



**Interview of Shaykh
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[This transcript, obtained by NEFA investigators, is provided for educational and informational purposes only. In May 2007, Al-Qaida's official As-Sahab Media Wing identified Shaykh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid (a.k.a. "Shaykh Saeed") as "the overall head of al-Qaida Organization in Afghanistan." According to As-Sahab, al-Yazid "took part in founding al-Qaida in 1989, and is a member of the Shura council of Qaida al-Jihad."]

Q) "It is rumored in some areas that Al-Qaida is supported by the United States. How would you respond?"

A) "This is a ridiculous charge."

"It was exposed when Sheikh Usama bin Laden proclaimed jihad against the United States. Al-Qaida launched a series of attacks against U.S. installations and interests in Kenya, Tanzania, parts of Yemen, Somalia and finally the TC on 9/11."

"This proves, beyond any shadow of doubt, that the accusation of Al-Qaida being supported by the U.S., is a blatant lie. 'Qaida al-Jihad' was founded by Sheikh Usama bin Laden, Sheikh Abu Obaida Panjsheri and Abu Hafis al-Masri so as to make Afghanistan the global center of mujahideen who had gathered there from all over the world."

Q) "Sheikh said, why is Al-Qaida waging jihad against the U.S.?"

A) "Jihad was launched against the United States since it has assumed the role of a modern day pharaoh, the evil empire - leading crusades against the Muslims."

"The U.S backs and supports Israel in its repression and occupation of the Palestinian lands and its people."

"The U.S. forces have established bases in almost all Muslim states, be it Afghanistan or the holy Mecca or even Medina; to coerce Muslims and exploit their wealth."

"U.S.-led sanctions against Iraq have martyred hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi children, due to unavailability of food and lack of health care."

Q) "Do you differentiate between American people and the state itself - or do you consider all Americans your enemy?"

A) "We have reached a point where we see no difference between the state and American people. The United States is a non-Muslim state bent on the destruction of Muslims. It is the American people who have voted George Bush into power, knowing full well his anti-Muslim credentials. America remained witness to the anti-Muslim agenda of George Bush in his first serving term as President, but they did not learn."

“They brought him into power a second time. The Americans empower their government and army to annihilate the Muslims.”

“It is possible that some parts of the American society may not like to encourage atrocities towards the Muslim world - we call upon them to stop their cruel leaders by voting against them.”

Q) “The U.S. is claiming success in Afghanistan, and also for controlling militancy in the area.”

A) “This is yet another false claim. We are fighting with conviction and steadfastness, inflicting greater damages to their troops and installations. The U.S. has been unable to make any strategic headway. Last month they lost 47 members of their army, which they haven't bothered to quote.”

“The U.S. army tried to use some tribals against the mujahideen and appealed to NATO countries to send more troops but no country is ready to deploy additional troops to Afghanistan. Canada on the other hand has threatened to pull out its forces if more NATO replacements are not sent.”

“With the onset of summer, our military action has increased tremendously. A fact that the united states has itself accepted. We have achieved success in Jalalabad, Kabul and Helmand.”

“We have even destroyed U.S.. Helicopters in Khost, Jalalabad and Helmand - reports of which have been carried by media worldwide.”

“The mujahideen are hopeful and high spirited. They are now expanding their areas of operations and carrying out actions in northern provinces too.”

“And by the will of god, we will be able to wrestle Afghanistan free of foreign occupation very soon.”

Q) “What do you say about the U.S. charge that Khalid Sheikh Mohammad was the mastermind of 9/11 WTC action?”

A) “Khalid Sheikh is a heroic warrior of Islam and the Muslims can be rightly proud of him. We pray for his early release. Regarding the charges of his involvement in 9/11, he will respond to them in court.”

Q) “What is the future of the Karzai government?”

A) “His future will be no different to that of other puppet governments in Afghanistan. He conspired with the Americans against the Muslims whom he tortured and helped send to Guantanamo Bay.”

“We tried attacking him but he survived. We will take him to task once we enter Kabul. History will adjudge him a traitor.”

Q) “Sheikh Saeed, which country is supporting Al-Qaida and if not why?”

A) “Not a single Muslim country supports our movement as they have sold their souls to the infidels. They are traitors and their only motive is to remain in power.”

Q) “And is there any Muslim government who you hold responsible for damaging your cause the most?”

A) “Sadly it is the government of Pakistan which has caused most damage to our cause. President Musharraf violated the trust of Muslims and contributed to destroying the Islamic government of Afghanistan.”

"He betrayed the mujahideen who protected Pakistan from the Soviet army. In return, Afghan, Arab and other mujahideen were bombed and killed. They were tortured, thrown into dungeons and handed over to the Americans."

Q) "How many people took part in the 9/11 action and who was the plan's mastermind?"

A) "As many as 19 people participated in this heroic deed, though there were many others who were responsible for planning the whole action. It is not wise to mention their names."

Q) "Are you getting help from some tribal areas of Pakistan for your cause in Afghanistan?"

A) "Yes, we are getting support from some people in Pakistan's tribal areas. They helped in jihad against the soviet union and are now supporting us against the united states."

"Waging jihad is compulsory for all Muslims. And we ask educated people like doctors and engineers to join our struggle. We also need financial support to further our cause."

Q) "Is Al-Qaida responsible for bombing the Danish embassy?"

A) "We claim responsibility for the attack as they had committed blasphemy against the holy prophet (pbuh)."

"It was carried out by a Saudi national who had lived in the holy land of Mecca and Medina and came all the way to take revenge against the doers of this blasphemous deed."

"It is wrong to say that 'innocent people were killed in the incident' as we had ensured that no collateral damage takes place."

Q) "What is your view on suicide bombings? Is it justified under Islamic law?"

A) "Sometimes in military engagement, attacking the enemy is not possible with conventional tactics, therefore we have to adopt this method for getting closer to the target and ensuring it is neutralized."

"Regarding the edicts of the self professed ulema, that this tactic is against the spirit of Islam, they have no sharia validity as they do not understand the realities of war. Most of them are making these proclamations on the directions of the 'enemy of Islam.'"

Q) "Do you term the attack on Pakistan's former Interior Minister Aftab Sherpao in a mosque as a right step?"

A) "We had strongly criticized the act as none of our mujahideen carried it out. Our ranks are under strict instructions against carrying out attacks in mosques or in situations where Muslims may become targets."

"We believe the attack may have been carried out by security agencies to make our cadre and cause look weak."

"We also sent out an explanatory response to attacks on mosques - but the newspapers portrayed a different version to ours. We urge our Muslim brothers not to believe the lies fed to them by American governments or secret agencies - but to have faith in the mujahideen and their cause."