



AQIY Leader Saeed al-Shehri: “Repelling the Crusader Aggression” February 8, 2010

**Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula
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“Praise Allah, who weakens the plots of the disbelievers, and shaker of the oppressors’ hearts, and prayer and peace upon the cheerful fighter who has been sent with the sword until the Final Hour; victorious by horror for the march of a month, and upon his family and companions, and thereafter:”

“I begin my talk to our sheikhs and Amirs in the general command in Khorasan: I present you the good news, with the grace of Allah, that your mujahideen children in the Peninsula of Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him, are in the best condition and our leadership, with Allah’s grace, were not harmed, and we congratulate you and we congratulate the Muslim Ummah for this blessed battle that was waged by the brother and heroic mujahed Omar al-Farooq; may Allah solidify him and release him. And, we are, Allah-permitting, marching forward upon what you have commanded no matter the cost, until faith is directed entirely to Allah and [until] we gain one of the two promises of Allah: Victory or Martyrdom.”

“But, regarding what occurred on the land of Yemen in the south of Muhammad’s Peninsula, prayer and peace upon him, in the beginning of the new Hijri year in the states of Abyan, Arhab, Shabwah, al-Ajashir and Maareb that consisted of raids and murder of our women and children, carried out by our Jewish and Christian enemies and their operatives, forces us to pause and sincerely ponder which of our enemies carried out these monstrous, Crusader massacres, and what would happen in the future if we fail to defend ourselves and if we do not carry out the duty that which Allah has commanded: preparation and Jihad using all that is available to repel this religious Crusade being waged by the spiteful Zionist and Christians. They have come to extinguish the light of Tawheed and Jihad which has become prominent in the Arabian Peninsula and praise is due to Allah.”

“My Muslim Ummah: this war against Muslims in the Arabian Peninsula has been planned for a long time...The biggest criminals have...continued this war via their media, as the international community and the conspiring of the disbelieving nations and their agents...hold conferences, [which] shows us the importance of our enemy’s ideological war and [what] the geography of the region mans to him, especially the marine ports

and the importance of Bab al-Mandeb Strait. If we were to seize control over it and bring it back to the Islamic incubation, it would be a great victory and would have international consequences. The noose would be tightened around Israel, for it is through the Red Sea which America supplies it. It is for this reason that Israel is working behind the scenes, moving their agents, especially those they trust the most, such as Egypt and head of intelligence, Omar Sulaiman, and the Saudi Government, which plays a [key] role in the region. They secure the oil interests of the Jews and the Christians, the waterways, their very presence poses a direct threat to the mujahideen in the region.”

“Then, our duty as children of Islam is to be in one rank against these enemies who have teamed up against us, and Allah says: “O’ thou shall fight the mushrikeen collectively just as they fight against you collectively. But know that Allah is with the pious.”

“And, it shouldn’t be kept hidden from you, O’ Muslims, that the Crusaders are advocating for a war against Islam in the Arabian Peninsula...not using direct confrontation...but using the following undeclared methods of confrontations.”

“First: collecting information through surveillance jets and air raids, just as they do in Waziristan. They won’t care for the blood of the dead as long as the common denominator between the mujahideen and the Muslim public is Islam. They have no problem killing women and children , as is being witnessed in Waziristan daily.”

“Second: the plan of [General David] Petraeus, and it is principled on three axis:

1st: recruiting Muslims against each other and this is referred to as the awakening movements, thus, making the war between Muslims [themselves].

2nd: disfiguring the reputation of the mujahideen through destructive acts, like bombing mosques and markets, and assassinating some of the Islamic figures, then blaming the Mujahideen.

3rd: spreading spies, and using monetary allurements for the general Muslims through the intelligence of the state.”

“As for us, your mujahideen brothers, we believe and act according to the saying of our beloved [prophet] prayer and peace upon him: ‘destroying the al-Kaaba piece by piece is less severe to Allah than the unlawful killing of even one Muslim.”

“So, we warn the Muslim Ummah about this deceitful plan, and to not believe the lying media; they should believe the truthful Jihadist media.”

“Third: Corruption of society using the terms of freedoms and establishment of democracy, and spread of public vice.”

“Fourth: Increasing Westernization, media, educational and social programs.”

“Thus, we say to our people in Yemen:”

“Your responsibilities are great; the enemy has waged his war against you and has killed your women and children in Abyan, Arhab, Shabwah and others, and is still floating above your heads with drones to determine the upcoming locations for massacres.”

“O’ people of Yemen, your must stand a stance of men that you are known for, and history has drawn glories for you in supporting the faith and the weakened [Muslims]; you are the people of strength in the war, thus, seek Allah in your trenches and Islam won’t be victorious without you, and you and us are in one trench and the enemy does not differentiate between you and us. This is the religious Crusade, unjust war against Islam and its people.”

