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"An interview with our Brother Ebu Yasir El Türki who is one of the Islamic Jihad Alliance Fighters."

"Question 1: Can you inform us about the present state of the Jihad?"

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

"Prayers in the face of danger should be on the ones who thoroughly abide by the way of Allah, and his prophet, creator of the worlds. Let him make our and all fighters' feet steadfast."

"First of all, I am sending my greetings to the entire Islamic world from here and praying that my God will accept all the efforts they make in the name of Allah. After that we want Allah to reward those who make our voice heard by the religious community. Hopefully with this interview we will be adding fuel to the fire of Jihad within the hearts of the community and merits will be added to our book of deeds."

"Thanks to God the Jihad in our region is spreading in favor of the fighters. The fighters are increasing their power and experience very day. Thanks to God Jihad is a very fertile prayer, the more we work with the sincerity of the heart, the more fertility the God gives."

"Question 2: How are the fighters achieving success when the enemy is so powerful in numbers and weapons?"

"As God knows, the infidels are wondering about this question as well as the Muslims. First, it is the help Allah has promised to the fighters. Second, it is the peace and energy to work descended upon the fighters by God, which, unfortunately is not understood even by many of our Muslim brothers. For the fighters' power and numbers do not mean a thing, as Allah quoted in one of his verses;"

وَتَسْلِيْمًا اِيْمَانًا اِلَّا زَادَهُمْ وَمَا وَرَسُولُهُ اللّٰهُ وَصَدَقَ وَرَسُولُهُ اللّٰهُ وَعَدْنَا مَا هَذَا قَالُوا ابِالْآخِرِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ رَأَى وَلَمَّا

"When the believers saw coalition enemies they said, "This is what Allah and his prophet has promised us. Allah and his prophet were right". This only increased their belief and their resignation. (33/22)"

“Thanks to God the power and number of the enemy is only increasing their belief and makes them say ‘what a good God and his proxy’. Third, is the moral and material support provided by the religious community to the fighters, despite the power of the infidels our Jihad is going on, being more powerful every day, and with the permission of Allah it will go on until Judgment Day, because God’s prophet [Muhammed] had said that the Jihad will go on until Judgment Day and recently the infidels have realized that too, thanks to God.”

“Question 3: There is news in the media related to very heavy losses incurred by the fighters, are the fighters really incurring heavy losses in Afghanistan?”

“First of all, Allah c.c in his verse says, ‘When a hypocrite brings news to you, you have to investigate it thoroughly’. It’s not only hypocrisy; much of the news is fabricated by the infidels. The news is being broadcasted as a part of psychological warfare. Our brothers who have weak faith are more influenced by this news but, praise God, the fighters are just laughing, because on our local news we only had 2 martyrs; this figure was broadcast as 25 and in some cases as 50. What a great God and his excellent proxy.”

“Question 4: Can you tell us a little about the fighters’ lives? Is Jihad really too hard?”

“Jihad, as told by the apostle and prophet of God (Muhammed), is the pinnacle of religion, an action where the reward is at its highest; of course it is hard but Allah c.c always gives a convenience together with hardship. If I have to compare with my country, there is no trace of luxury living here that I had there. Right now I live in a mud hut, which only has one room, together with my wife and children. I have a visiting guest; I am sending my family to the house of my neighbor fighter, whereas in Turkey a three-room house was too small for us. As to the subject of food, most of the time when I opened the cupboard the things inside were falling on me, here, we don’t even have a cupboard. Thank God, he rewarded us by being a fighter; we are ready to endure anything just to please him. My God make our feet steadfast.”

“Question 5: Forgive me for asking, but can you tell us about the inside of your home, I mean your room?”

