



## **Al-Zawahiri: “The Facts of Jihad and the Lies of the Hypocrites”**

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### **“Shaykh Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri: The Facts of Jihad and the Lies of the Hypocrites” Released on: August 5, 2009**



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[Interviewer]

“In the name of Allah, and thanks due to Allah, and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and supporters. Dear Muslim brothers everywhere, peace upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings, and thereafter:”

“It is the pleasure of As-Sahab Media Production to host today sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri in its sixth interview with him, we ask Allah to make it beneficial for us and all the Muslims.”

“In the beginning we say to the Sheikh: peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings, and welcome you guest at as-Sahab.”

[Al-Zawahiri]

“And, peace be upon you as well and Allah's mercy and blessings. And, may you be greeted by Allah.”

“Q. We would like to begin our talk with you with a general look on the contemporary conditions of the mujahideen, but we cannot pass-by the news that shook the media outlets which is that the Americans jets have killed more than 60 people from Waziristan in a funeral for victims from a previous attack in the same day. What do you see regarding this occurrence?”

“A. In the name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate I see it as a new massacre of Muslims on the hands of the criminal, liar Obama who claims to seek the start of a new relationship with the Islamic World and Muslims, while everyday his hands are drip their blood, and I say to Obama and the Americans: ‘plant grudge in the hearts if Muslims, so you can harvest it with your blood, Allah-willing.’”

“Q. Alright, in general, what are the contemporary conditions of the mujahideen?”

“A. The conditions of the mujahideen are improving and elevating and advancing, and without the steadfastness of the mujahideen in the face of the most vicious crusader campaign in the history of Islam, which the call ‘war on terrorism,’ additional to the

various campaigns in Chechnya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, the Arabian Peninsula, Somalia, and the Islamic Maghreb, I say: had the mujahideen not stand up in this form of steadfastness in the face of the most vicious campaign against the Muslims homelands, that would have been enough victory for them. So, imagine when they actually are in defiance against it [campaign] and achieve victories against it by a grace from Allah.”

“Q. And, what is your evaluation of this campaign until now?”

“A. This campaign transfers from one failure to another, with a grace from Allah, and after seven and a half years that campaign failed in Iraq, and in Afghanistan, and in Somalia, and today it is failing Pakistan, and the tone of the American Administration hasn't changed, from Bush saying 'if you are with us you are against us,' to Obama's saying that he wants to deal with a new policy with the Islamic World, but [it was said] because of their losses on the hands of the mujahideen in the Islamic World.”

“Q. And, what are the preparations of the mujahideen to stand in the face of this campaign?”

“A. The mujahideen will remain fighting that campaign until they win over it, with permission from Allah, and even if this war lasted till the Day of Judgment; no return, no surrender, no compromise from the principles and the rights of Muslims, Allah-willing.”

“Q. What is the minimum limit that satisfies the mujahideen?”

“A. The minimum limit the mujahideen would [satisfactorily] accept is the withdrawal of the Kufr forces from all the Islamic lands, to stop robbing the wealth of Muslims with military force and exchange the wealth and benefits with true fair prices, and to stop supporting the corrupt apostate regimes in the Islamic World, and to release all the Muslim prisoners, and to stop interfering in the affairs of the Muslims World.”

“Q. Then, what is the alternative if the Crusader West does not answer these demands?”

“A. The alternative is the continuation of the defeats, losses, fear and terror of the Crusader West, until victory is achieved Allah-willing.”

“Q. Is it the summary of the Sheikh Usman bin Laden's oath: 'I swear by Allah the greatest, He who raised the sky without pillars, America, or those who live in America, will not dream of safety before we live it in actuality in Palestine, and not before all the Kufr armies leave the land of Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him?’”

“A. Yes, as long as the West crusader remains after seven and a half years of the crusader campaign... didn't the oath of Sheikh Usama become achieved, with Allah's grace and power?”

“Q. Within the crusader campaign and the crusader grudge against Islam and Muslims, [Nicolas] Sarkozy declared that the Burqa is a sign of enslavement and retrogression, what is your explanation to this vehement crusader campaign against Hijab<sup>1</sup>?”

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<sup>1</sup> Islam-enforced modest head-veil worn by practicing female Muslims, when they reach puberty age, and thereafter.

“A. The publicized crusader campaign did not stop [criticizing] Hijab only, and before that there was the offensive cartoons of the prophet Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him, and before that was insulting the Holy Qur'an in Guantanamo Bay and in Iraq, and the Crusader west cannot hide their grudge and idiocy from the Muslims, because they [Muslims] began resisting, challenging and encountering them.”

“Q. But, why do they become provoked by the Hijab to this degree?”

“A. The Western civilization is the civilization of degeneracy, adultery, freedom from ethics, morals and religion...isn't the civilization of AIDS? That is why, the female veiled Muslim brings out all of these provocations, and she uncovers their usage of women as a product to attract consumers and market supplies, and it uncovers the degeneracy of their capitalism that adopts the trade obscenity in all its kinds and colors and considered one of the important sources of its income, and she uncovers the fakery of their freedom as it is OK for them that a woman unveils her entire body, it is even OK for her to sell her body, but they cannot withstand a veiled Muslim woman. The veiled female Muslim uncovers the fear of the West Crusader because Muslim follow the rulings of their religion, because they know they will not defeat the Muslims except through Muslims separating from the rulings of their religion, and so, when the Muslims follow the rulings of their religion, which is apparent in wearing the Hijab, threatens their existence, economy, and their domination over the world.”

“Q. But, why does France fight wearing the Hijab and cannot hide her grudge?”

“A. France claims secularism, while her heart pours grudge towards Islam. Napoleon Bonaparte announced his famous statement to the Jews in 1799 in Akka, which he promised to support the Jews in stealing Palestine. France is the one whose soldiers went with their horses into al-Azhar University and stood on its Qur'anic Books, and they took it as a stable to their horses. France is the one who fought Islam and Arabs in Algeria, and France is the one who supplied Israel with a nuclear reactor, and France fights Muslims in Afghanistan, and France fights Hijab, and France will pay for all her crimes, Allah-willing.”

“Q. It is said that the Jihadist movement has faced downturns in many fields like Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula?”

“A. This is not true. Firstly, war is a poll, the battle has remained continuous and has not finished. Second, that is not the truth, even if the machine of the Western publicity attempts to switch the facts.”

“Q. Alright, I request your permission to go back to these fields and others in details later on. But, let us focus a little on America, considering it the main power in the crusader alliance.”

“A. Go ahead.”

“Q. What is your comment on the American Administration's claim that it holds the symbol of "change" and especially with the Muslim World?”

“A. Obama tries to sell illusions to the delusional and weakened people, as he realized that the anger of the weakened and especially in the Islamic World over America, and

their hatred towards its policies, has caused it disasters and plagues and broke its back, and now he is trying to say: 'do not hate us, we do not have hostility towards you but we will continue killing your people in Afghanistan and Iraq and Palestine and Somalia, and we will continue the occupation of Muslim lands, and our military existence will remain in the Gulf to secure the robbery and thievery of Petroleum with the prices we agree on, and we will continue supporting Israel and protect its Jewishness, and consider Jerusalem a united indefinite capital for Israel and we will continue assuring its military dominion, and we will continue supporting the oppressive, torturous, and thievery regimes in your countries, but do not hate us.'

[Clip of President Barack Obama speech to AIPAC]

"We are not a nation of silly imbeciles who will permit Obama to fool us with vague phrases that have no meaning, when he is just a new face with the same old American criminality. He came to achieve a Zionist plan."

"Q. Then you see that Obama has offered nothing to the Muslims?"

"A. How? How can we deny Obama's graciousness and selflessness? He has given a lot. He offered us the raids on Gaza where more than 1,300 martyrs died, and he gave us the death of thousands of civilians in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia. He gave us the widening of the American prisons, like Baghram prison, to host more Muslim victims, and he gave us the bloody massacres, and fights the establishment of Sharia in Swat Valley, and the jet raids against the tribal regions in Pakistan, and he gave us his objection towards the conference on fighting discrimination in Geneva. And, he gave us his forgiveness the CIA prosecutor, and he gave us his reluctance to closing down Guantanamo Bay detention when he decided to transfer more than 50 detainees from Guantanamo to the underground American prisons, and he gave us his promise for the military dominion of Israel and supports the Jewish nature of Israel, and his support to Israel taking Jerusalem as a united indefinite capital to the so-called state of Israel. This and other more are from Obama and his graciousness that still continues."

