



Statement from Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid (a.k.a. "Shaykh Saeed")

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Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid re: Jihad with Money and the Need for Money for Jihad in Afghanistan and Elsewhere



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"In the name of Allah, and thanks due to Allah, and prayer and peace upon Allah's messenger; Allah's prayer and peace upon him and his family."

"Peace be upon you and Allah's blessings and mercy, we ask Allah, raised and glorified, to grace us and yourselves with what He loves and approves of, and to use us for His religion and make us [be] from amongst the mujahideen for His cause. And, may he accept our deed and your deeds, and may He make them dedicated [only] to His kind face. And, thereafter: We are your brothers in Afghanistan are sending you our peace and greetings, and we advise you with some advice."

"The first advice is to deal kindly with you Muslim brothers. We consider the Muslims in Turkey as our brothers, and the nation of Islam is one nation, and as Allah, raised and glorified, said: 'Surely this nation of yours is one nation, and I am your Lord; so worship me' (Quran 21:92)."

"The nation of Islam is our nation everywhere; in Turkey, in the Arabian countries, in Pakistan and everywhere, the nation of Islam is one nation, and we must treat the Muslims; all Muslims, with brotherhood and love, as Allah said: 'The believers are brothers.' All the believers, and as long as they stay faithful and as long as they Muslim, and Islam has not been snatched from them, then they are our brothers. And even if they sinned and made mistakes, they are our brothers and we must treat them good, mercifully and kindly, as we were advised by our prophet Muhammad, Allah's prayer and peace upon him: 'the believer for [another] believer is like a building, each support the other.' And, as advised by the prophet, Allah's prayer and peace upon him, to be brothers in worshipping Allah, not to envy or clash but to be brothers in serving Allah."

"We are servants of Allah and brothers to each other, and we must treat the Muslims in this manner. And, he who listens to the speeches of Sheikh Usama and Sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah protect them, will find that they speak to the nation of Islam as a whole, and they do not differentiate between the mujahideen and the Islamic nation. The mujahideen are from amongst the Islamic nation, and we are from [amongst] this nation, and we are a part of it and not above it or peculiar to it, we are the children of this nation, and we are the forefront of this nation, and we care to endear this nation and for this nation to be of leadership and guidance, so we advise you to deal with kindness with all Muslims and to not rise above them, and to treat them with mercy, kindness and love in Allah, raised and glorified."

“The second advice, it is that Jihad needs a lot of money, and the Jihad battlefields need much money. And, Allah called for Jihad with money and with self, and [He] even put money ahead of self in many verses in the Qur’an, but even in all of the verses except for one verse in which Allah put Jihad with self first ahead of Jihad with money, because of the importance of financial Jihad. Jihad with money is the essence of Jihad with self. If there wasn’t money with which the mujahid can buy his weapon, food, drink and jihad machines, then he cannot carry out Jihad.”

“And, it is like that when some people from amongst the [prophet] companions came to the prophet and asked him to take them for Jihad, so he told them I am unable to take you with, so they left with their eyes pouring tears out of sorrow for not finding [anything] to spend, so their absence from Jihad was because of lack of money to take them to Jihad.”

“And, for that Allah, raised and glorified, in the verses of Holy Qur’an commands and encourages spending for the cause of Allah in Jihad for the cause of Allah. Many verses and we cannot count or speak of these verses as you should review the Holy Qur’an as there is encouragement to spend for the cause of Allah, even Allah, raised and glorified, made he who spends money for Allah’s cause will have 700 times that amount. [Verse]”

“Like that, there are many verses that encourage donating and Jihad with money, so it is an obligation since Jihad with self is an obligation, so; then, Jihad with money is also an obligation. And here we, in the battlefield in Afghanistan, are lacking a lot of money and a weakness in operations because of lack of money, and many mujahideen are absent from Jihad because of lack or absence of money with which they can carry out Jihad. Even many brothers...who want to sacrifice themselves for the cause of Allah, we cannot prepare them because of lack of money.”

“So, fear Allah and care to carry Jihad with money for the cause of Allah, and carry out this duty; the duty of Jihad with money for the cause of Allah, raised and glorified.”

“And, we also advise you to pray a lot for your mujahideen brothers in Afghanistan and everywhere, as prayer is the most important, better and bigger than all the money and everything, so we advise you to pray always for your brothers, and we give you [good] news that great battles that occurred these days, and the great victories that occurred against the Americans and their allies in Afghanistan have gotten them tasting bitterness in recent months, and many of them have been killed with grace from Allah, and many of their machinery were destroyed, and many of their jets fell down, so to Allah are thanks and gratitude. Even Bush himself confessed to that and said that last month was the most pressuring and intense on them in Afghanistan, so thanks and gratitude to Allah.”

“And also we give the good news that some of our brothers received martyrdom, as this is a great victory and degree for the brothers who martyred, and for our Turkish brothers it was the opportunity that many of them martyred, so this is pride and honor to the nation of Islam in Turkey, and we ask Allah to accept them amongst the martyrs and to settle them in the highest paradise, and may He grace us and you with what He loves and approves of.”

“Peace be upon you, and Allah’s mercy and blessings.”