



Taliban Statement on Peace Accord in Pakistan

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“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA): The Position of the IEA on the Peace Accord in Pakistan.”

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“In the name of Allah, the Compassionate and Merciful. Peace in any part of the world serves the interests of humanity and holds benefit for the people. We consider the peace accord in Pakistan as an internal affair, which pertains to that country alone—yet the occupation forces in Afghanistan and the forces hostile to Islam around the world oppose this peace accord and argue it will lead to an escalation in jihadi activities in Afghanistan. This claim is groundless and it is far from the truth. Since 2001, the resistance against the crimes of the occupation forces in Afghanistan has grown stiffer with each passing year. In this context, 2007 was the bloodiest and filled with the most horrific events for the enemy. All expectations and predictions were that, in 2008, the resistance against the occupation would continue to increase and be stronger than ever before, and that is what has actually happened.”

“According to the plans prepared by the Islamic Emirate, the armed jihad against the enemy has undergone a dramatic escalation, and thus the regime in Kabul and its foreign supporters have raised this issue for several reasons:”

“1.) The occupying forces and their supporters are facing total defeat in Afghanistan, and therefore, they are trying to use these kind of statements and claims in order to distract the gaze of the Afghans and the rest of the world in another direction—so that the Afghan resistance will appear to be weak.”

“2.) In order to keep the flame of its propaganda battle alive, the enemy in Afghanistan and across this region has caused public uneasiness, as it has used violence in this affairs in order to assure the success of its campaign.”

“3.) The occupying forces wish to present Pakistan to the Afghans as an enemy overstepping all bounds, and through this, they seek to lay the groundwork in the public consciousness to accept their presence, occupation, and their future existence.”

“4.) Since Pakistan is the only nuclear-armed Islamic force in the world, the forces hostile to Islam—led by America—are preparing themselves in order to interfere in her affairs under these pretenses, in order to weaken this Islamic state.”

“5.) The United States and those in league with her are entangled in serious problems and an unexpected insurgency in Afghanistan—and now they are trying to win the favor of other international governments using various strategies in order to lure them to come and jointly fight against the Muslims. In this context, they have exerted pressure on the new Pakistani government and the political circles behind it in order to use them to further their cause in Afghanistan.”

“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan hopes that the nations of the world, including Pakistan, and individual people would seek to make decisions according to their own national interests, regardless of any kind of external pressures. America and her agents face a historic, total defeat in Afghanistan, and this defeat shall mark the beginning of the end of her oppressive policies across the entire world. Allah the Exalted wills it, and no one is mightier than Allah... Allahu Akhbar, and may the honor go to Allah, his messenger, and the believers.”