"Q. Then, what is the purpose of his visit to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and his message to the Muslim World?"

"A. This is not but a public relations campaign stunt, and he presented a long speech in Cairo University where individuals left with their ears plugged with many repetitive deafening phrases that have no specific meaning, while his hands have gained no benefits."

"Q. What do you exactly mean by that?"

"A. Review with me, what are the most important reasons of hostility between Muslims and America? Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Somalia, the American occupation of the Arabian Peninsula, stealing the wealth of the Muslim Nation with force threats, the corrupted and corrupting regimes that cooperate with America, and war against Islam in the name of terrorism."

"Q. But, in the case of Palestine, he [Obama] said that he does not accept the legitimacy of the settlements and agrees to a two-state solution?"

“A. This is as the saying goes “Tricking the kid away from the Yogurt.” Firstly: Muslims do not accept two states over Palestine, as Palestine is for all Muslims, occupied by the Kuffar, and it is an obligation of Muslims to remove the invaders from there. Israel is a crime that must be removed. And, secondly: objecting the settlements and supporting the two-state solution are the same fake promises of [George W.] Bush, so what’s new? And, thirdly: he assured the right for Israel to exist, meaning; the continuation of the same Western crusader-Zionist crime against the Muslims since the end of the First World War. Fourthly: Obama demanded Hamas to drop violence and recognize the rights of Israel, and the previous agreements, meaning; he demanded Hamas to completely surrender to Israel, while he did not demand Israel to drop the violence. Fifthly: he finally declared that he hopes, at the end of this year, to finish serious negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians, but the Palestinians must stop practicing violence or encourage it until they gain the trust of Israelis.”

“Q. Do you see in that as a backward turn in comparison to Bush’s stance?”

“A. Yes, Bush used to say that the Palestinian State will be achieved before his era ends. But Obama says that the serious negotiations will begin at the end of this year. But, [conditionally] the Palestinians have to leave the resistance until they surrender in the negotiations in front of the Israelis. What have the Palestinians gained for almost twenty years of negotiations with the Israelis? Obama promises us another story from the stories of known failure.”

“Q. Yes, as a comment to what you said, he [Obama] commented on the most recent Benjamin Netanyahu speech that he welcomes him and consider him a front forward.”

“A. True, and that is the speech in which Netanyahu made a condition to begin the negotiations with the Palestinians is to accept an unarmed Palestinian state, and confirms Israel as a state for the Jewish people. He also refused in that speech the return of the Palestinian refugees and demanded them become settled in the Arab states, and he assured the rights of the settlers to widen-up their settlements, and he named the West Bank as ‘the land of fathers and grandfathers.’ This is what Obama wants for us: a Palestinian country that works as a branch for the Israeli Intelligence.”

[Excerpt from an interview with Dr. Azzam al-Tamimi]

“The problem with Obama is that he did not bring anything new that relates to his view of the crisis and the problem in Palestine. He wants a two-state solution; two states after most of the Palestinian lands became dug and taken away. There is no land left to establish a state. And, the state he wants to establish is the same state George Bush wanted to establish: A state governed by a security military committee, with its main responsibility being to protect the Zionist structure., and this is what we see happening in the West Bank.”

“Q. And, in the Iraq case, he said that Iraq is for the Iraqis?”

“A. And, that is the same empty talk Bush had given But, he said that he’ll keep 50,000 soldiers there. Is that leaving Iraq and its affairs? And, would he accept having 50,000 foreign soldiers in America or even in a country which allies with America?”

“Q. But, he will decrease his forces in Iraq from 120,000 to 50,000 soldiers?”

“A. First, the military Americans existence in Iraq is not based only on 50,000 soldiers, as there is the same number [of cooperatives] working with private contracts. The mercenary soldiers are not pronounced in casualties. Second, he was forced on this decrease under the attacks of the mujahideen. And, his hope in brief is to push the Shiite government forces of Iraq mainly to hold the burden of destruction of the American forces. And, the Americans will interfere when necessary.”

“Q. Will he succeed in that?”

“A. The plan for the Iraq invasion is a failure with a grace from Allah, and will not lead but to failure, Allah-willing.”

“Q. But, the Americans claim that they have accomplished successes in Iraq?”

“A. The Americans have not gained but losses in Iraq, with a grace from Allah. And, all they [can] claim is that they decreased the number of operations against them through forming the awakenings, and that is twisting the facts. First, American doubled its spending by the martyrdom of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, may Allah have mercy on him. Its military expenditure was in Iraq in 2006 about \$99 Million. and, that was the year Abu Musab passed away, may Allah have mercy on him. Killing Abu Musab, which the Americans introduced as a great success, was to solve the problem for them, but what happened is that America's expenses in Iraq had doubled in 2008 to \$195 Million. And, during these two years the awakenings were established and most of them were dismantled. This two-year period was when America claimed that it decreased the military operations of the mujahideen. But, in reality America had bought this fake victory by doubling their expenses in Iraq. And, the Jihadist resistance remained and increased, and simply by its continuation and remainder by liquidating America economically. So, imagine if it increased, confessed by Americans, and the false Iraqi government. Will the Americans keep pumping this money, while going through their economic crisis? And, if they had spent the billions of dollars in the last two years, will they keep paying after the withdrawal of most of their troops from Iraq? And, what will happened if the sea of money stops? The answer is the collapse of the awakenings, and the decrease in the Iraqi forces budget, and increase in the Jihadist resistance. The Americans have lost whether they spend money or not. This is one.”

“The second is that the Americans made the awakenings as the main counter-forefront that faces the mujahideen. So, the decrease of hits against the Americans will have an increase in the losses of the awakenings. And that is the matter unconsidered by the American forces. The third matter is that the American and Iraqi governments hide most of the truth.”

“Q. Can you give us examples on that?”

“A. The examples on that are plenty. The American forces and the American media do not mention and cannot mention hundreds of operations the mujahideen have been carrying. And, if the Jihadist media was absent God-forbid, then the information will have to be based on the American forces and the reports of the American media and will present losses as victories. And, from my personal experience, how many times the American army and the Pakistani government that they have sanctioned or killed or wounded...etc. These lies do not exist except in the minds of the American and Pakistani

intelligence. Thanks to Allah for good health and we ask Allah to protect us and all Muslims. But, as for the Iraqi government, everyone witnessed their scandals when they announced the capture of Sheikh Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, may Allah protect him along with the rest of the muajhdiin and Muslims. It was a destructive scandal, and Sheikh Abu Omar exploded in them with his speech and showed their lies and fallacies.”

“Q. The amazing thing is that the Iraqi government, after unveiling its lies using clear evidence, is still chewing the same lie, so what is your explanation?”

“A. This is a group that lives lies. And, their policies are false, and their religion media are false. They grew up in it and became addicted to it. They cannot give it up or feel ashamed about it.”

“Q. Good, that was your comment about Obama's stance regarding Palestine and Iraq, so what is your comment about his stance regarding the rest of reasons that you have mentioned as reasons of hostility between the Muslims and America?”

“A. My comment is that he repeats the same previous American stands in the reasons of hostility between the Muslims and America in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, and the American occupation of the Arabian Peninsula, and threatening the Islamic Nation with force, and the corrupt and corrupting regimes that work for America, and the war against Islam under the name if "terrorism." He did not even mention briefly any crimes America committed.”

“Q. Like what?”

“A. Obama did not say one word about war on Gaza, or the continuous sanctions on Gaza until today, or the suffering of the people of Gaza, or raiding the civilians in Afghanistan, or bombing the villages and tribes in Pakistan, or the bloody massacres and the removal of more than two million muhajireen from Swat Valley, or Guantanamo Bay prison or Abu Ghraib, or the hidden American prisons, or widening the prisons like Bagram Prison, or America's avoidance from the Geneva resolutions that have to do what treating the prisoners, or the number and names of the prisoners in the hidden prisons, and their fate, or America's stance towards them, or the exiling policies made torture in Egypt, Jordan and Morocco and other places.”

“Q. But, it is said 'why don't you respond to his [Obama] invitation to negotiate?’”