“Of course, in fact I had mentioned a little: In my room or house, there is a rush mat on the floor, three cushions, three pillows a couple of dishes, glasses, spoons and our clothing, oh, and a plastic toy my little child rides which we call a spider, like a walker (we laugh). I cannot even compare my life here with Turkey. During my university years after graduation, I used to think that I would spend my life in luxury homes, riding in luxury cars, but now we are trying to live like the companions of prophet Muhammed, but believe me this life satisfies me more than my life over there. When I was there, I was trying to increase the money turnover of the companies I worked for. Here, I am trying to increase the good deeds written in my book of deeds. There I was trying to make the model of my car new, here I am making calculations to increase my rank in heaven. There we were trying to benefit the company we were working for and seeking ways to earn the bosses endorsement; thank God, now, we are making calculations of how to be more useful to the fighters and God’s religion, how do we earn the endorsement of Allah c.c. I used to read about the lives of Muhammed’s companions, I used to say, ‘This is impossible, no one can live like this in this century’, but thanks to God, the Jihad battlegrounds resemble those times more or less. As I watch the movie by Omer Muhtar, technology and selfishness has not ruined here and the fighters like those villages, thank God. [Living] In mud huts, sipping tea under a tree with my fighter friends, believe me, gives me greatest pleasure in life. May God never take the love of Jihad from our hearts.”

“Question 6: Can you give us detailed information about the financial situation of the fighters?”

“Actually I was thinking that I provided a lot of information so far, but I will explain some more anyhow. We are paying 1500 rupees (30 ytl = \$19.23) to every fighter and 500 rupees for each child. Which means a fighter with two kids receives 4000 rupees monthly (80ytl = \$51.29). We are

paying salaries to bachelors from time to time they get 200-300 rupees for personal needs. Our present conditions allow us only this much, if God permits and the situation improves the salaries will be increased.”

“Glory to God, no matter how hard the conditions are, the fighters are enduring them, God willing. Because the reason we are here is not to live in luxury, it is to perform the religious ritual called Jihad, which was prescribed by Allah c.c. to us. As you know, Jihad or wars require money, you know how much the infidels allocate as war chest yearly just to fight with us. The religious community should think about this and help more to maintain us.”

Allah c.c:

المُحْسِنِينَ يُحِبُّ اللَّهُ إِنَّ وَأَحْسِنُوا التَّهْلُكَةَ إِلَى بِأَيْدِيكُمْ تَلْفُوا وَلَا اللَّهُ سَبِيلَ فِي وَأَنْفِقُوا

“Has said, "Give your assets in Allah's way and do not leave them in the harm's way and act good because Allah loves those who act good" (2/195).”

“Because Jihad is written as a binding [religious] duty to all Muslims, those who can not sacrifice their lives should sacrifice their assets, and if that cannot be done, then they should at least they spread propaganda in favor of the Jihadists to keep the Jihad warm in the agenda of the religious community. The fighters here, are spending their lives and their assets in the way of Allah, they consider the friends of Allah as their friends and the enemies of Allah as their enemies, they are defending the honor of the religion bravely and showing the infidels what Muslim fighters can do. Informed Muslims should do whatever they can in the way of Allah, thinking about those acts. I swear Allah c.c says, ‘Even if you don't like it, war is written upon you as a religious duty’. This is one of the religion's binding duties and there is no dispute about this point, thank God.”

“Question 7: You are calling Jihad a religious duty. Okay, but there are so many Muslims around the world, if they don't do Jihad are they defaulting on their religious duty?”

“I am not saying that Jihad is a religious duty. Allah says c.c. in his verses:”

تَعْلَمُونَ لَا وَأَنْتُمْ يَعْلَمُ وَاللَّهُ لَكُمْ شَرٌّ وَهُوَ شَيْئًا تُحِبُّوْا أَنْ وَعَسَى لَكُمْ خَيْرٌ وَهُوَ شَيْئًا تَكْرَهُوْا أَنْ وَعَسَى لَكُمْ كُرْهٌ وَهُوَ الْقِتَالُ عَلَيْكُمْ كَتَبَ

“Even if you don't like war, it is written upon you. In fact, it does not seem pleasant to you, but, there are times you don't like something but that thing is actually good for you. Then again there are things that you like but they are bad for you. Only Allah knows, you don't.” 2/216

عَلِيمٌ سَمِيعٌ اللَّهُ أَنْ وَعَلِمُوا اللَّهُ سَبِيلَ فِي وَقَاتِلُوا

“So, fight in the way of Allah and know that Allah hears and knows everything.”2/244

