



Usama Bin Laden: “Message to People of the West on 60th Anniversary of Israel”

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“In the name of Allah the Compassionate and Merciful:”

“To the people of the West in general, peace be on those who follow the righteous path. This speech I address to you is aimed at explaining one of the most important reasons for the conflict between us, and by this I am referring to the issue of Palestine. This conflict has been aggravated under your current policies, and at this point, I would like to reassure you that the Palestinian issue is the primary central issue of our movement. Thus, it has been an important factor in motivating me since childhood and providing the nineteen liberators [the 9/11 hijackers] with a major longing to aid the oppressed and punish the tyrannical Jews and their supporters. Then came your injustices against us in Lebanon and in other places, so what followed were the events of September 11...”



“At this point, I would like to attract your attention and say to the righteous among you—and those who desire to know the truth about the Palestinian issue—that a precious opportunity stands before you for examination. The Jews are celebrating the participation of Western leaders in marking the 60th anniversary of the founding of their state. This celebration holds many important meanings, three of which I shall briefly discuss:”

“1.) This event clearly indicates that, as of sixty years ago, the state of Israel did not exist, and it was established by brute force on the stolen land of Palestine. This is one element of proof of the sincerity of our claim that Palestine is our land and that the Israelis are conquering invaders that should be killed.”

“2.) This event has revealed that most of your media has abandoned the objectivity and professionalism concerning this issue and similar [situations], and those who are in

charge of [the media] have been misleading you for sixty years. They have turned the facts upside-down and have depicted the invading Jews, who seized our land, as if they were the victims. Accordingly, they have presented the oppressed Palestinians who claim rights to their land as if they were executioners and terrorists without any justification. Here, you can see the scale of danger posed by the mass media, which fulfills a role much like the role of a sorcerer in counterfeiting facts and deceiving public opinion—which permits [the media] to persuade Western Nations to launch unjust wars against us without any justification. This was also clearly demonstrated by the invasion of Iraq, when [the media] spread the lies of the White House chieftain and his supporters. The scale of influence by the Zionist lobby on your media was also demonstrated, when they portrayed affairs in a way that ignored their true nature in order to serve the interests of the Israelis.”

“3.) The participation of Western leaders in this celebration of the Jews merely highlights the fact that the West has supported the tyrannical Jewish conquest of our country, and that they stand alongside the Israelis against us. They have already confirmed this practically by sending their troops to southern Lebanon in order to help the Jews. The Western leaders still live according to a primitive mindset in carrying out the oppression of others by invading their lands, killing their free men, and stealing their riches. This is exactly what Bush and Blair have also clearly and plainly confirmed with the invasion of Iraq, by stealing her petroleum and humiliating her people. Regardless of whether Britain has allowed the Jews to conquer Palestine through the Balfour Declaration—and regardless if the UN has resolved to grant the Jews most of Palestine—these decisions are without merit and they are meaningless to us, because here those who have no claim of ownership have given it away to those who do not deserve it. The UN merely one of your tools, and the peace negotiations—which started sixty years ago and were never completed—are meant only to deceive the foolish ones. The promises made by Bush for a [Palestinian] state in every sense of the word are nothing but promises of [a notorious liar]. Meanwhile, on the other hand, jihad is an obligatory duty for the total liberation of Palestine. We understand that those who are irrational are inclined towards violating the rights of other peoples and seizing their possessions without any justification, by artful means or by an armed assault. If these people are allowed to rise to power, then the catastrophe will become overwhelming and will be multiplied as much as the division between the power of the state and the power of the armed factions.”

“Regarding our situation today, the real terrorism and the armed assaults are being carried out by a leader who is the most terrible instrument of war humanity has ever seen, and this is the reason why the catastrophe is not regional, but international. Despite the distress and the dreadful tragedies in your wars against us, we are steadfast in our war and sincere in fighting the attackers. But, what really causes revulsion in us is that—in the wake of all this killing, destroying, pillaging, plundering, and decadence—your leaders have arisen intent on discussing certain [shared] principles, and this is simply not possible—so do not combine these two injustices. If you persist in pillaging and plundering... then you are shameless, and [you should] stop lying in your speeches about these principles.”

“I shall give an example from Palestine—the issue has become clear and it reveals the bankruptcy of your principles and how notorious your leaders are for their double-talk: you have designated Palestinian organizations as terrorist organizations, and they were punished and boycotted as a result. Whereas, on the other hand, the Israelis have actually killed civilians—women and children, with car bombs, too—in Jaffa, Haifa, and other cities, and even worse. All this has taken place while Zionist organizations have established slaughterhouses for Palestinian villagers in order to frighten them and cause them to flee so that they can seize their lands. So, what is your stance on this?! This reveals your business with [Menachem] Begin, the leader of one of these oppressing Zionist organizations, who sank to the lowest depth. Begin is the murderer responsible for the slaughter at Deir Yassin. Begin is the one who split open the wombs of pregnant women during the slaughter at Deir Yassin. Can there be any kind of terrorism more

abominable and hideous? Is this not the peak of criminality and the pit of decadence? Can a man kill a female villager, who cannot fight and who is irrelevant—and can he split her womb open, not to mention the fact that she is pregnant?! Visions like this of such terrible crimes can turn your hair white with fear, and it is almost impossible to believe, were it not for the documents that confirm it.”

“Still, there are Israelis that brag about it and say: ‘if it was not for the slaughter at Deir Yassin, the Palestinians would not have run away from their land, thus leaving it to us.’ What was the stance of the West towards Begin? Instead of being punished for these crimes, he was honored as a prime minister—and they did not stop there, but went on to award him the Nobel Prize for Peace. O’ the injustice and the hostility! O’ how cheap is innocent blood! O’ the cruelty and the brutality! The slaughters did not stop after the event of Deir Yassin, but continued on from then. Here, we can observe the slaughter in Gaza, which exists during our time, and which is unfolding before the eyes of the entire world. A million and a half people under a murderous siege, facing a slow death due to malnourishment and the scarcity of medicine. But your leaders force the ruler of Egypt to consolidate the siege upon them from his direction, so that he would smother these unfortunates, most of whom are women and children. Tell me, what is the difference between your principles in this contemporary era of ignorance, to the principles of Haman during the first era of ignorance, when he helped the Pharaoh to kill the children of the Israelites in Egypt?! In conclusion, those who are defending their children and those who are opposed to following the unjust policies of the Pharaoh are not to be subject to criticism [from you].”

“We shall continue, Allah permitting, to fight against the Israelis and their allies so that truth and justice may prevail for the oppressed people. We shall not surrender an inch of earth in Palestine, Allah permitting, so long as there is a single faithful Muslim left on Earth...”