“A. Do not request from the unjustly-treated to drop the resistance! But, demand the criminal to give up his criminality. Also, didn't Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may Allah protect him, initiate an offer to the Americans and another to the European countries to stop their aggression towards the Muslims, and we [could] start a relationship based on benefits and not [based on] aggression, thievery and robbery. If Obama wanted to negotiate, they he should respond to the two offers of Sheikh Usama, and they are fair offers. The mujahideen have opened a door for them to start a new page, but but they insist that the relationship be based on aggression and injustice towards us, then thereafter it is not a problem for Obama and his likes to come, and give the important phrases and the invitations.” Do you know who is like Obama?

“He is like a wolf whose teeth are engrossed in your flesh, his claws are scratching your face, and both are dripping your blood, then he invites you in when you are defending,

or wants peace with you. Do you remember the famous poem of Ahmad Shawqi about the fox and the turkey?"

"One time a fox showed up wearing the clothes of preachers, and walked around earth preaching guidance and cussing the deceitful"

[Interviewer]

"Yes, which he concluded saying: 'He is wrong who ever thought one day that (a) fox has [any] religion.'"

[Al-Zawahiri]

"Showing Obama surrounded by media frenzy and Hasidim by the Wailing Wall] Obama is like that; he has no religion. He was born to a Muslim father, then he Christianized and thereafter prayed like the Jews."

"O. Alright, I would like to ask your opinion about the effects of that crusader campaign on America itself?"

"A. On the economic level, the Jihadist movement caused the economic crisis America suffers from and her allies today. The economic recession today, caused by the battles and raids against America, was solved by the central Bank through a huge decrease in interest, which increased fluidity and competition to lend, which pushed the public to borrow more than they can payback. That caused incapability by the public to pay back, so the financial institution fell, and that was followed by a disastrous economic crisis."

"And, on the military level, America held the burden of huge losses in Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, but it even reached a closed tunnel, which doubled the economic crisis. In exchange, the mujahideen gained more power and increased their influence, so for example the mujahideen's influence increased to include Pakistan, and they also gained a stronghold in Somalia with a grace from Allah."

"And, on the political level, Bush and his cooperatives fell back; Cheney and Rumsfeld and Wolfowitz and Richard Bearn and Khalil Sadah, Obama came as a decision from the American public, resulting from Bush's defeat and their [Americans] boredom with his idiocy."

"O. Now that you mentioned Obama's victory in the presidential elections, how do you see him after more than three months since the beginning of his presidency?"

"A. Obama evaded many of his promises!"

"O. Like what?"

"A. Like evading the withdrawal of all of the forces from Iraq by saying that he will keep 50,000 soldiers there. And, such as his reluctance to close Guantanamo Bay detention by saying he will transfer 50 prisoners to American prison, and refusing to publish the torture images after the defense secretary agreed to publish them, and also protecting the CIA prosecutor from judicial matters."

"O. Good, let us move to Afghanistan. How do you see the Jihadist conditions in Afghanistan today?"

“A. Afghanistan is a verse from Allah on His land, and one of the most wonderful countries of Allah. This poor deprived abstemious country has made world history twice, during less than thirty years. One time, when it defeated the Soviet empire, and here it is today, with a grace from Allah, defeating the American empire. And, it is enough to compare between Bush's tone before his crusader campaign against Afghanistan, and between Obama's tone today when he announces that his strategy in Afghanistan is an exit strategy, and all of that because of Allah alone, and also with the sacrifices of the Afghans and their supporters who sacrificed tens of thousands of martyrs and wounded, and times that of widows and orphans, via an unstoppable relentless and restless Jihad for the cause of glorifying Islam and dearness of Muslims.”

“What currently happens in Afghanistan is a lesson that must be learnt by the [entire] Muslim Nation; it is enough honor for the Afghans that they will be mentioned in the Islamic history; their Islamic Emirate under the command of the Amir of Believers Mulla Muhammad Omar Mujahid, protected by Allah, has challenged America, the greatest power on the face of the Earth, and has scarified all it has for the cause of their religious beliefs, principles, and protect the safety of their Muslims weakened muhajireen brothers.”

“Q. What is the reason for describing it a defeat to the American forces in Afghanistan on the hands of the Taliban?”

“A. What currently happens in Afghanistan of mujahideen repetitive victories , under the command of the Amir of Believers Mulla Muhammad Omar, may he be protected by Allah, is from Allah's graciousness and support to His weakened servants, who preferred His graciousness over life mortal pieces. What is currently being achieved in Afghanistan of mujahideen victories, and of losses of the crusaders and the apostates, has not come from a vacuum. But, it came by a grace from Allah to the mujahideen, as he solidified them on the path of Jihad, and He awarded them patience and responsibility to present tens of thousands of casualties and double that of wounded, and double-double that of widows and orphans and handicapped.”

“Q. Then, you see that Allah has rewarded the Islamic Emirate mujahideen victories as a result of their steadfast approach of truthfulness?”

“A. Yes, these victories did not come from following the words of [Islamic] jurists-of-incapability who forbid Jihad except from the American lord, or the jurists of the Marines who approved the bloodshed of the mujahideen in Afghanistan under America's cross, and not by following the words of election [Islamic] jurists who claim seeking the establishment of Islamic ruling by accepting the constitution and commands that are contradictory to Islam; to fail before you begin. I advise the leaders of the Islamic Movements to come to Afghanistan and learn lessons from the Taliban and Mulla Muhammad Omar, to fix with that their approaches and renew their faith.”

“Q. This reminds us of what was repeated of negotiations between the Islamic Emirate and the Americans via a Saudi initiative, and one of the claimers pronounced knowledge of matters in a conference in Cairo months ago, that is; handing you over personally is the price for the Taliban accepted to pay the Americans and that it is about to occur, so what is your comment?”

“A. My comment is the words of al-Mutanabbi. [Two lines of Poetry] Those poor people grew up and got older on the struggle of benefits and gains and positions, and have not known the taste of asceticism or Jihad or martyrdom or dependence on Allah, and have not even smelled them. The Islamic Emirate that has sacrificed with all it has in her hands to reserve her Islamism, and protect her brothers, and it has chosen its golden stance in Islamic history, so how could it back off today? It has endured the bitterness of seven years of sacrifice and the loss of the most honorable of heroes and the loss of wealth, family and children. How could it back away while it is seeing today the signs of good news and victory while watching closely the Crusader campaign beginning to go backward? If the men of the Islamic Emirate and its Amir Mulla Muhammad Omar Mujahid were bargainers, as pictured by those who claim knowledge of matters, then they would have given up from the first day before the invasion of Afghanistan, as all the attractive offers were provided in front of them. And, everyone remembers how Amir of Believers fired Turki al-Faisal; head of the Saudi Intelligence, from his meeting in Qandahar because he [Mulla] considered Turki had pointed an insult towards him by saying that the Amir of Believers had promised him to hand him over Usama bin Laden and his followers, and that he came to have that promise kept. And, he told Turki that the Americans and Usama have disputes over the events that occurred in Africa, so what is your business? And, you ancestors, meaning the [Prophet] Companions, may Allah grace them, because the Afghanis respected the Arabs because they [Arabs] are the companions of the prophet, and your ancestors have taught the world dearness and protectionism, so why do you cooperate for the American side? And, the following day Saudi Arabia broke its relations with the Islamic Emirate, but the Islamic Emirate did not care, despite that Saudi Arabia was one out three countries only that recognized it [Islamic Emirate].”

“O. Speaking about Afghanistan leads us to speak about the recent developments in Pakistan, so what do you see in that?”

“A. In Pakistan now, there is a struggle between two powers: a power that represents the Jihadist direction that seeks to establish Sharia and to remove the invading kuffar from the country; the stream that enjoys a wide popularity in Pakistan and especially amongst the Pashtun and Banush tribes, and another stream that sold its honor and religion to the crusader America, and has sacrificed everything, including the safety and security of Pakistan, for personal benefits, and has lost.”

“O. Who represents the latter stream?”

“A. It is represented by the governing corrupt political class, and the oblique military group leading the Pakistani Army, who works as hunting dogs for the Americans and receives bribes and commands from the American Ambassador in Islam Abad.”

“O. And, what is the true image of the current struggle in Pakistan?”

“A. The true image is that the Pakistani Army pushes their soldiers to kill, imprison, and injure until their [Army] leaders gain the benefits and the bribes.”

