coffin of the American economy and is a slap in the face of the American security apparatus. He reached his destination and was able to break through all of the strict security barriers after passing through a few airports and was searched in them. But through the blessing of Allah all security equipment failed to display his explosive device."

"The message we intended on sending to the Americans is: 'America will never enjoy security until we live it in Palestine and it is not fair for you to enjoy life while our brothers in Gaza are going through a difficult life.'"

"The fruits of the operation are many. Some of which:

- Great loss to the US economy which reached \$41 billion and all of their security measures have gone with the wind.
- The fear which has spread throughout airports and security institutions has revealed to the American people that its security institutions are not to be counted upon.
- Delivering fear to the American people and creating a balance in fear and that security is not something that the government of Obama can control.
- Opening the door for many Muslim youth in the West who want to seek revenge from the Crusader states that are fighting Islam.!"

[Q5:]

**"What does Al-Qaida want from the West for it to stop targeting it?"**

[A5:]

"What we want from the West is one thing: To stop aggression and oppression against the Muslim Nation and to withdraw out of its land. This solution was given by all of our leaders and in more than one occasion. The truce was offered by the one who has real authority to take such a decision on behalf of the Muslims, Shaykh Usamah bin Ladin, may Allah preserve him. His offer was refused. Whenever we offer a sound plan, they escalate in their stubbornness so we are left with no option but to defend ourselves and fight the transgressors."

"If the West refrains from attacking us and oppressing our Nation, we will refrain from them. Otherwise we will have them drink from the same cup that they have the innocent from our Nation drink from."

[Q6:]

**"A few places in Yemen were subjected to American bombings such as Abyan, Shabwa and Ma'arib. The traitor government claimed that they were preemptive strikes against al-Qa`idah. What is the reality of what happened? And did these operations weaken the organization?"**

[A6:]

"The American culture is that of killing other people. How many have the Americans killed from the Vietnamese, the Japanese, the Iraqi people, the Afghani people, and the Somali people, and how many have the Zionist allies killed from the sons of Palestine with the support of these bloodthirsty beasts? And finally they have killed tens from the tribe of Bakazim, Arhab and al-`Awaliq. They have killed women and children and lied by saying that these were preemptive strikes against Al-Qaida in order to justify to their people that they have killed the leaders of Al-Qaida."

"The Yemeni government jumped not to defend its sovereignty and its innocent people but to condemn the oppressed and justify for the Americans their crimes. They marketed the American bombing as a bombing performed by their air force against Al-Qaida when they knew that the casualties were Bedouins. But it seems as if the Yemeni government has settled some previous scores while the women and children pay the price at the hand of the Americans."

"And what are these accurate operations that have killed tens of children and women? If the pilot was ignorant of military matters he would still be able to tell the difference between tents of Bedouins and military sites, but it is American hate and lust for killing others."

"These bombings will not deliver anything to the Americans and will not weaken the organization by the blessings of Allah. Instead they will only advance us further and push the Muslim people to stand with us. These reckless acts of the Americans will only reveal to the Muslim people the reality of the democracy of murder and destruction."

[Q7:]

**"The traitor government media claimed that you have been killed along with your deputy and the military commander. It turned out that the whole claim was a lie. In your view why does the government lie in such a way? And what does that point out to?"**

[A7:]

"The president of Yemen is a professional liar, especially when it comes to lying in order to extort money. Such lies bring in dollars from the Americans. They are gullible and he is creating for them fake victories."

"As the caller to Islam, Shaykh Anwar al-`Awlaki, may Allah preserve him, said: 'The distinctive mark of the Yemeni government is lying. They are lying to their people. They are lying to the outside world. They are lying to everyone.' They have been lying for thirty years. They lie against their people in an exposed fashion and this proves to us their inability to defend themselves let alone others and that the matter is out of their hands now. Thus, they have nothing else to do but lie and claim that we have killed so-and-so and imprisoned so-and-so. This is all in order that foreign assistance keeps flowing in."

[A8:]

**"Why does Al-Qaida insist on operations against the West and especially America?"**

[A8:]

"All praise is due to Allah. America is the one forcing us to target it. These heinous crimes which the human soul rejects such as the cartoons of the Messenger and holding celebrations and awarding those who curse the Prophet require us to target the Americans. In fact they require us to wipe them out of the map completely. America is a cancer that needs to be removed along with the West that is supporting this criminal behavior and are banning the niqab of the chaste and pure Muslim women."

"Thus, we insist on fighting against this oppression and aggression. The issue now is not fighting for peoples' lives, land or wealth as the obligation has become greater than that. The issue now is the defense of the Prophets and supporting them against these obscene people. For them there is no way out from the punishment of Allah because Allah will protect His Messengers. Allah protects the believers so wouldn't he protect His Prophets who are the most beloved to Him and are the chosen ones of His creation?"

"Allah will give us victory against them and what America awaits in the coming days is greater and worse than what has passed by the will of Allah:"

"Allah says: (Say: 'Do you await for us except one of the two best things [i.e., martyrdom or victory] while we await for you that Allah will afflict you with punishment from Himself or at our hands? So wait; indeed we, along with you, are waiting') [at-Taubah: 52]"

[Q9:]

**"In the end what is your advice to the Muslims in the West?"**

[A9:]

"My advice to my Muslim brothers in the West is to acquire weapons and learn methods of war. They are living in a place where they can cause great harm to the enemy and where they can support the Messenger of Allah."

"There is no meaning in life if the Messenger of Allah is cursed while they listen to and see such crimes being committed in front of their eyes. It is not enough to defend him, may my father and mother be sacrificed for him, to participate in demonstrations and protests because these methods would not stop the West which is already used to them. The successful means are through explosive devices and sacrificing souls. That is a more pronounced and successful way of defending him and this is a practice started by the Taliban of Pakistan, Nidal Hassan, and `Umar al-Faruq, may Allah release them and on this path are men who are coming to you by the will of Allah."

"O Muslims rise up in defense of your Messenger: a man with his knife, a man with his gun, a man with his rifle, a man with his bomb, by learning how to design explosive devices, by burning down forests and buildings, or by running over them with your cars and trucks. The means of harming them are many so seek assistance from Allah and do not be weak and you will find a way. The rights of the Messenger of Allah upon us are great and it is nothing for all of us to die for his sake; may our mothers be bereaved of us if we do not defend him."

"O Muslims you have no excuse in front of Allah except if you fight in defense of his Messenger. If you cannot fight, then you should emigrate from the land where he is being cursed because such a land is awaiting the wrath of Allah. Especially that the Messenger of Allah discouraged living amongst the disbelievers so how about living at ease amongst them when the Messenger of Allah is being attacked and you do nothing to defend him or leave the land where he is being cursed? What will you answer your Lord on the Day of Judgment?"

"If you fail to emigrate, then at least boycott the disbelievers and proclaim the oneness of Allah, Wala' and Bara' and pray to Allah to make a way out for you."

"May Allah grant us success in giving victory to His religion and His Messenger."

"And all praises and thanks belong to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds."