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"Praised be Allah, and prayer and peace be upon the apostle of Allah, and upon his family, companions and followers."

"Nation of Islam: peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings."

"I have been sorry to see a page of shining contemporary history turned secretly and commemorated in corridors of darkness so that it becomes completely forgotten and concealed in a time when shadows rule and the lowly graze about its interior - the small birds became eagle-like; the nobles were humiliated and the ignoble were honored; The inferior were brought close and the god-fearing were pushed away; the sincere advisers were put in irons and the corrupted have roamed about freely; the good and innocent were killed and the evil liars have risen – Allah is not ignorant about what the oppressors do. Allah the praised had said thus: 'Think not that Allah doth not heed the deeds of those who do wrong. He but giveth them respite against a Day when the eyes will fixedly stare in horror,- They running forward with necks outstretched, their heads uplifted, their gaze returning not towards them, and their hearts a (gaping) void!' [Surat Ibrahim 42-43]"

"In an abominable crime which is added to the list of black crimes, the regime of apostasy and collaboration in Libya has killed the Mujahid hero, the immigrant Murabit, the patient prisoner – brother 'Ali 'Abd Al-'Aziz Al-Fakhiri – known in his migration as Ibn Al-Sheikh al-Libi, may Allah have mercy upon him and raise his position and improve his abode. This regime has killed him while chained in shackles, until it was as if Ahmad Shauqi was referring to him when he bewailed one of his Mujahidun ancestors, 'Omar Al-Mukhtar, thus:"

[5 verses of poetry]

"13 years ago, the myrmidons of crime, the killing butchers from the soldiers of the Musaylimah¹ of this era, Kadhafi, hater of the apostle of Allah, may He bless him and grant him salvation, have

¹ One of a series of men who claimed to be a prophet around the same time as Muhammad. He is often viewed as a false prophet by traditional accounts, and frequently referred to by the epithet "the Liar."

killed more than 1,300 prisoners from the young people of Islam, the bowing and prostrating [in prayer] in a random shooting in the shadows of 'Abu Salim' prison in Tripoli, in a criminal image that one can hardly describe, of which kind we have not heard among the crimes of this era, despite their multitude. These pure souls have returned to their creator after a journey of suffering in the dungeons of darkness and humiliation and a longing for Allah and His apostle. Yes, these souls have returned and their pure bodies remained so that the dungeons were overcrowded with them, and their miserable walls were oiled with blood in which flows only the loyalty to Allah, His apostle and the believers. May this forgotten event remain a witness to the hidden hatred, with which the heart of the tyrant oppressor Kadhafi and his apostate myrmidons is overflowed, and may it give a practical lesson in the loud antagonism towards Islam and the Muslims, and may it declare in its abominable act that the entire Muslim Libyan people have not the weight of a dust speck in the eyes of this collaborator and his sinful soldiers, and that killing their choice is easier for them than killing flies. Allah the Mighty and Great has said about a disgusting sight among the sights of oppression of the merciless tyrants and their contempt to their people, which resembles this case: 'Woe to the makers of the pit (of fire), Fire supplied (abundantly) with fuel: Behold! They sat over against the (fire), and they witnessed (all) that they were doing against the Believers. And they ill-treated them for no other reason than that they believed in Allah, Exalted in Power, Worthy of all Praise! - Him to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth! And Allah is Witness to all things. Those who persecute (or draw into temptation) the Believers, men and women, and do not turn in repentance, will have the Penalty of Hell: They will have the Penalty of the Burning Fire.' [Surat Al-Burooj 4-10]"

"This page was turned, but its sorrows and pains were not, and they were not yet avenged. These heroes have triumphed even though they were shackled – they have won with their sublime faith, their firmly-established ideology and their strong steadfastness. We pray for great victory and good abodes for them – the best and greatest in paradise, in a true seat near a powerful king. The tyrant and his myrmidons have declined through their emaciated ideas, their imaginary bragging, their empty puff-up and their incessant disgraceful acts – may the torments of the Hereafter be more disgraceful, and they will not triumph."

"The chapters of this crime have barely passed and the blood of its victims has barely dried, when it was joined by its sister, namely the killing of our hero brother Ibn Al-Sheikh, may Allah the Exalted have mercy upon him, since weaning from custom is hard and difficult, and this apostate regime is accustomed to committing crimes and to play with souls and to be revolting and to punish severely anything that smells like resistance, raising the banner of its ancestors and the ancestors of its kind: (Pharaoh) said: 'If thou dost put forward any god other than me, I will certainly put thee in prison!' [Surat Al-Shu'ara 29]"

"Afghanistan has known Ibn Al-Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, as a patient immigrant and an educator Murabit, and by his lofty character, great shyness, his abundant humility, his rare boldness, his unique positions, his plentiful veneration to Allah, his perseverance in reciting the book of his Lord, and his kindness and love to his brothers. Allah has decreed for him to be accepted into the heart of whoever saw him and also of those who did not see him but heard about him and knew about his feats. Furthermore, Allah has graced him to fill a gap that few people can endure, save for those who are waiting for a reward in the Hereafter, and he was appointed to revive and spread knowledge whose tracks and marks have disappeared, and the nation was despicable when it abandoned him, and its enemies have strived for it until it got rid of him, and then the lowly have taken possession over it [the nation] after it had alienated itself from him [i.e. Ibn Al-Sheikh]. It is the worship of the preparation for Jihad on behalf of Allah the Exalted, which Allah the Mighty and Great has decreed in His book thus: 'Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war...' [Surat Al-Anfal 60] The nation of Islam has only drunk the cups of disgrace and shame has only befallen it because it kept away from backs of horses and followed tails of cattle, and it has forgotten to shoot and was concerned with entertainment and gained riches by nonsense, and the training camps in which Ibn Al-Sheikh had power should be represented in the words of the poet:"

[A verse of poetry]

"When the worshippers of the cross had begun their attack on the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and attacked it with their cavalry and infantry, Ibn Al-Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, was among those who put their shoulders to the wheel and rose before them with everything they had, and they had persevered and bore stoutly the fighting and the opposition. He has stayed with his brothers in Tora Bora until the last moment, and when they were at a loss, and the winds of apostasy and treachery began to rise against them by the agents of the USA, he headed with some of his brothers towards Pakistan, whose banished tyrant had promised that he would stand side by side with the protector of the international cross, the USA, in its war against Islam and the Muslims. There began his journey in the prisons of the Christian force – he was arrested along with several of his escorts and remained for a period of time in Kohat jail, and then he was extradited to the protector of the cross, and was transferred to Kandahar and from there to Kabul, where he remained for a short period of time that included torture and severe punishment. After they were unsuccessful in extracting any information from him, they had threatened him that he would be extradited to Israel or Jordan or Egypt, and in reality he was transferred in a casket, just like dead men are transferred, in a long journey from Kabul to Egypt, and he remained in the prisons of the Egyptian Pharaohs, and what would you know about the prisons of Egypt?"

"For an entire year, false confessions were taken from him by force, and then he was returned to the prison of shadows in Kabul, and he remained there for several months, during which his weight gradually decreased until one of the prison's doctors had warned that if he remained in this condition, it will definitely lead to his death. After that he was transferred to a prison that can be found in Wadi Panshir in northern Afghanistan on June 2003, and there I met him for the first time, inside the prison. I saw him weak and thin – due to his slimness his back became bent, but, by Allah! He was at the height of his patience and firmness and of good thought of Allah, and he continued to recite His book with his tender voice while comforting his brothers, and furthermore, urging them to take the time to memorize the honorable Koran, the love of which had possessed his heart with his high morale and spirit, and no matter how much I would say to him, while he was still in that condition: 'How are you, O Ibn al-Sheikh?' [H]e would answer me: 'Never better!'"

"He told me once: 'If Allah wants something, He will prepare causes for it. The USA has become entangled in entering two countries that it has never been able to enter: Afghanistan and Iraq, and in them its end lies, with the permission of Allah'.

