



AQIM's Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud Condemns Israeli Attack on Gaza

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Shaykh Abu Musab Abdel Wadoud, Commander of Al-Qaida's Committee in the Islamic Maghreb: "Gaza - Between the Hammer of the Jews and Crusaders, and the Nail of the Apostates."

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"...In the name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Compassionate... to my Muslim brothers in the Islamic Maghreb in particular, and to the Muslim world at large: peace be upon you, and may you enjoy Allah's mercy and blessings. I turn to you with my sermon, after a second week of the ongoing crimes of bombing and extermination that your brothers and your families are facing in Gaza, amidst international duplicity and clear betrayal—clear as the sun—by the group of Arab traitors, including the Algerian stooge regime and the treacherous Mauritanian regime. And so, I seek through this sermon to issue four letters."

"The first letter is to my Muslim brothers in Algeria, [and] I tell them: the treacherous role played by the conspirator Mubarak's regime in Egypt isn't much different from the treacherous regime of Bouteflika and his aides in Algeria. This regime that has for long been a supporter and merchant of false notions, deceitfully claiming it is on the side of Palestine at times of both justice and injustice. Alas, the day has arrived when it has resoundingly demonstrated that—not only has it betrayed and failed Gaza—but, moreover, it is even blocking and preventing you from crying and screaming over the murdered ones in Gaza. And [the one] who has laid siege to Gaza and set his dogs, with their iron bars, upon the Egyptian people seeking to rescue their brothers, isn't any more deceitful or shameless than the one who is preventing Muslims in Algeria from conducting peaceful protests, and setting his dogs with their bars upon the Muslim youth, whose pride and enthusiasm showed on the streets of Qubba on Friday—and whose security forces seek each time to arrest the honorable and free from amongst from the honest youths, those who have been touched by bravery and Islamic brotherhood, and have aided their brothers with the weakest in faith... The one who has shaken Livni's hand in



Egypt isn't any more of a criminal than the one who shook the hand of the butcher Barak, who is killing our brothers right now in Gaza."

"That person is Bouteflika, beloved by the Jews. The one who, a few days ago, begrudged [you] the right to march in support of our slain brothers in Gaza. That is Bouteflika and his generals, who appointed a Jew as an advisor in their damned government. The faces are numerous but the betrayal is one; and countries are numerous, but the treachery is one. So, my Muslim brothers in Algeria, I ask you to stream forward to the rescue of your brothers in Gaza, by [sacrificing] yourselves and your wealth, leaving your mosques and pouring into the streets... And, I invite you to align your path in accordance with the honest and steadfast resistance, those who refuse to bargain with the cause of the Palestinians, and whose hands are not stained by devilish participation in the treacherous betrayal of Allah and his messenger, the Palestinians, and Islamic issues. And I call upon you to begin campaigns of destruction that will not end until the injustice against your brothers comes to a halt, putting pressure on this silent, treacherous regime."

"The second letter is for anyone who still possesses an atom of faith from amongst the Algerian police, military, and army. I say to them, when will you stop directing your weapons and the bombs of your aircraft against your own people? At what point? Aren't you mortified by the thought of Allah [knowing about] the bombing runs of your aircrafts across Jijel, Boumerdas, and Tizi Ouzou over our heads, synchronized with the Israeli bombings targeting our brothers in Gaza? Aren't you ashamed that the Jews and Christians might [escape] from you unharmed, and the mujahideen may not—the ones who are standing and confronting the Jewish-Crusader alliance? Isn't there a man [amongst] you, like Abu Muraf, who will adopt an honorable stance, and empty his bullets into the heads of those who have, for so long, fought against Allah, his messenger, and the weak amongst you? We are fighting against you today because you are standing between us and the agents [of the Jews and crusaders], who sold out Palestine and refused to support it—and, moreover, blocked us from supporting it. Those who have become the first line of defense for the interests of the infidels in our countries also serve as the fuel of the war against the Muslim nations. So, reflect on this—will you repent honestly to Allah?"

"The third letter I dedicate to my Muslim brothers in the Islamic Maghreb, and in particular, our brothers and beloved ones in Mauritania, the people of steadfastness and jihad. And so, I say to them, today is your day to support your brothers, [because] purifying Mauritania of the Israeli flag raised aloft in its skies, shooting the Jews, and closing their embassy is [our] duty. So, we carry on, with all the force we can muster, to accomplish this goal or be martyred. To accomplish this, I seek the help of Allah first, and then our brothers in Mauritania, who disapproved of this betrayal from the first day it was announced. They have kept asking for the situation to be remedied at every opportunity they have had. However, those who keep the watch over the honorable and free, they dealt with these calls in a simplistic and cynical way. So, for the children of our Islamic nation in Mauritania, this is the time for jihad, and sacrificing yourselves to fulfill this desire. The peaceful demonstrations aren't sufficient anymore for Mauritania to respond to the voice of truth and honesty. The permanence of this relationship [between Mauritania and Israel] and its continual presence is not merely a sin against you alone, but it is also [a sin] against Islam and all its faithful—and, for that, I ask you to wash away this shame that dogs us. I encourage you to destroy this relationship as a symbol of your support for your brothers in Gaza. I call upon you to wage jihad, and attack the Western interests, everywhere... And to those in the Islamic Maghreb at large, behold the interests of the Jews and crusaders spread throughout your countries, as your brothers are pleading for your help. So, lend your hands to the mujahideen, and coordinate with them in destroying Jewish and crusader interests in our regions without mercy or remorse. Carefully choose your targets, and provide your brothers with the intelligence. Plan quietly, rely on secrecy and silence, depend solely upon Allah, and do not seek anyone's permission to destroy the killers of prophets and the cross-worshippers who are allied together in order to demolish us mercilessly and remorselessly."

"My final letter I dedicate to our brothers and mujahideen in Gaza... how much you have been dominated by this world and, O', how many apostate leaders from amongst you have assisted in

murdering you. We are watching from here in Algeria, on top of these mountains that our fathers descended from in order to battle their enemies, and where we continue our fight against the offspring of those enemies. And I assure you that our hearts are boiling over your wounds. By Allah, both myself and our fighters would be honored to now be at your side—our spirits alongside yours, and our blood alongside yours—in order to punish the enemies of Allah and his messenger, and to ease [the suffering] of our sisters, brothers, and children. However, the sons of France and the Jews from among us, who are attacking us at the same time the Jews are attacking you, have not given us any other choice than fighting them first in order to reach you. So, have faith in Allah that your battle, the mujahideen battle in Afghanistan, and the [battle] in the Islamic Maghreb are all united. With the help of Allah and his power, we are coming to break the borders of betrayal that stand between you and us. And have faith that we will employ every method to glorify you and to break the pillars of the satanic alliance of Jews, Christians, and the apostates. They have all allied against the glorification of our Prophet Mohammed.”

“O’ Allah, allow the mujahideen to attack the Jews and the Christians and their apostate agents. O’ Allah, they sold out Jerusalem, and supported your enemies, and prevented the weak from begging you to assist them, even by protesting and shouting. O’ Allah, you will find them numerous, so slay them without respite, and don’t allow any of them to escape. O’ Allah, grace your servants, the mujahideen in Gaza, and be with them—not against them. O’ Allah, lift their worries, cover their shame, heal their injured, and be easy upon them, O’ Allah, Lord of the Worlds.”