“O. And, what is the reason behind the recent campaign on Swat valley?”

“A. The reason is America's refusal towards establishing [Islamic] Sharia, even if partially. And that uncovered the true face of the ruling class of Pakistan, which fights the Sharia

and does not want but secularism—who capitulate to America and drowned in a swamp of corruption. What has been achieved in Swat was supposed to be achieved in all of Pakistan 60 years ago.”

“O. The Pakistani officials have claimed that Pakistan's system, constitution and laws are based on Islam, how true is that?”

“A. This is the biggest lie in the history of Pakistan, and its constitution and laws are contradictory to Islam. They [Pakistani Government] delay establishing it [Sharia law] with all kinds of tricks and hoaxes. I have written a brief message in this matter, titled ‘the Morning and the Lamp,’ in which I pointed out the fakery of these claims, and when Sharia became established, from the judicial side, in Swat, the hunting dogs of America could not bear that, as they rushed to shed the blood of Muslims in Swat, and kicked them out of their land and homes, and that because of the influx of American bribes in their pockets and bank-accounts.

“O. In reality, what are the results of those military campaigns, and especially over Swat valley and the tribal regions?”

“A. Only failure. As I have told you the Pakistan Army does not care if all of their soldiers and the smallest commanders get killed, as long as their pockets are filled with American bribes. All the campaigns over the tribal regions and Swat valley have achieved nothing, and the army every time is forced to withdrawal and establish negotiations with the mujahideen. Even the most recent campaign in Swat, when the [Pakistani] Army claimed that they will finish within days, is still continuous and will have the same previous results.”

“O. What about the effects of raids by the American surveillance jets?”

“A. First, the raids in the tribal regions do not occur via surveillance jets only, but also using tanks, stealth jets and vertical jets. Second, raids using surveillance jets do not increase but the mujahideen's steadfastness and determination.”

“O. But, the Americans claim that those campaigns achieve practical success?”

“A. The Americans always search for a claim to cover their failure and losses in Afghanistan, and had the raids been effective at all, then it would worked in Vietnam as they had to kill 5 million Vietnamese people and have burnt it down completely, then they were forced to withdrawal in defeat and disappointment, and had that actually benefited them it would have worked in Iraq and Afghanistan, as they were forced to confess their huge losses; meaning confessing to failure and defeat, after Bush had announced after the intense raid campaign that he had achieved victory. The raids in the tribal regions only increased the Muslim's hatred towards America, and that uncovers the cooperation of the Pakistani government with the crusaders, and also proved Obama's deceit in starting a new policy with the Islamic World, and shows that Obama is a blood-shedder of Muslim blood like his predecessor [George] Bush.”

“O. Obama has claimed more than once that he will cooperate with Iran for the purpose of achieving what he refers to as “stability in Afghanistan,” so what do you see in that?”

“A. I see it as a continuation of cooperation between Iran's government and the crusader campaign that has been established before the blessed attacks [September 11<sup>th</sup>] on America. They [Americans] used to support Ahmad Shah Masoud who used to cooperate with America, but even in Brussels he called upon her [America] to interfere in Afghanistan. Then, he cooperated with them to invade Afghanistan, then to invade Iraq, and now they are trying to rescue her [America] from her predicament in Afghanistan, but that is far-fetched as Allah doesn't support the deeds of the corrupt.”

[Narrator]

“Ahmad Shah Masoud, ally of the Iranians, has demanded the American interference in Afghanistan as a protection of America's safety and her allies.”

[Shah Masoud speaking]

“This is my letter to Mr. Bush; if he does not move to accomplish peace in Afghanistan, and if he doesn't help the Afghani people to reach peace, then surely the problem will not be in Afghanistan only but it will move to America and other countries.”

[Narrator]

“When Masoud was killed, America and Russia started worrying. As for the American worry, it was mentioned in the 9/11 Commission report when they mentioned the meeting that occurred a day before Masoud was killed. On September 10<sup>th</sup> 2001, the representatives of the various American security forces met and decided an agreement on a plan comprised on three stages: ‘an envoy would give the Taliban a last chance,’ and the second stage is if the first stage fails, ‘continuing diplomatic pressure would be combined with planned covert action program encouraging anti-Taliban Afghans of all major ethnic groups to stalemate the Taliban in the civil war and attack al-Qa'eda bases, while the United States developed an international coalition to undermine the regime.’ The Third stage, ‘if the Taliban policy still did not change, the United State would try covert action to topple the Taliban's leadership from within.’ And, the those who met agreed to review the main direction of al-Qa'eda, and were working to a presidential consensus to achieve this plan. And, this alert was in the highest of American decision-making departments on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2001, and the push to kill Ahmad Shah Masoud on September 9<sup>th</sup>, because the American administration considered the killing of Ahmad Shah Masoud an attack by the Islamic Emirate on the American interests. and, despite that the death of Ahmad Shah Masoud, according to the international law, is considered an Afghani inside affair, but according to the biggest criminals in the world, it is considered a war-declaration by the Jihadist Islamic forces against them. This criminal plan was decided against the Islamic Emirate on September 10<sup>th</sup>, but the mujahideen, with Allah's grace, went ahead and attacked them in their homeland [America] on September 11<sup>th</sup>.”

“As for the Russian worry, it was announced by President Putin when he said about the killing of Ahmad Shah Masoud: ‘I have spoken with President Bush and I said that Masoud; head of the north alliance, was just killed, and I told my American counter-part that I am very worries; there is something big about to occur, they are planning something.’”

“And, when American began its preparation to occupy Afghanistan, the President [Muhammad] Khatami said that there must be cooperation with America in her war against Islam under the name of terrorism, and he was successful in convincing the minister council with his opinion.”

[Khatami]

"The Taliban was our enemy, and America sees the Taliban as her enemy too, and if they overthrow the Taliban, then that would serve the Iranian interests first-degree."

[Narrator]

"And, the Iranians decided to speak with the Americans, and the only place the two American and Iranian delegations would meet in was in the United Nations. There, an Iranian delegate brought a message to the government of the United States, on that, Hillary Mann—delegation member from the United States to the United Nations—said: 'Iran was prepared to work unconditionally with the United States in the War on terror; that if they could work with us on this issue, it has the potential to fundamentally transform US-Iranian relations.'"

"The Iranian and American diplomats began meeting secretly in which was later known as '6+2' and about that, Hillary Mann said: 'these meetings were placed in New York, and also in Geneva. The Iranians were willing to do what is necessary to help ensure that the U.S. military could succeed.'"

"The American air raids continued, which began on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2001, for almost a month, but without any results. Iran's allies from the North Alliance, who were squashed in Benashir Valley needed America to raid the Taliban as they blocked the path to Kabul, and here the Iranians decided to supply the United States with dynamic intelligence data, and they used the group '6+2'"

[Clip of Mohsen Aminzadah, deputy Foreign Minister of Iran, speaking]

"There was nothing left in Afghanistan to destroy. It had all been destroyed already. The American campaign targeted bunkers and caves. They dropped stupendous bombs that could destroy mountains, but with no results. One of our delegates was from the military and he used to brief them on the situation inside Afghanistan."

[Clip of Hillary Mann]

"He hounded the table and said: 'I've had enough of this, this is just a nice topic but we will not get anywhere if this bombing campaign does not succeed.'"

[Mohsen Aminzadah]

"He said if America wants to succeed, they need the Northern Alliance help."

[Hillary Mann]

"And, then he took out a map and unfolded the map on the table, started pointing to targets the United States needed to focus on, particularly in the North. We took the map sent to the central command, and certainly that became the U.S. military strategy."

[Narrator]

"And, after the fall of Kabul, Iran helped in forming the [Afghani] cooperative government, and recognized the government that came atop the American tanks, and under the shade of more than thirty crusader banners, but even kicked-out the Sheikh Hikmaryar from Iran when he declared that it is a cooperative government and is rejected by the Afghani people."

“And, after nine months, America and Britain sought a U.N. decision to justify the invasion of Iraq, and the British foreign minister travelled to the Middle East seeking support, and arrived at Tehran.”

[Clip of Jack Straw, UK Foreign Secretary]

“Iran was a reputable country in the region, and it was also important to me see the Iranians; to bring them onboard to what we intended doing, which is getting rid of Saddam.”

