



Interview with an Al-Qaida "Soldier" September 12, 2008

Al-Yaqin Media Center Interview with an Al-Qaida "Soldier" Dated: September 12, 2008



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"In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate."

"Al-Yaqin Media Center Presents"

"Al-Qa'ida Speaks About the Upcoming Strikes."

"Al-Yaqin Exclusive Interview With One of Al-Qa'ida Soldiers."

"Praise be to God, and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God."

"By the grace of God, your brothers in the Al-Yaqin Media Center were able to set an exclusive and unique interview with one of the soldiers of Al-Qa'ida of Jihad Organization, and the soldier, God may protect him, answered with patience, humbleness, and pride, which are the distinct attributes for all of the people of jihad."

"We will leave you with the exciting interview that reveals many matters and in the same time adds to it mystery and desire."

Q) "There have been many talks lately through the electronic sites – which are concerned to reveal the truth for the Muslims and bring the mujahidin news – about possible strikes on the land of the enemy, America or Europe. What are your comments about this?"

A) "Praise be to God, and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God. What you have felt in these good sites is a natural result that is accepted by any rational person, everyone, the near and far, knows the extent of oppression that has befallen the Muslims and they know who are the ones who defend them, which is Al-Qa'ida."

"They also know that Al-Qa'ida does not stay quiet against tyranny, but rather they push the oppression away from themselves and their ummah [Muslim community]."

"The boiling of these sites is not – in anticipation of the punishment to take place from Al-Qa'ida organization against the transgressor tyrants against us and our ummah – greater than the boiling of blood in our veins. We in the Al-Qa'ida organization work on the goal to avenge for America and Europe for the harm they caused against the Muslims. These electronic sites that convey the truth and the mujahidin news to the people have become conscious and aware

where the participants are conversant about the war's reality and its stages and they expect what is very close for reality."

Q) "Do you believe in the pursuit of the jihadist media to suggest that there are strikes on the enemy's land that will fluster the enemy's plans?"

A) "In the beginning the enemy does not lack confusion; it has not cured the wounds that we caused, so that someone comes to threaten them by other strikes in their homeland. Our enemy knows well that if the Al-Qa'ida Organization threatens then they will carry out their threat and make the element of surprise in timing and target the most important element in the strike."

"This time the threat came to our leader and amir Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, may God protect him, and he threatened America in a clear phrase and not in suggestions or implications, and he named some European countries by name, including Australia!"

"With no doubt this confuses the enemy where they know that Shaykh Usama bin Ladin does not threaten from emptiness, and he weighs his threats and knows his abilities and does not threaten until the preparations to execute the operation are completed and the choice of the best time to execute it is left."

"As for the suggestion, this is a tool that the Al-Qa'ida Organization has mastered well; I do not hide from you that in one of Al-Sahab Organization's publications the timing of the strike against the Danish Embassy in Pakistan was announced by pinpointing the day and the target exactly! This was before the strike in some time and I cannot give out more details in this matter."

"The jihadist media in its variations gives out hits for the strikes with the power to camouflage it to prove their power and capability in the execution with the suggestion of the timing and place of the strike as part of the challenge that has had no match before."

Q) "You have seen the publication of Al-Sahab organization entitled 'The Word is the Word of the Swords 1. Does this suggestion need to be clearer?"

A) "The number (1) was written meaning that the strikes against Europe number (2) and number (3) and others are close, perhaps rather very close!"

"For one time the Al-Qa'ida Organization suggests that the strike will be in the so-and-so country in the world and at other times another country, and sometimes they hint that the strike will be by this means and sometimes by another method. Therefore the enemy will be lost and confused and will remain in an alert situation not knowing from where the strike will come upon them and when it will be or where. This in itself is one of our goals and is classified under the psychological war."

"The jihadist media suggestion is not coming out from a void, but rather it is correct and in its place, and after the strikes will take place you will know what I mean, by the will of God."

Q) "If there were no strikes at this time, would this affect the course of the battle?"

A) "Yes, the occurrence and non-occurrence of strikes will have an effect, and in both cases the benefit falls into our hands. Certainly, in case it occurs, the war's equation will change completely. When we strike the West, we strike with devastating hits that are different than what we practice in guerrilla warfare, which is called the 'prick of needles.' Our brothers have left for some time to all parts of the world and are waiting to receive the zero hour to implement operations. We ask God to guide the brothers who went out in support of God's religion, blessing be to the Exalted."