رَحِيمٌ غَفُورٌ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَحْمَتَ يَرْجُونَ أَوْلَيْكَ اللَّهُ سَبِيلَ فِي وَجَاهِدُوا هَاجِرُوا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ إِنَّ

“It is without doubt that, when it comes to those who believe, to those who migrate fight in the way of Allah, they hope for the compassion of Allah. Allah, is very forgiving and very compassionate.” 2/218

الصَّابِرِينَ وَيَعْلَمُ مِنْكُمْ جَاهِدُوا الَّذِينَ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَلَمَّا الْجِنَّةُ تَدْخُلُوا أَنْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَمْ

“Or did you think that you would go to heaven without Allah determining those amongst you have fought war and those who were patient?” 3/142.

“There are many verses and scriptures like this. But, in our time, the scholars who sell their religion for worldly goods are hiding the truth and translating the war verses incorrectly thus keeping the

Muslims away from Jihad and dying in the name of Allah. Allah is the one who sees and knows everything. We seek refuge in Allah to be protected from the evil of such scholars. Because the words of these scholars makes the soul feel good but the soul leads one to fire. Sunni scholars have explained whose religious duty jihad is, and who could be exempt from that, in a very nice way. Our brothers who wish to learn may do their research.”

“I would like to briefly say the following in this matter: Allah c.c does not need our Jihad, had he wished Allah could have taken his revenge from the infidels and would have destroyed them in one moment himself. But the all compassionate is testing us to see who would put more effort in his way. And the Mujahedeen (fighters) will fight against the devil until the judgment day. This verse of the compassionate is explaining why the Muslims are fighting and why they should go on, in a very nice way.”

أَلَيْسَ عَذَابٍ مِّنْ تُجَاتِكُمْ بِجَارَةٍ عَلَىٰ أَدْنَىٰ أُمَّةٍ مِّنْهُم مَّا يَأْتِي

“Oh! You believers, would you like me to show you a trade that will save you from a bitter pain?”
61/10

تَعْلَمُونَ كُنْتُمْ إِن لَّكُمْ خَيْرٌ دَلِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ لِلَّهِ سَبِيلٌ فِي وَتَجَاهِدُونَ وَرَسُولِهِ بِاللَّهِ تَوَاطُونَ

[If] “You have faith in Allah and his Prophet and fight in the way of Allah with your assets and your life, then you should know that this is very beneficial for you.” 61/11

الْعَظِيمُ الْفَوْزُ ذَلِكَ عَدْنٌ جَنَّاتٍ فِي طَيْبَةٍ وَمَسَاكِينُ النَّهَارِ تَحْتِهَا مِنْ تَجْرِي جَنَّاتٍ وَيَدْخُلِكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ لَكُمْ يَغْفِرُ

(If you do these Allah) “will absolve your sins and will place you to nice places in the garden of eden where rivers flow underneath . This is the great salvation.” 61/12

الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَيَبَشِّرُ قَرِيبٌ وَفَتَحَ اللَّهُ مَن نَصَرَ تَحِبُّوتَهَا وَأَخْرَى

“There is another thing you will love: Help from Allah and a conquest in near future. Tell the good news to the true believers.” 61/13

“Question 8: Do you think the war will end if Afghanistan is conquered? Would you go back to your country?”

“Praise to God if Afghanistan is conquered hopefully (we are hoping it will happen in a short while). The Jihad in Afghanistan will end, but victory for us hopefully will be when we enter the garden of Eden as a martyr with our blood. This should be understood clearly; for us Jihad is not the specific cause of Afghan or Chechen or Palestine; we are Allah’s warriors, and we will fight until the only religion in the world is Islam or until we become martyrs. To get rid of fighting with us either our enemies will convert to Islam and become our brothers or they will get smaller [in numbers] and pay jizya tax or they keep on fighting; this is the religion. Allah is great. As to the question of returning to our country, a fighter’s country is the land of Jihad. Our brothers before us Khattab, Abu Musab al-Zarkawi and Usama the sheikh and many others whose names were not heard, those brave fighters are an example to this. I hope Allah will make our hearts and feet steadfast.”

