



Taliban Reaction to Obama Victory November 11, 2008

Statement from the Taliban Taliban Reaction to Obama Victory Released on November 11, 2008



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"A Matter to Ponder for Obama"

"The overwhelming victory of Barrack Obama, the candidate of the Democrats in the US Presidential Election and his assumption of US presidency reveals the collective willingness of American people not to continue the current despicable and anti-human wars in Afghanistan and Iraq – wars that have been launched by W. Bush. They do not want their children to be fodder of war flames any more. This war, which is the outcome of Bush's belligerence and war-mongering mindset, has resulted in failure both in Afghanistan and Iraq. It had neither a logical standing nor a legal footing to begin with. Despite the huge loss sustained in terms of military hardware and in terms of lives of thousands of US and its ally's soldiers, it is now facing a historical defeat and disgrace. The USA is now grappling with an enormous and almost irreversible financial system crisis. Washington has lost its previous caliber in the world and its good name has been spoiled. Still more, the loathing and repugnance on the part of the public of the world is accumulating against it."

"As in contrast to Bush, Obama had promised that he would not follow Bush's policy. He had pledged to recover the dwindling American economy and find a niche in the comity of nations. It is, therefore, imperative for Obama to put an end to all the policies being followed by his Opposition Party, the Republicans and pull out US troops from Afghanistan and Iraq forthwith. If Obama and the Democrats would like to follow into the steps of Bush and see their magnanimity in oppressing and subjugating nations and nurture the ambitions of prolonging the occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq, then it is clear that the fate of the Democrats will be even more shameful and despicable than the Republicans'. They will not bring the ship of the downfall of USA safely to the coast of rescue and will not land it securely. It was because of this sky-high expenditure, which is now pushing America to the verge of penury and their economic institutions are melting down. Europe and the rest of the world are pondering to bring about changes in their financial relations with USA."

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan reminds the newly-elected leadership of USA that the presence of thousands of NATO and US forces in Afghanistan and the policy of intransigence and bellicose neither had any achievement nor brought about security and peace to the people of Afghanistan."

“With the people of Afghanistan having now been fused into one against the foreign invading forces and determined to force their withdrawal from the country, such belligerent policies will never spell expected results, despite the arrival of more contingents. Nor will they achieve results better than Bush’s and his cronies. The ground realities in Afghanistan and the expectations of the people of America expressed through their votes demand that Obama should shun all policies followed by Bush once and for all. He should respect the rights of the people to independence and observe the norms of human rights. In short, he should set out on a policy that will have a message of peace for the war-stricken world which has been victimized by the arrogance and tyranny of USA.”

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