[Khatami]

“They did not always oppose Saddam. Saddam was our enemy, and we wanted him destroyed.”

[Narrator]

“And, now Khatami presented an unexpected offer, as he suggested Iran supplies America with intelligence data and advice to overthrow Saddam.”

[Khatami]

“I told him: let us repeat the Afghani experience in Iraq, and let us make six plus six; six neighboring countries to Iraq, and the five countries with permanent membership of the security council and amongst them America, and include Egypt.”

[Mohsen Aminzadah]

“For us, Iraq's future was no less important than Afghanistan's. Many key Iraqis were exiled in Iran; they would be Iraq's leaders.”

[Khatami]

“Look at Iran as a power that can solve problems, rather than a problem itself.”

“Q. How do you see Iran's status amidst these important events since the beginning of the crusader campaign over Afghanistan?”

“A. I see that Iran in the outcome has lost exponentially.”

“Q. What did you base this opinion on, despite that some claim that Iran is the biggest winner amidst these events, as America has overthrown two regimes hostile to her [Iran]; Taliban in the East, and Saddam's regime in West?”

“A. I see Iran as seeking the help of fire. First, the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan was cautious to not be hostile towards Iran, and to find mutual interest relationships with Iran to break the sanctions enforced. Iran was who interfered in the affairs of Afghanistan, and supplied the Northern Alliance with money and weapons. But Iraq's situation after the first Gulf war in general, and before the American invasion in particular, doesn't enable it to form a threat to any of its neighbors. It was confirmed that all of America's claims and justifications to invade Iraq were simply lies and trickery. This was Iran's status before the Crusader campaign on Afghanistan. But now, it became surrounded with almost a quarter-million soldiers from America and her allies; Eastern in Afghanistan and Western in Iraq. Not to mention the huge military existence on the other side of the Gulf and these are forces that wish to destroy the ruling regime in Iran.”

“Q. But, the current American government in Afghanistan was friends with Iran, and the one in Iraq allies with Iran?”

“A. No, both governments in Afghanistan and Iraq are very invaluable governments to America and came atop her tanks, and do not have a living without her existence [America]. This is what Karzai and Maliki continuously pronounced that they are demanding America to not pull out now from Afghanistan and Iraq.”

“Q. But, the government in Iraq is in the hands of the Shiites!”

“A. Correct, the government in Iraq is in the hands of the Shiites who were settled and supported by Iran, but the real influence is in the hands of the Americans, not the Iranians! And, all the Iranians can accomplish is threatening to find problems for America in Iraq. The heavy face-offs between the Iraqi government forces that are supported by the American army, and other militias like al-Mahdi army—that the fighting factions in it bombed the Domes of Hussein and Abbas—is one of the faces of the continuous struggle between Iran and Iraq. And as proof, al-Maliki and his government, when tested, they give loyalty to America over Iran. And, this struggle is clear also in Iran opposition to the security pact between America and Iraq, which denotes a partial pull out of American forces.”

“Q. Then, you see that Iran has lost strategically through cooperating with America in invading Afghanistan and Iraq?”

“A. Not only that, but additional to financial losses as Iran has lost a huge meaningful loss.”

“Q. How?”

“A. Iran had her image scandalized in front of the entire world, it became clear she is not from the reluctant front like it is described by its supporters and herself, but she is from the bargaining front, and she is ready to sell out the Muslims to the invading crusaders and help them against the Muslims, if she sees that her narrow interests can be accomplished with this kind of complicity. Iran sees Jihad allowed (or Halal) in Palestine and Lebanon, but sees it as forbidden (or Haram) in Iraq and Afghanistan. Not even one Fatwa was released from any Shiites reference, inside or outside of Iran, about the necessity of Jihad and fighting and carrying weapons in the face of the American invaders and crusaders in Afghanistan and Iraq. On the contrary, all of their statements and directions call for quietness and defeasance of resistance. And America, the biggest Satan, became the preferred partner in Afghanistan and Iraq. It is alright for the Crusader Americans to enter Afghanistan and Iraq, but even it is alright to bomb the shrine of Imam Ali. But, it is forbidden and the greatest of woes if they tried touching an atom from Iran's soil.”

“Q. But, those who defend Iran say that al-Qa'eda accuses Iran with complicity with the crusaders in Iraq and Afghanistan, but it [Iran] is not the only one involved in this crime, as most of the Arab states who claim being Sunnis, have participated in a role or another in the crusader campaign, and not only the Shiite references who paid no attention to the crusader attacks on Iraq and Afghanistan, but there are also Ulama who are Sunni who gave Fatwas [allowing] the participation of Muslims in the crusader campaign

against Afghanistan, and there are official Ulama, and particularly from the Arabian Peninsula, gave Fatwas about the prohibitions of participating in Jihad in Iraq?”

“A. We, with a grace from Allah, have uncovered the role of the Arab states in allying with the crusader campaign on the Islamic World. And, we have with Allah's grace uncovered the role of who I refer to as "Marines [Islamic] Jurists," and I demanded them to redeem themselves and back away from that scandalous Fatwa, and apologize to the Muslim Nation for this historic fallout. And, also we uncovered the authoritative official and unofficial Ulama's role in the Arabian Peninsula and other places, in serving the crusader campaign against the Islamic World.”

“In the recent message of Sheikh Usama bin Laden, may be protected by Allah, he demanded the Muslim Nation and the honest Ulama to uncover those [fake, scandalous] Ulama and prepare lists of their names, words and stances that support the crusader campaign against Islam and Muslims.”

“O. Even those who gave Fatwas allowing the participation of Muslims in the crusader campaign on Afghanistan were mercilessly treated by Iran when they warned about the Shiite activities in the Sunni societies and described them as cooperatives to Israel?”

“A. Yes, this is the nearest accusation they use against those who opposes them, while they pretentiously forget about what they provided for the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan. Even in the recent elections, Mahmoud Ahmad Najad accused his opponents that they work for Israel.” [Verse]

“O. Please allow me to take some time to speak away from our talk about Iran, about a matter I was reminded with when we spoke about the complicit Ulama in the Crusader campaign, which is a claim by some asserting that al-Qa'eda does not praise anybody, but rather only [selfishly] sees herself, and that anyone opposes it is unrighteous, and doesn't mention anyone in praise or commendation?”

“A. This is a part of the media war, and it is an untruthful statement, as we have commended many Ulama, [Islamic] activists, and mujahideen who aren't related to al-Qa'eda like Sheikh Hasan al-Banna, Sheikh Ezzedeen Qassam, Mr. Abdul-Qadir Odeh, Sheikh Ahmad Shaker and his brother Sheikh Mahmoud Shaker, Sheikh Muhammad Hamed al-Fiqhee, Sheikh Muhammad Khalil Harrass, Sheikh Abdul-Razzaq Afifi, Sheikh Muhammad al-Awdan, Mr. Sayyed Qutb, Sheikh Salah Abu Ismail, Sheikh Abdullah Azzam, Sheikh Ahmad Yasin, Dr. al-Ranteesi, Sheikh Hammoud al-Uqla, leader Shami al-Basayeff, President Aslan Maskhadiff, President Salim Khani-Darb Nayef, Sheikh Abu Omar al-Saif, Sheikh Nizam ad-Deen Shamzayy, Sheikh Mawlwai Abdullah Ghazi; father of our Mawla Abdul-Rashid Ghazi (martyr of the Red Mosque in Islam Abad, Sheikh Muhammad Younis Khalis, may Allah have mercy on them, and Sheikh Omar Abdul-Rahman, Sheikh Abu Munther al-Sa'edi, Sheikh Abu Qutadah al-Filistini, Sheikh Abu al-Waleed al-Filistini, Sheikh Naser bin Muhammad al-Fahd, may Allah release them from imprisonment, and Sheikh Abdullah Thakiri, Sheikh Mawal Jalal ad-Deen Haqqani, Sheikh Fadel Muhammad, and Sheikh Muhammad Yasser—known as Ustath Yasser—and Sheikh Hussein Omar bin Mahfouz, Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi, Sheikh Abu Abdullah al-Muhajir, Sheikh Yousif Abu Hilalah, Sheikh Hamid al-Ali, Sheikh Abu Bassir al-Suri, and even some of those who we commended we might have some opposing opinions with. Also, Sheikh Usama supported the Ulama who declared that sanctioning Gaza is an agreement with the Jews and they have showed the ruling on that.”

