



Statement from the Taliban October 20, 2008

Statement from the Taliban Taliban Reject Notion of Iraq-Style "Awakening" Movement in Afghanistan Released on October 20, 2008



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"The Last Ditch Attempt of the Americans!!"

"The US and its alliance of the warlords have not been able to build a peaceful, prosperous Afghanistan after the passage of seven years and despite their using of various tactics of terrorism and occupation. Nor they have been able to establish a central, successful and representative government, nor an administration based on their vision and pre-conceived formulas. This is because they wanted to impose on the Afghans a surrogate regime nurtured in the nursery of the West, being headed by a quasi-Afghan faces. Thus, the US wanted to keep the Afghan patriotic nation chained in its colonial tentacles. However, our history has it that stooges never flourish in this land of free people. They are immediately regurgitated out and dispelled. Hence we are now witness to this hard fact that the US and its colonial ambitions are nearing to the verge of perdition thanks to the blessing of Allah, the unwavering resistance and sacred struggle of the Afghan people. Their economic ascendancy is tapering down; their global dominance is falling smithereens."

"They are now resorting to their final booby-trap which, experience has shown, has no prospect for success in this land."

"The Americans are determined to form tribal militias via dispensation of dollars and to play the tribal people against the Mujahideen. During his visit to Afghanistan, US Defense Secretary, Robert Gates, indicated that they were pondering hammering out a new strategy for Afghanistan and the region, because the tribal militia strategy has proved its effectiveness in Iraq. The US Defense Secretary and the masterminds behind the formation of the tribal militias should know that the tribal militias strategy was never a successful one in Iraq either. The lull in fighting in Iraq allegedly ascribed to the formation of the Awakening militia does not mean that indignation against and opposition to the presence of the Americans stationed there has been mitigated—but only that the fighting has spiraled into a conflict among armed ethnic factions."

"Last week, the Pentagon acknowledged that every 24 hours, 10-15 suicide attacks are carried out against US forces, either killing or injuring ten American troops on the average. On the other hand, the Americans should not look at Afghanistan in the context of Iraq. Here sectarian differences do not exist among the people in the tribal areas as it is the case in Iraq. If that was

indeed the case, the Americans might have taken advantage of that and tipped the people against the mujahideen.”

“Now we are beholding as the people of the tribal areas are bonding with and infatuated by the spirit of jihad and patriotism, making it almost impossible for the Americans to take a breath of relief as a result of their resorting to the rallying of people to weaken mujahideen.”

“The most obvious and recent experience regarding the formation of militias in Afghanistan is the despicable experience of the Russians, which is hated and deplored by all the Afghan nation. When the Russian were about to flee from Afghanistan, they turned to forming militias under the name of Gailam Jan Militia, Jabbar Militia, and other militias built on the basis of ethnicity and region. Americans have to analyze the role, reputation, and history of these unscrupulous militias and then re-examine the strategy of militia formation.”

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