Yes, he says these things while in these prisons, concealed in the ravines of Panshir, in dark rooms of 2 meters long and 1 meter wide, and there are no signs of freedom or escape or a ray of hope, but only in the hearts of those who trust the promise of Allah, who are convinced about the kindness of His management, who follow His words: '...And for those who fear Allah, He (ever) prepares a way out, And He provides for him from (sources) he never could imagine. And if any one puts his trust in Allah, sufficient is ((Allah)) for him. For Allah will surely accomplish his purpose: verily, for all things has Allah appointed a due proportion.' [Surat Al-Talaq 2-3]"

"He remained in this prison for 5 months, in which his condition had improved and he regained some of his health and strength, and then he was returned once again to the prison of shadows, after he had withdrawn all of the confessions that were extracted from him in the Egyptian prisons, and he said to the Americans as clearly as he could: 'Everything that was extracted from me was taken under pressure, and by force and torture, including the alleged connection between the infidel Ba'ath regime of Saddam [Husseini, former ruler of Iraq] and al-Qaida Organization'. He fell at the hands of the Americans when the war in Iraq was at its height, and its heroes have kindled its fire and tortured their [i.e. the American] soldiers under the leadership of the Sheikh Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, may Allah have mercy upon him, while it should be noted that the final decision for the Americans' invasion of Iraq was based upon the information that was extracted by force from Ibn al-Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, and after acquiring this information, the Americans had threatened him that they would bring him back to the prison of shadows, and he said: 'Do what you will, but this is the truth'. In reality, he returned to the prison of torture in Kabul on October 2003 and it was the last I ever heard of him in prison. He remained in the prison of torture or the

prison of shadows for several months, and yet he was still patient, firm, sublime, of great faith, defying the tyrants that could not gain anything from his firmness and ideology."

"After that, he was transferred to the prisons of the tyrant of Libya to be buried in them and to be forgotten behind their walls with the rest of the forgotten, after the decision of the Americans to wage war upon Iraq was exposed. Ibn al-Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, was never transferred to Bagram and not to Guantánamo, but all his transfers were through the secret prisons of the Christians and the apostates. This proud mountain had stood before all of their faces, resisting them through his faith and standing defiantly before them in certainty, repeating the words of the prophet of Allah, Moses, peace be upon him, who stood before the leader of the tyrants: '...I have indeed called upon my Lord and your Lord (for protection) from every arrogant one who believes not in the Day of Account!' [Surat Ghafir 27], and saying to those who tortured him and taught him a lesson and threatened him what the wizards of Pharaoh said to him [to Moses] after their faith and certainty: They said: 'Never shall we regard thee as more than the Clear Signs that have come to us, or than Him Who created us! so decree whatever thou desirest to decree: for thou canst only decree (touching) the life of this world.' [Surat Taha 72]"

"Thus acts the faith in His people, who hold the book with force, and their hearts are linked to their Lord, to loving Him and to aspiring to please him. They see the world only as a vision of imagination which is on the verge of disappearing."

"You are to Allah, O Ibn al-Sheikh, O pride of Libya, the pearl of the city of Ajdabiya which produces heroes and creates men, where you refused to act disgracefully towards your religion, and the pickaxes of the desperate plots of oppression had crashed against your slim body, and before your determination and firmness its miserable instigations, which could not extract one word from you with which you will acknowledge the rule of a tyrant had scattered, and you had chosen death instead, while saying to them in contempt and disdain: '...I call Allah to witness, and do ye bear witness, that I am free from the sin of ascribing, to Him, Other gods as partners! so scheme (your worst) against me, all of you, and give me no respite. I put my trust in Allah, My Lord and your Lord! There is not a moving creature, but He hath grasp of its fore-lock. Verily, it is my Lord that is on a straight Path'. [Surat Hud 54-56] We know for certain that with your pure blood Allah will revive men, and your unique positions will serve as an example which the followers of your path, who graduate from your school, will follow. The Musaylima of this era will soon see, with the permission of Allah, how your mortal remains, which were buried in the sands of Ajdabiya, will arouse extraordinary young men and highbred horsemen who flock in the fields of clamor and the grounds of destruction as abundant rain which is pure, clear, sweet and vivacious."