“Question 9: Do you have a message to the religious community that you want us to relay?”

“I would like to present good news to the religious community together with the message. They should be elated, even though it is not mentioned in the media, right now the army of Mujahedeen are throwing heavy blows to the army of infidels; they are confused, their smart-ass strategy experts are also confused, they don’t know what to do. The advance of the Mujahadeen

since the year 2001 has been increasing our religious faith and power by Allah's permission. But, believe me brothers those successes are being realized because of brave fighters, people like you, who come here from amongst you, who fight bravely, become martyrs, get wounded and become prisoners, and with the help of Allah."

"I swear to God, my brothers, America and its allies have woken up a sleeping giant. I mean they re-lit the fire of Jihad, which was inside the religious community, and this fire is growing every day. We may not be able to see it, but this will go on until the conquest of Rome as promised by the prophet of God and hopefully will put all of Europe under the jizya tax with the permission of Allah."

"Question 10: Finally, do you have a message to the Turkish Muslims from here?"

"I would like to send greetings to all of them through you. You have not let us alone in our struggle here with the permission of Allah. Hopefully you will not let us down from now on with your prayers and financial support, pray for us a lot because a Muslim's prayer for his brothers is hopefully sincere."

"Let me tell you this at this juncture, there is no nationalism in Islam but we must not forget our origin, this is permitted. Our ancestors did not make friends with God's enemies and so we should not. We should not let them blur our pure and clear faith with ideologies like democracy, secularism and such. We as Muslims should only worry about how to be a good subject to Allah. I swear to God, death will come and grab us one day suddenly it will not differ between young and old, and the question that will be asked us is not going to be 'How was your home?' or 'What was your profession?' or 'What was the make of your car?' it will be 'What did you do for Allah? Where and how did you spend your life? What did you do when my temples were being bombed? What were you doing when the Muslim armies were attacking the infidels in the dark of the night? Were you watching television in your home having chips and coke? When 'They were fighting with you when my verses were being read, so, you should fight with them just like that' was said what did you do? Or were you thinking of your life on this world which is only a short stop as being better than the eternal life of the other world? What did you do when you heard this verse? And you why are you not fighting with the poor children, men and women who asked God for help, saying, 'Please Lord, save us from this city where the people are cruel, send us a master, a helper' as depicted in the verse of nisa 75? What did you do when you read that verse? What was the reason for you to lie down on your couch and watch when in Palestine bombs were showering down on little children, when bombs were falling on the homes of weak and unprotected people, when their men were blindfolded by bags placed over their heads and led to unknown destinations were you listening to the wailing of women and children lying on your couch and not lifting a finger to do anything? You will face these questions. Was it the lodging you liked so much or was it your business for which you were worried about? Or was it your children you loved more than yourself? Or was it your wife you loved so much? Look in that case listen to this verse of Allah c.c. : 'If your fathers, children, siblings, spouses, your tribe the property you own, the business you are afraid to disrupt, and the houses you like is more dear to you than Allah, his Prophet and the idea to fight for him, you have to wait until you hear from God. Allah does not provide spiritual guidance to a group of impious people'. (9/24) I swear to God my brothers even if you live in beautiful palaces, death is coming and it's going to get you when you least expect it, [so] work hard to be a good subject to Allah because the creator did not create us to build homes, to buy land, to buy cars, to leave apartments to our children. He only created us to be subjects to him. Let Allah take us among the good subject believers in Islam. Greetings to you and may God's compassion, mercy and blessings be upon you."

"Note: This interview was carried out by us with our brother identified as Ebu Yasir El Turki, a fighter of Islamic Jihad Alliance."

"Our brother Ebu Yasir El Türki, as he mentioned himself, graduated from a Turkish university, and built himself a peaceful life with a good income, a nice home, a nice family. Then he left

everything he had in Turkey, following the verse of Allah c.c. to do Jihad, migrated to live the life of the companions of Muhammed, and is presently fighting in the ranks of the Islamic Jihad Alliance.”