"Some of them even exist since the events of September 11th and they are from the original Americans who did not leave America; waiting for the go-ahead signal to implement. This is up to

the discretion of our Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, may God protect him. There are others scattered around the globe awaiting orders, and they are absorbed among the people to eliminate attention and to increase their penetration in the centers of the anticipated strikes.”

“We know the strikes’ whereabouts, but we do not know the timing or the specific target and only the shaykh knows, but we receive signals before the strike and we are asked to insist on supplication [to God], like what happened with the 11 September strikes and others. We knew that America would be hit within a few days, but we did not know the exact target. We used to laugh about them, and the brothers were making jokes about the Americans and those who promoted the saying that the 11 September strikes were planned by the enemy. We used to comment in a funny way about the silliness of their sayings, and this only demonstrated their weakness and lack of ploy.”

“Now we know that there is an imminent strike against Europe and America, which is strong in the element of time and place, and there are so many so the mujahidin could choose the best. For example, during elections the state will be concerned with many things; such days are distinctive for Al-Qa’ida to prove its challenge and show strength when the world is awaiting the outcome of its elections!”

Q) “Do you think that the Al-Qa’ida Organization has become powerful enough to announce the time and the date of the strikes?”

A) “Certainly, we have previously and before the beginning of the war threatened to strike America, and we struck it in the most difficult place and the best that could be struck—the World Trade Towers—which we had made into a trace with God’s support, and the Ministry of Defense building, the Pentagon, their war fortress! Its timing was 9 1 1, which is the number to call for help, which they were fond of and with which they deceive their people into believing that their country is the most secure country! Is there anything more than this challenge and power?”

“Then we led them to fall into the Afghani and the Iraqi trap. We threatened to strike Spain and we executed our threat with the most difficult timing for Spain, a few days before the elections. Is there anything more than this challenge and power? And we brought down its government.”

“Since others did not learn the lesson like Britain, we also threatened them and implemented our threat with a great challenge as it came a few months after the re-election of their head of government, with whom they claimed they were challenging us, and we brought them down as well. The greatest challenge was that the implementation of the strikes came at a time when Britain was heading the summit meeting of the big eight, as they claim, but it came at the time of the meeting! Does anyone doubt Al-Qa’ida’s capabilities and strength?”

“Didn’t we seek to remove the American soldiers from the Arabian Peninsula and most of them fled from the land of the two Holy Mosques [Saudi Arabia] because of us and they remained in the outskirts where it is easy to hunt them?”

“Didn’t we seek to reveal and bring down Parvez Musharraf and we did?”

“Didn’t we seek to unite with the truthful in Iraq and then the Islamic State of Iraq was established?”

“When we promise something we fulfill our promise, and there is no success without God, and we submit all our events to Him, to whom belongs might and majesty, and we have no power and strength except by Him.”

“In recent times we threatened Denmark and only a short period passed and the embassy, which is supposed to be one of their most secure and monitored embassies because of its proximity to the war zone, was struck.”

"Let the cross worshippers await the strikes in their homeland, which will make them, God willing, fight each other after its occurrence!"

Q) "There is a proposal that says that there are strikes specifically in Houston. Do you believe that the US President should evacuate Houston to protect his people from the strikes of the mujahidin? And if he paid no attention to such matters, would he be in an embarrassing position in front of his people as well as his situation is today?"

A) "The US President never cared, on any day, for his people, but he, along with his angels of punishment, was always concerned with discharging his hatred against Islam and Muslims, gaining more in personal wealth, and lifting the shares of their security and oil companies. He never cared for his people."

"Ever since Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, may God protect him, made his famous promise that America would not dream of living in security in America unless we live it in reality in Palestine and unless all the infidel armies come out of the land of Muhammad, prayers and peace be upon him; this has been happening to them through their loss of security."

"Imagine that the city of Dubai, the city whose tyrant has spread all types of revelry and abomination, is more secure than Houston! Dick Cheney's company, which is called Halliburton, moved from Houston to Dubai, as they are keen to maintain their personal interests and they are primarily not interested in their people. Texas is in our sight!"

"We in the Al-Oa'ida organization know the rule that states 'fight your enemy with the weapon he fears, not with the weapon you fear.' What our enemy fears the most are two matters: A. a chemical-biological-radiological nuclear strike; and B. a strike targeting the infrastructure of the energy industry!"

"If this is what intimidates and punishes our enemy severely, it is obvious that we use and focus on studying it and preparing for it."