[2 verses of poetry]

"When will the tyrants with the uncivilized hearts realize that this boiling blood is the fuel with which the convoy of Jihad becomes stronger and life is pushed by its limbs, and Allah spoke truth: 'The parable of those who reject Faith is as if one were to shout Like a goat-herd, to things that listen to nothing but calls and cries: Deaf, dumb, and blind, they are void of wisdom'. [Surat Al-Baqarah 171]"

"Of his rare positions, may Allah have mercy upon him – when he was caught in Pakistan and was thrown to Kohat prison while he was the leader of the group that was arrested with him, the greedy men of the Pakistani police and intelligence services had taken possession over a certain amount of money that he held and said to him: "We are ready to set you free on one condition – that you will give up all the money that you have with you". He answered them: "I will not accept this, unless you agree to set free all of the people that are here with me", and they refused to do that. He knew that they would take the money whether he wanted it or not, but he did not want his white, clear, gleaming record to be stained with a black speck – will he save himself and abandon his brothers, who would not delay in sacrificing their souls and their blood for him?"

"Also of his positions, may Allah have mercy upon him, is that the Americans had asked him while he was in prison if he is a member of the al-Qaida Organization or not, and he answered them as clearly as he could: 'Yes, I am a member of the al-Qaida Organization', although it was not true at that time. So some of the prisoner brothers had asked him: 'Why did you say that when you know what these words mean and what their consequences are?', and he answered in his simplicity and his well-known temper: 'It is an honor for me', and the poet spoke the truth when he said: 'A man of virtue knows his relatives from among the people.'"

"When the people were distancing themselves from the Mujahidin in general, and from al-Qaida Organization in particular, and when the mere inclination towards this name is seized 'by the forelock and the legs', and when the Americans were at the height of their ebullition and the top of their fury, this persevering lion refused to let this honor pass him by – By Allah, it is an honor! – And he has declared it in the faces of his executioners: 'Yes, I belong to the al-Qaida Organization!'"

"May Allah have mercy upon you, O sublime hero! Sleep well after a long torment, and be peaceful, for the judgment has already been decreed. In the morning the people will praise the noble. There were hardships and then they have passed, and there was a journey and it was completed, with the permission of Allah: 'Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah. They are the people who will achieve (salvation). Their Lord doth give them glad tidings of a Mercy from Himself, of His good pleasure, and of gardens for them, wherein are delights that endure: They will dwell therein for ever. Verily in Allah's presence is a reward, the greatest (of all)'. [Surat Al-Taubah 20-22]"

"As for you, O wicked liar, cruel baseborn, tyrant of Libya – there was a time when you were cursing the USA and bragging about how you oppose it, and you had warned the people and poisoned them with claims of its hostility, and how often did you kill good people under the accusation of collaborating with it [the USA] and being connected to it. And today, after the morning has revealed its face, you have appeared in your true form shamelessly, and you have praised your collaboration and depravity without any shame. You have killed, imprisoned and punished severely young men of Islam and its elders in obedience to the USA and as a support to its Christian banner and to its Crusader campaign. Its flags began to flutter in the skies of Tripoli, which buried the people of faith, monotheism and rightness in the shadows of its gloomy prisons."

"Go away, enemy of Allah, you will not exceed your power. Your haughtiness has been long, your evil has become dreadful, your vileness has been exposed and your day has come - with the permission of Allah – By Allah, your crimes will not be forgotten, and the lions of Islam are lying in wait behind you, and the army of Jihad has come closer to you after their words were united and their crowds have gathered, and their hearts have come together, and their banner has risen in the Islamic Maghreb and asked for the help of the heroes of martyrdom in order to take their revenge on you and your kind."

"Desperation did not repel them and desires did not shackle them and the long road did not depress them, since they have seen the effects of the mercy of Allah upon them, and how He accompanies them – a path of glory, strengthening and elevation was decreed to them by the kinds of the hero martyr Ibn Al-Sheikh, may Allah have mercy upon him, and other leaders of this convoy, which you and your masters and your benefactors were not and will not be able to stop or cut its supply even if you would have helped each other. In ancient times I have spoken about you, and today I say to you this:"

[7 verses of poetry]

"So wait, for we are surely waiting."

"And our last claim is that praised be Allah, Master of the Worlds."