

'World Islamic Front' Statement Urges Jihad on US, Israel

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[Report by Muhammad Salah: "World Islamic Front Backs 'Intifadah of Palestine's Sons'"]

[FBIS Translated Text] Cairo -- In its second statement since its establishment in February "the World Islamic Front for Jihad against the Jews and Crusaders" has urged Muslims to stage "the jihad against the Americans and the Israelis wherever they are." It also affirmed its support for "the sons of Muslim Palestine and their blessed intifadah, through which they have renewed their rejection of capitulationist solutions."

The statement stressed that the Front "is one of the trenches pooling the nation's energies in order to perform the duty imposed by God, namely the jihad against the atheists among Americans Christians and Israeli Jews."

In February Al-Hayah published a report on the establishment of the Front and also its first statement, which said that it had been established "to fight the Americans and plunder their money everywhere." The statement announcing the Front's establishment was signed by: [Saudi dissident] Usama BinLadin ; Dr. Ayman al- Zawahiri, leader of the Egyptian Jihad Group; Rifa'i Ahmad Taha, chairman of the shura council of the Egyptian Islamic Group; Mir Hamzah, who is in charge of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-e-Pakistan; Fazlol Rahman Khalil, amir of the al-Ansar Movement in Pakistan; and Shaykh Abdol Salam Mohammad, amir of the Jihad Movement in Bangladesh. They all signed a fatwa to the effect that "killing the Americans and their allies, civilian and military, is an individual

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duty for every Muslim."

The statement, of which Al-Hayah has received a copy, is entitled "Wounds of al-Aqsa Mosque." It stresses that "despite the scale of the catastrophe, the glimmer of hope has become a reality and hopes are kept alive through the martyrs' blood, the pain of the sufferers, and the bullets of those fighting for the sake of God's cause." It also says: "The US Jews and Christians are using Israel to bring Muslims to their knees... the Jewish-Crusader alliance led by the United States and Israel is now operating blatantly... the United States, government and parliament, has always worked to spoil Israel and bolster its economic and military power."