"This is what we are certain of and the days carry much of the surprises of Al-Oa'ida that will make you happy, and we have accustomed you to the creativity of Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, may God protect him."

"As for the evacuation of the city or not, according to the proposal, I think that Bush and his administration will not evacuate the city to achieve their personal goals, as they do not care for the Afghani person nor the Iraqi person nor the Somali person nor the Palestinian person, not even the American person. They consider humans as banknotes that are to be disbursed in return."

"Even if the strikes were carried out in Houston, for example, and tens of thousands of infidels were eliminated, Bush would appear before his people to exploit his media apparatus and people's emotions and say that he was correct in the foolishness and actions he took in which he fought us and failed, and that failure in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia was worth sacrificing them!"

"If all people in Texas perished, we would have not fulfilled the rights of the dead Muslims yet, and we will fight them until we take revenge on the criminals who fought us and we will never leave them. I do not think that Bush would be embarrassed if tens of thousands perished and their bodies were blasted to pieces, as he is practicing a dictatorship and no one in his country stands in front of him. Of course Bush and those like him are not embarrassed as his face and the faces of those like him are missing modesty. We are not concerned whether he is embarrassed or not, as we are continuing in our jihad and plans. The news is in what they see, not what they hear."

Q) "Do you agree with us that Bush, according to the previous notion about Houston, is facing two challenges: first in case of attacks, if the matter is ignored it will be agonizing; second, if the matter is taken seriously and Houston in particular is evacuated and Bush waits for days and days and Houston is not attacked, don't you agree with us that this will be a disastrous blow from the mujahidin and will not cost them anything!!?"

A) "What happened in Al-Khubar, Yanbu, and Buqatq [Saudi Arabia], and what is now happening in Yemen are considered beginnings, procedures, and research of the oil situation and results of decisive hits. As for the attacks that cost us any price, these are very numerous and necessitate research of their own. For God, to whom belongs might and majesty, is most generous and we do feel that He grants us victory in all our circumstances. We achieve victory through our jihad and it comes to us even if we do not carry out operations. So may we praise God, Lord of all the creation."

Q) "We want to give you a chance to express here your aspirations concerning the future without disclosing any information that may benefit the enemies."

A) "The brother John Walker Lindh is of pure American origin and is accused of fighting with the Taliban and Al-Qa'ida. Brother Adam Gadahn is also a pure white American who grew up and was raised in California. There are dozens of Americans and hundreds of Europeans who came to Afghanistan and were trained at our camps. Some were native citizens who entered Afghanistan and returned to their homes without having anything on their passports that indicated that they came to Afghanistan or any of the countries surrounding Afghanistan. This is part of the security measures that we cannot disclose."

"Imagine what can happen when inside America and Europe there are mujahidin who carry their original names, have jobs, and even many who have not declared their Islamic religion but are waiting for a signal to carry out orders."

"In addition to that there are many university professors in western countries who started contacting us and providing us with important information. Furthermore, the relatives of those Americans who were killed fighting with the American Army and had been, along with their relatives, underestimated by the American Administration which did not announce their names made them feel deeply frustrated. This made them cooperate and correspond with us to seek revenge from the American Administration which sacrificed their children and discriminated between its dead by not proclaiming most of them who were in the tens of thousands. The American Administration only announced the names of those who had close contacts with the officers and the officials. In addition, some individuals who work at their ministries [departments] contact us and provide us with information, for it does not make sense that the people of a country that is defeated continue to support and sustain it. There are those who work with us in return for money and those who work with us to seek revenge on the American Administration and the European governments."

"Before ending I would like to tell you that whoever thinks that our Shaykh Usama bin Ladin, may God protect him, will perform the same kind of operations does not know Shaykh Usama yet!"

"The future is for Islam and its mujahidin vanguards with Al-Qa'ida Organization at the top. The brothers have devoted themselves during the last six months in order to prepare, choose, and select western targets, and we have started with the raid of the 'The Word is the Word of the Swords 1-The Raid of the Muezzin.' As for what is to come, this will be in the truthful media, the jihadist media where there is much work. So be optimistic and prepare yourselves for it."

Q) "We thank you for this great and beneficial interview and we ask God to bless your precious time."

A) "May God bless the Al-Yaqin Media Center and all the jihadist media compounds that transmit the true picture of what is going on."

"I ask you to pray for your brothers who have gone out to carry out operations and that God the Almighty may guide them and severely punish America and Europe."

"May the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you."

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