“We also support *Front of al-Azhar Ulama* in their honest stances about [political] normalization and Gaza sanctions. In general, we commend those who do well, and we criticize those who do not, and we ask Allah to award us fairness in words and deeds.”

“Q. Also, some of Iran's followers accuse you that you attack Iran as a service to the interests of some Gulf-Arab states that ally with America?”

“A. We say to them: the proverb says ‘if you are a liar, then have a good memory,’ and we with the grace of Allah have uncovered the shameful betrayal roles of the Gulf Countries against the Islamic Nation since their plot against the big Palestinian revolution in 1936 until their cooperation with Russfeld before the end of the Second World War, to their participations in the crusader campaigns against Iraq and Afghanistan, to their initiative that voided Palestine and recognize Israel, to their scheme on sanctioning Gaza. We even challenge those claimers to have the transparency and honesty of al-Qa’eda in facing off those corrupt governing families in the [Arabian] Gulf and even in the rest of the Islamic World.”

“Q. How?”

“A. The followers of Iran have reconciliations with the governors in the Gulf, and especially Al-Saud, accordingly most of their detainees were released, while tens of thousands of unified Muslims, who call for good deeds and prohibit the forbidden matters, in the prisons of Al-Saud, or are fired from their jobs, or are being pressured.”

“Q. Alright, let us move from speaking about Iran to the conditions in Iraq. How do you the current situation in Iraq?”

“A. The situation in Iraq is good with Allah's grace, and it is moving Alla-willing in the interest of the mujahideen, as the Americans are leaving Allah-willing, or at least their existence will diminish to a high degree, and the Shiite Iraqi government has to face its fate as the Shiite are split between America and Iran, and the awakenings have been shook and threatened by the Shiite government, and the mujahideen thanks to Allah are steadfast and solid and have not stopped bringing losses and painful attacks to the invading crusaders and their allies.”

“Q. Alright, if I ask you 'what is your message to the people of Iraq,' what would you answer with?”

“A. Truthfully, I would like to direct a few messages to the people of Iraq and not one message.”

“My first message is to the people of Jihad and Islam and the truthful belief and steadfast approach in Iraq, and on top the Islamic State of Iraq, may Allah support it and grace it, so I tell them: be steadfast, patient, encouraging and united as victory is near Allah-willing, and the difficult stages have passed and what is after is easier Allah-willing.”

“I also ask them by Allah to seek an honest path that encourages unity over the truthful approach and the pure belief, and Sheikh Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, may be protected by Allah, has invited them to respond to his invite, and I consider my brothers in the Islamic Sate of Iraq open their hearts and souls to every Jihadist group seeking unity, but even every Muslim who seeks the glory of Islam and Muslims.”

“Q. Alright, this is the first message.”

“A. Yes, and the second is [directed] towards our masters, sheikhs, and educators from amongst the Ulama who are honest, loyal and steadfast on the approach of Allah and His messenger, to stand with the truth and with the mujahideen, and to uncover the names of the betraying traders of faith and not to fear any accusations. They must convict the traitor traders of faith who did not command the nation with the obligation to fight the invading crusader. They have to uncover that the Shiite references did not present even one Fatwa from Iraq, Iran or other to fight the crusader invaders on Afghanistan and Iraq, and that the Ulama of authority in the Arabian Peninsula and in Egypt decline for people to go to Jihad as an answer to the commands of the cooperating rulers who are manipulated by America, as those Ulama are the servants of the servants [of America] and the cooperatives of the cooperatives [with America].”

“Q. Alright, is there another message?”

“A. Yes, my third message is to those who got involved with the crusader awakenings, whether from the groups who used to carry Jihad or other, so I tell them: is there redemption before it is too late? Here you have risked the loss of life so imagine the loss of the afterlife? And, I tell them: has your religion, honor and dearness become shamed that you have sold them in exchange for \$300 a month, thrown to you like crumbs are thrown to guarding dogs that do not have loyalty but to those who feed them? Answer the call of Sheikh Abu Hamza al-Muhajir, may be protect by Allah, and be well-aware that the mujahideen are the people of honesty in what they have offered to you of a chance to redemption, and they are also honest people in what they warned [you] about, as you haven't any offer [better] than the mujahideen's offer of redemption than the approach of the greatest Siddiq, may be graced by Allah, about the people of apostasy in the clearing war or the shameful peace.”

“One last message remains.”

“Q. Go ahead!”

“A. My last message is to my Kurdish brothers in Islam; the dear grandchildren of Salah ad-Deen. Allah has created you free and do not accept degradation and injustice, and you will not find freedom, dearness and pride except in the shadow of Islam. The Americans and the Jews are using your government to their benefits, and they will not allow you to object to them, and they will rid of you if they completely finish their interests, and they will not defend you if they saw that your enemies are achieving a bigger benefit for them, so be from the supporters of Allah and His messenger and be steadfast with your Islam and approach, and be well-aware that the Americans and the Jews will corrupt your sons and daughters until they become servants for them [Americans], and your mujahideen brothers are lending you their hands and they are the furthest people away from national [extreme] patriotism, and we at al-Qa'eda have given support (or Bai'a) to the Amir of Believers Mulla Muhammad Omar al-Afghani and we are proud of that, and we call upon the Muslims to go to him, so be liberated like Allah had created you and do not be instruments in the hands of the Jews and the Americans to use you for a period of time then give you up.”

“Q. Alright, please allow me to move to Lebanon, I would like to ask you first about Hizbullah and their stance towards the events of Gaza, what did you see in that stance?”

“A. The events of Gaza are like previous other ones that uncovered [the truth of] Hizbullah.”

“Q. How?”

“A. Hizbullah's stance regarding the events in Gaza included two contradictions: the first is Hasan Nasrallah pointing the continuous criticism to Husni Mubarak and the Egyptian regime on the necessity of opening the crossing-passageways and calling upon the Egyptian army to move, and calling upon the Egyptian people to open the borders with their chests...to the end of such publicity stunts.”

“The second stance is its complete refusal to launch any rocket from the tens of thousands of rockets it claims to own and proudly threatens Israel with; not even one-tenth of rocket was launched [against Israel] in support of Gaza who demanded from the Egyptian army to move for their support, and from the Egyptian people to move forward and open the crossing-passageways for them, although he had threatened Israel that if it attacked Lebanon, it will send such many thousand rockets that reach X & Y limits! Here is Israel has burnt Gaza down, so where are the rocket threats? Or, are Muslims in Gaza second-class?”

“Q. Even the rockets that were found in some garden prepared to be launched, they were described by Hasan Nasrallah as ‘suspicious rockets.’”

“A. [Sarcastically] Praise Allah! Why would his rockets be pure, untainted and blessed by the Lord of Muslims in Tehran! And, the other rockets that do not belong to him are suspicious? O do you demand people to exaltation and [thereafter] you forget [about] yourselves while reading from the [holy] Book, would you become logical?”

“Q. He claims he abides with the international agreements, and that these suspicious rockets, according to him, will cause doubles of losses in comparison to benefits, and that he doesn't want to give Israel an excuse to launch a destructive war over Lebanon, to the end of his [Nasrallah] claims.”

“A. Praise Allah! Aren't these the same excuses of Husni Mubarak? Then, why would [you call] Husni Mubarak be a traitor and a cooperative and that the Egyptian people and Army must move against him?”

“Q. He claims that him and his Hizb have fought to liberate Lebanon and that [per se] gives them the legitimacy in action.”

“A. Praise Allah! And, Husni Mubarak has engaged in more wars than him and liberated many times the landscapes of what he [Nasrallah] had liberated, and had released doubles of the number of prisoners he had released, so why Husni Mubarak would be a traitor, a cooperative and an aggressor against the Palestinians?”

“Q. Then, what is your explanation to these contradictions?”

“A. The explanation that is known by everyone is that the commands did not come from the lord in Tehran. The key to explaining Iran and her followers' behavior is that they are looking for political influence with any method; legitimate or illegitimate. If this political influence can be achieved via fighting, then they fight, and if it can be achieved by deterring the fight and agreeing to protect Israel's border, then they stop fighting and deter everyone seeking to fight from doing so and describe them as ‘suspicious.’”

