



Zawahiri: “The Massacre of Gaza and Siege of the Traitors” January 6, 2009

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“In the name of Allah, praise be to Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the prophet of Allah, and upon his family and companions and followers. O’ Muslim brothers everywhere, peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and His blessings. At present, the Israeli attacks against Gaza are continuing without interruption and they kill and injure hundreds of innocent people, while the entire world—including the treacherous Arab leaders—do nothing but issue empty statements, and I would like to deliver several messages about this.”



“My first message is to our Muslim brothers in Gaza and the rest of usurped Palestine... Be patient and persevere, and be determined about following the path of jihad. The entire Muslim nation is with you. I assure you that we shall be restless, with the help of Allah, until we avenge every casualty, wounded person, widow, and orphan in Palestine, and in the rest of the lands of Islam with the help of Allah and his strength. By the grace of Allah, we are still eager to fulfill the oath of Shaykh Usama Bin Laden, may Allah protect him: ‘I swear to almighty Allah, who has raised the heavens without any pillars, that the United States and those who inhabit them will certainly not even dream of security before we actually live in security in Palestine, and before all the infidel armies depart from the land of Mohammed, may Allah bless him and grant him salvation.’ We wish for the day when we shall stand alongside you in order to liberate Jerusalem and to raise the banner of Islam and Jihad above its neighborhoods.”

“My Muslim and mujahid brothers in Gaza and the rest of Palestine: what you face today is not an occupation of settlements, limited to a certain area or a certain region, but it is a link in the chain of the Zionist-Christian campaign against Islam and the Muslims. These attacks are the gift of Obama to you, before he shall receive his position, and the traitor Hosni Mubarak is the principal partner in your siege and murder. While the Israeli airplanes drop their bombs from the air, he shuts the borders with his forces, in order to complete the plan to kill the Muslims in Gaza. It is the same filthy role that the Jews have adopted with the forces of the brigades in Sabra and Shatila.”

“My Muslim and mujahideen brothers in Gaza and the rest of Palestine, with the help of Allah we are with you in the battle—we aim blows against the Jewish-Christian alliance with what we can, and we turn our faces quickly in your direction. With the permission of Allah, soon we shall smash the borders and shackles that separate us from you. The retreat of the Americans from Iraq is one of the good omens of us approaching closer to you, with the permission of Allah and His help. Allah knows that we wish to be with you in these moments, redeeming you with our throats and our blood. I personally wish to be among you in these moments, treating your wounded and relieving their pain. Allah has granted me this honor with our Afghan mujahideen and foreign brothers for many years.”

“My second message is to the Muslims in Egypt, and I say to them: lifting the siege imposed on Gaza is your responsibility that you must take up. If you organize and participate in a campaign of strikes, demonstrations and protests that persist until the siege is lifted from over our people in Gaza, then Hosni Mubarak, the criminal traitor, is bound to give in. Are you incapable of a campaign of strikes, in which the students will abstain from their studies, and the officials and workers would abstain from their work, so that we can save our brothers in Gaza from the claws of the criminal traitor, Hosni Mubarak? And I say to the free pious men in the Egyptian army—there is an example for you in Suleiman Khaater, may Allah have mercy upon him. The criminal traitor [Mubarak] uses you to betray your religion, to besiege your brothers, and to block the border-crossings in their path, enabling the Israeli airplanes to commit their crimes against them. So at what point will you stop being soldiers of the devil? When will you be helpers of Allah and his messenger? ...And I say to the proud and powerful tribes of Sinai: this day is your day, so provide your brothers in Islam and kinship in Gaza with every supply and equipment they will need, from loaves of bread to anti-tank mines. The treacherous Egyptian regime that has attacked your glory, dignity, and honor is the same regime that now besieges your brothers in Islam and kinship in Gaza, and they act in collusion with the Jews in order to kill them [the Palestinians]. O’ Allah, Allah! For your brothers in Gaza—break the siege of the treacherous regime that has been imposed upon them, and know that Allah shall ask you about what you have given them, so prepare an answer for this question...”

“My third message is to the Muslims everywhere, and I say to them: this is Obama, whom the American machinery of lies attempted to portray before the world as the deliverer, who would change the policy of the U.S. He is killing your brothers and sisters in Gaza without any mercy or compassion. I say to the enraged Muslim masses that set out to protest all over the Islamic world: these demonstrations will surely not be enough to confront their bombs—but our Islamic rage should turn into effective and active actions that will shake the corners of the Zionist-Christian alliance, with the help of Allah and His strength. O’ Muslims everywhere, give your response to the call of almighty Allah and perform the duty of individual jihad... O’ Muslims everywhere, fight against the Zionist-Christian campaign, and strike its interests wherever you encounter them. Support and help your brothers and your sons who fight against it. O’ lions of Islam in the Maghrib of Islam [North Africa]; in Al-Shams of the Ribat [“Greater Syria”]; in the Arabian Peninsula; in Yemen, of faith and wisdom; in Somalia, of the jihad and the hijrah; in Iraq, of the caliphate; in Khorasaan [Afghanistan/Pakistan/Uzbekistan] of zeal and pride; and, in Chechnya of defiance: attack the Zionist-Christian alliance and its interests. O’ lions of Islam everywhere, the leaders of the Muslim lands are the protectors of the interests of the Americans and Zionists. They are the ones who have relinquished Palestine and acknowledged Israel. Hosni Mubarak besieges Gaza; Abdullah Bin Abdel-Aziz [of Saudi Arabia] has concocted the comedy of the ‘dialogue of religions’, in order so that he could meet with [Shimon] Peres in New York as a preliminary step towards a full actual recognition of Israel; Ali Abdullah Saaleh has turned glorious and proud Yemen into a supply base for the Christian campaign against the lands of Islam; and [Nuri] al-Maliki begs for the American forces to stay [in Iraq] in order to guarantee that these traitors will stay in power—so thwart the efforts of these traitors by striking the interests of the enemies of Islam—namely, the Christians and the Jews—wherever and by whatever means you can... And our final statement is to offer praise for Allah, Master of the Worlds, and may He bless our lord Mohammed, his family, and his companions, and grant them salvation...”