“Q. Or, they use the [already] prepared accusation: cooperation with Israel which they glued to Sheikh al-Qardawi who used to be their friend.”

“A. Exactly! And, if the political influence was to become accomplished by assisting the crusader invaders against the Muslims, then they help the crusaders against the Muslims without hesitation.”

“Q. What is the secret of Iran's followers accepting all these contradictions and fallouts?”

“A. The secret is that the Shiite reference Jurists spread amongst their followers that they [Shiites] have a general co-sponsorship from the Twelfth Imam. According to their claims they speak in the name of the pure (or immune from mistakes) Imam, then [that means] they have immunity! And, additional to that the Khomeini declared in his book ‘The Islamic Government’ that the fair exalter has all traits of the messenger and Imams in what goes back to governance and politics, and that the prophets have given authority to the exalters with all what had been authorized to them [prophets], then after ten years from the Iranian revolution, Khomeini called with the theory of absolute governance of exalters, which one of the [religious] pillars of it is: the government is a branch of the messenger's absolute ruling, and it is a priority over all the branching rulings even prayer, fasting and Hajj, and that the government can cancel, from one side, the legitimate agreements it has with the public if it sees them opposing to the benefits of the country and Islam, and it can stand in front of any worship or non-worship matters if that were opposing to Islam's interests. So you, if you opposed the exalter Lord, then you have opposed the immune Imam, and if you oppose the immune Imam then you have opposed Allah, and if the exalter lord told you that Jihad in Lebanon and Palestine is Halal (allowed) or in Iraq and Afghanistan is Haram (forbidden) then this is the will of Allah!”

“Q. Then, this is Papal authority in the name of Islam?”

“A. But, even sometimes against Islam, so what can you call the assistance on shedding the blood of Muslims in Iraq and Afghanistan, and killing the Muslims on the hands of the Shiite militias in Iraq and burning them and nailing their heads with electric driller?”

“Q. There is a question that I frequently have, that is: don't you see that Hizbullah and Hasan Nasrallah receive more media attention than the Taliban?”

“A. Of course, this is a clear matter to anyone with two eyes. The Taliban faces an international alliance comprised of thirty countries, and are surrounded by Pakistan in the East and Iran in the West, and despite that, they [Taliban] are liberating lands, releasing prisoners, and killing the crusaders in many times of what Hizbullah had liberated and released. And, despite that, the Taliban received very minor media attention.”

“Q. And what is the secret in that?”

“A. The secret is that the media outlets and especially the Arabic ones have drawn out a program that is they claim freedom and presenting the opinion and its counter-other...and so forth of all these claims. This program welcomes the direction of Hizbullah; a Hizb (or party) that claims to represent Allah, and at the same time it is a secular party that engages in the secular political process and engages in the international as well as the national [il]legitimate resolutions, and corners itself in a narrow hole in the land and says that the mission ends with its [piece of land] liberation, and does not call for Jihad to liberate all the Muslim lands and does not call for the caliphate in the first place, because it considers the choice of the nation to the Imam of the council is a crime and [that] it is possible to negotiate especially through the exalter lord in Tehran, and it is possible to make agreements with him [Iranian lord] and utilize him as a wall to deter any Jihadist effort against the Unifi forces or against northern Israel.”

“In exchange, that program opposes, or it doesn't welcome or engage with, any call to establish the ruling of Sharia and making it the highest reference for ruling, or any call to oppose the current international law and to consider it a law based on injustice and aggression and especially against the Muslims, or with any call that invites to liberate all the homelands of Muslims and to establish the Islamic Caliphate ruling that which gather the Muslims [as one], or with any call that sees Israel as a must-be-erased crime. And, so Hizbullah receives this huge media attention, while they barely allow showing a part of the achievement that occur in the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan.”

“Q. Alright, do you have a message to the Muslims in Lebanon?”

“A. Yes, I tell them: he who doesn't appear [or act] as a lion will be eaten by wolves, and everyone around you is in preparation, so be aware of the adulterous traders of sins; the cooperatives of America and Al-Saud, as those are the first to leave you when it is serious times, and they have indeed ran away before, so be prepared and in anticipation, and gather around the free honest leaderships that do not accept negotiations towards their religion and honor, and be aware that Lebanon is an Islamic trench, and you are obligated to fight Israel and open a front against it, and seek the assistance of Allah and initiate sticking to His rulings and redemption from sins, and Allah will grace you and guide you to the dearness of life and the victory of the afterlife.”

“Q. Good, could we move to Palestine?”

“A. Go ahead.”

“Q. If I ask you to mention your opinion briefly about what currently circulates in Palestine and Gaza in specific, what can you say?”

“A. What currently happens in Palestine and specifically in Gaza is an attempt to have the mujahideen in Palestine kneel down and participate in the American and particularly Egyptian endeavors, and the Jewish and Americans have [already] secured the side of the [West] Bank that is located under the iron-fist authority of Mahmoud Abbas's security forces who cooperate directly with the Israeli Intelligence, via coordination from the C.I.A.; those forces that arrest and kill the mujahideen and guides Israel towards them.”

[Dr. Azzam al-Tamimi in a lecture titled “What after the war on Gaza.”]

“What is needed [by authorities in Palestine, Israel, Egypt and the U.S.] now is to suffocate Jihad in Gaza like it has suffocated in the West Bank.”

“Q. How?”

“A. The formula is simple: O people of Gaza, if you want to live, eat, drink and live then abide with the American-Zionist demands.”

“Q. And what are these demands?”

“A. Recognize Israel; publically accepting the international resolutions, quitting Jihad or what they refer to as violence, then above all that to recognize the government of Salam Fayyadh.”

“Q. And, why specifically Salam Fayyadh?”

“A. An interesting person! Liked by the Americans and the Jews; the man who doesn't keep a secret from them or disobey their commands, and what is needed from him is to slaughter Jihad and mujahideen.”

“Q. And, if Hamas does not answer these demands?”

“A. If Hamas doesn't answer the sanctions will continue and there will be no rebuilding [of Gaza], and the raid campaigns might come back for a second, third or fourth time.”

[Dr. Azzam al-Tamimi in a lecture titled “What after the war on Gaza.”]

“Q. Then, what is the solution?”

“A. The solution simply is that there is no liberation of Palestine except via Jihad, and the mujahid must not accept sanctions, or that his enemy can force upon him the time and place of the battle, so if the conditions became narrower in one place, then widen in other places.”

“Q. You have previously directed a message with this meaning numerous times, so what is the purpose of it?”

“A. The purpose is to remind every Muslim and mujahid that there is no liberation of Palestine but through Jihad, and if Jihad has been narrowed in Gaza, Earth has many more wide places, and we are with our mujahideen brothers in Gaza and Palestine and everywhere, and all our capabilities are under their [mujahideen] command, and they must not stop the wheel of Jihad as the enemy's targets are spread everywhere.”

“Q. Good, if I ask you to mention for me a practical solution to the Palestinian case in brief point, what can you say?”

“A. The mujahideen inside Palestine must not allow the enemy to determine for them the time and place and conditions of the battle, and the enemy has spread-out targets everywhere; the enemy is not just Israel, but also who assists and supports and supplies Israel with weapons that by which our people in Palestine are killed. ”

“Second: if the Muslim Nation wanted to liberate Palestine and lives without Israel, and the destruction of Jerusalem and al-Aqsa Mosque then they have to support the mujahideen in Iraq because they represent a true hope in breaking the boundaries and tribulation that separate the Muslim Nation and their brothers in the folds of Bayt al-Maqdis [Jerusalem], then if these boundaries are broken and those tribulations are removed, the entire nation will be capable of participating in liberating Israel, Allah-willing.”

“Third: Especially the people of Egypt, they have to carry a continuous public protest campaign that does not stop until the regime of Mubarak dismantles the sanctions from Gaza, and the dear proud tribes of Sinai particularly must not give up supporting and helping their brothers in faith and family in Gaza, and to supply them with all their need, starting with a loaf of bread up to tank-mines.”

“O. Talking [with you] is beautiful but time is running and we I still have important points, so please allow me to go through them for the sake of time.”

“A. Go ahead.”

“O. The Arabian Peninsula in general and Yemen in particular are witnessing a new Jihadist revival, what is your evaluation?”

“A. The rotten corrupt regimes who cooperate with the crusaders in the Arabian Peninsula and specially the two regimes of Al-Saud and Ali Abdullah Saleh, tried to keep the Intifada (uprising) and Jihadist anger that waves the Arabian Peninsula hidden, but the facts and the events are bigger than them, and the entire region is witnessing a Jihadist Intifada starting in Somalia to Iraq, and it is an uprising that gains everyday crowdedness, awareness and steadfastness, and determines its targets and knows its enemies, and challenges the evil crusader influence in the Arabian Peninsula and its followers, and defends the stolen right of Muslims and their honors that are being systematically violated every day, and for that the public support for Jihad increases in the tribes and cities, and many watch-dogs confess so. And, sympathy and support that exist amongst the nation's publics and especially in Yemen and amongst the mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula are not a secret. The public consciousness now is convinced more than before that these corrupt rotten regimes are the reason behind the injustices, economic corruption, political tyranny, and social decomposition, and there is no rehabilitation except by Islam and according to the approach of the Qur'an, and this is the approach of the mujahideen, Allah-willing.”

“O. Good, can we provide a focused look on the recent development in Somalia, what do you see in it?”

“A. Somalia today witnessed a vicious battle between a government enforced by the international crusader alliance and supported by America and Ethiopia directly, but even the Ethiopian forces have interfered again to support it [Somali Government], and it takes cover under the crusader invading forces under the so-called African Forces and other titles, and cannot live without their protection, and its president and head of its Parliament sought the help of West and East to send their forces to defend their traitor government as it is the government of the Americans and the government of the Ethiopians and the government of the crusader West and the government of the biggest criminals who positioned Sharif Sheikh as a new *Ahmad-Karazai* in Somalia.”

“I say: Somalia witnesses a battle between these powers and between the powers of Jihad and Islam which do not accept for Somalia of Islam, Jihad and stronghold, one crusader soldier under any title, and this government that was enforced by the international crusade will have the same fate as any power that coordinates with the international crusade; the loss of religion and life.”

“Q. Now Egypt witnesses a number of opposing movements who demand a change of regime, what do you regarding these movements?”

“A. Undoubtedly, the Egyptian regime has reached an incomprehensible degree of corruption, rot and cooperation, but there are a number of facts anyone who seeks reconciliation and change must realize, first: there cannot be any true reconciliation in Egypt away from the approach of Islam, and this is a political and legitimate truth.”

“The second matter: the system in Egypt and in most of the Arabic and Islamic countries cannot be removed except by force, and the regime in Egypt will not surrender to any peaceful attempt for change, and Husni Mubarak and his son will not leave governance except forcefully.”

“The Third matter: the attempt to change the regime from the inside and through the laws and constitution will lead to not but more corruption, injustice and [government] dependence, and contemporary history witnesses that.”

“The Fourth matter that is clear to every fair person: America stands in the ranks of the corrupt regimes and it supports and utilizes them, and Obama's recent visit to Saudi Arabia and Egypt is a clear message in this matter, and America will not welcome changing the regime except if it guarantees that the new regime will be more cooperative and dependent like what happened in Pakistan recently, as Musharraf was removed and a more corrupt person follower of America that is Zardari.”

“Q. Some news was repeated about America pushing the Saudi regime to repeat the attempt of go-between for the Taliban, so what do you in that?”

“A. It is new lie like before, as the Amir of Believers honestly announced that there are no negotiations with any side before the exit of the invading forces from Afghanistan, and the only possibility is to provide a way for the invading forces to leave Afghanistan, and generally Saudi Arabia was and still in the service of America in Afghanistan and its history in corrupting the Afghani parties with money, and positioning a new government for them is a famous and well-known matter.”

“Q. Some see that America tends to lean more towards Iran than Saudi Arabia?”

“A. America only cares about its interests and very ready for that, and Al-Saud are not but instruments in America's hands, it uses them then gives them up if it found better people to achieve its interests.”

“The Iranian danger over the Arabian Peninsula is grand and expanding, and the reason in that is the complicity of Al-Saud for decades in desires and needs, and they left the matters to defend the Arabian Peninsula to the Americans who protect their [Al-Saud's] reign, and for that, despite that Saudi Arabia is the richest country in the region, and despite that its military expenditure is the biggest in the region, but its army is incapable

of defending it. And, from another side, Al-Saud have abided with the Shiite demands and [Shiite] detainees were released, while the prisons of the Arabian Peninsula are crowding with thousands of detainees of [religious, Islamic] advocates, Ulama and Sunni men, and the people of Sunnah did not receive even one-tenth of the Shiite gains, and their [Shiite] advocates who are media-influenced carry the role of devil's advocates in defending the corrupt Al-Saud regime, and advocate to deter Jihad except through the American lords, but those who call for truthfulness get imprisoned as their fate.”

“Q. It was noticed in the recent period a media activity and declarations by numerous advocates, some in the Arabian Peninsula, in an attempt to disfigure Jihad in the Islamic Maghreb and improving the image of the ruling regimes in it, what is the reason in your opinion?”

“A. The reason is clear, which is the appearance of a great Jihadist power in the Islamic Maghreb that threatens the French and American influence, and uncovers the corruption and decomposition and cooperation of the local regimes, so it was an inevitable attempt to contain it [Jihad] in any way.”

“Q. And, what is your evaluation regarding the success of these attempts?”

“A. He who defends Satan can only disfigure himself, as the facts are bigger than to be hidden, and the Islamic Nation in the Islamic Maghreb realizes the length of corruption and the problems of these rulers and the length of their war against Islam and spreading of corruption, but even their fight against Hijab. And, he who defends the corrupt rulers; children of France, and thanks their mother, then he has ruled for himself lowness.”

“Q. Good. And what is the duty of Muslims today in the Islamic Maghreb?”

“A. The duty of Muslims today in the Islamic Maghreb is to seek sticking with the rules of Islam and rejection of corruption and vices, and to be aware in raising their children in accordance with Islam's morals and behaviors, and the duty of Muslim girls and women in the Islamic Maghreb is to face-off those who want to remove their Hijab and bring them down from the peak of their dearness, purity and pride, and to for every woman in the Islamic Maghreb to know that those are the vanguards and servants of France and America. So, Muslims must become supporters to truth with their hands, voices, opinions and hearts and to deter the new children of France, and to support the steadfast mujahideen brothers on truth; those who defend the dearness of Muslims and their rights and honors, and to know that Jihad does not besmear fate and does not shorten awards and death for the cause of Allah is better in life and afterlife than death in the seas to seek the European crumbs.”

“Q. Alright. Before we conclude this interview we do not want to miss our share of goodness, so what do you tell to the workers in the Jihadist media?”

“A. I tell them: May Allah reward you on behalf of Islam and Muslims the best of rewards as you have crushed the idol of Western media and have uncovered its lies, fakery and forgery of facts, and you have provided the honest information from the battlefields; this truth that has always been hidden by the media that wrongly claims honesty and neutrality, so you have malfunctioned the most important weapon in the crusader campaign in their ideological and media war against Muslims.”

“And, I tell them: be aware that you are in an Islamic trench, and be aware that what you receive of harm, hunts, imprisonment, migration and losses are not but the path of Jihad and victory.”

“So, be steadfast and patience and encouraging, and do all you possibly can for the service of Islam and to spread its words, and scandalize the enemy's lies, and seek to promote and develop your activities, and may Allah grace you, protect you and give you control, and accept from you the most honest of your deeds.”

“Q. In concluding this interview, would you like to add anything?”

“A. Yes, I would like to tell our beloved Muslim nation that the tone of America's speech has not changed but because of the mujahideen's campaigns, sacrifices and attacks on the crusader invaders, so be considerate O slightly people, and support your mujahideen children and brothers with yourselves, money, experience, information, opinion and prayers.”

“I ask Allah to prepare for this nation matter via which he endears the people of obedience and humiliates the people of disobedience, and via which to propagate the virtues and suppress the vices.”

“And, our last prayer is thanks due to Allah Lord of the Worlds.”

“Q. My dear audience, this was our interview with sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, and we direct thanks and prayer to him and you and all Muslims.”

“A. May Allah reward you the best of rewards, and may Allah accept from us and you and all Muslims the purest of deeds.”

[Interviewer]

“Our last prayer is thanks due to Allah Lord of the Worlds, and Allah's prayer and peace upon our lord Muhammad and upon his family and companions.”