“O’ tribes of Yemen, and I specify mentioning the dear, proud tribes whose heroic mujahideen children, from the Awaleq, Arhab, Obaidah, and Masha’ekh al-Hootta, are being chased after by the Crusader enemies—in cooperation with certain tribes. You must fight these tribes who plot with the Crusaders against the Muslims, and be informed that we are with you against your enemies and the enemies of the nation, and we are with you and you are with us—blood for blood and destruction for destruction—and we are going forth with jihad Allah-permitting; until we meet Allah. And you should not be unmotivated by the threats of the rulers cooperating with the U.S. as they are easier than that and weaker, that is. And I give you the good news that you will soon hear what you like. Allah is our Lord and they have no Lord.”

“And, to our people in the Arabian Peninsula:”

“May Allah have mercy on you, know that various trials have befallen you in your peninsula; the Shiites and the Jews and the Christians, and the traitor, apostate rulers, have been scheming against and everyone [of them] attacks your religion, selves, money, honors and land, and you have no exit out of these collusion except for jihad for the cause of Allah, as jihad was legitimized for that reason, and Allah says: ‘fighting for predestined upon you and it is despised by you, [nevertheless] should you not hate something that may be benevolent for you, and should you not love something that may be malevolent to you, and Allah is knowing and you are not.’ Allah concluded this great verse with absolute knowledge He acquires, and other are his creation and their knowledge is [observed] from His [absolute] knowledge; thus, be of assistance to your children—the vanguards who carry the banner of Jihad in the Peninsula of Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him. Jihad and partisanship for your sake is a Sharia duty that Allah obligated upon you just as he obligated prayer and fasting, and no one had the right to prevent someone from Jihad except Allah, and the Ummah has agreed from the beginning to end that if the enemy attacked [the] Islamic land then fighting is obliged, and now there isn’t a difference between land and sea and air...all is [considered] an occupation to the countries of Islam.”

“We advise you, our people in the Islamic Peninsula, to prepare your equipment and carry your weapons to defend your religion and yourselves, and to unite with your mujahideen brothers in the Arabian Peninsula. Leave for jihad for the cause of Allah and respond to the advocates of Jihad to defend your sanctimonies, honors and lands as Allah encourages you to fight the Jews and the Christian, and he says: ‘fight against those who do not believe in Allah and the Day of Judgment, and they do not prohibit what Allah and His messenger prohibits, and they do not follow the truthful religion of Allah from those who received the [Holy] Book, until they submissively pay the Jizya.’ And, our prophet Muhammad, prayer and peace upon him, commands and encourages us to remove them from our Peninsula; as, prayer and peace upon him, said: “remove the Mushrikeen from the Arabian Peninsula.” [Told by al-Bukhari]

“So, where are the people of brains and hearts and knowledge and jurisprudence who know all the places of benevolence; places where they are rewarded for their food, drinks, sleep and alertness and all its moves and stills, just as Allah says: ‘that is, because they won’t be hit with thirst or a trap or transgressions for the cause of Allah, and while in a place that oppresses the Kuffar and in defeating the enemy, they will be rewarded for their righteous deeds, and Allah does not hold out the rewards of the virtuous, and those who spend a small or large amount [to fight the Kuffar] and cross valleys are to be rewarded more than what they are comprehensive of.’”

“And, prayer and peace upon him, said: ‘the battle is two attacks; by he who seeks [to meet] the face of Allah, obeyed the Imam, spent generously, and left the polytheists, and avoided corruption, then his sleep and awakening will all be rewarded.’ [told by Ahmad and Abu Daood and al-Nisa’i]”

“O’ nation of Jihad, you must carry Jihad for the cause of Allah. The interests of the Americans and the Crusaders are everywhere, and their tribes move around everywhere, so fight them and deter from us what you can from amongst the enemies, and especially the criminals of Al-Saud as they are who facilitate the war against Muslims on behalf of the Zionist-Crusade; Allah is our calculator and He is the best of protectors.”

“And, I say to our great brothers in Somalia:”

“May Allah reward you on behalf of us the best of rewards, and may Allah commend your initiative to send your forces to us, and this is the true meaning of the one-nation and the religious brotherhood, and what you are going through of effort and hardships in Jihad and what you are facing of narrowness, yet you offer us to send forces to support us; thus, may Allah bless you for your men, but let us cooperate each in their own trench for the upcoming battle with the head of international Kufr, America. We both are on the bank of Bab al-Mandeb strait, and let Allah see from us what He will grace in regards to defeating our enemies, and let us complement each other in our warfare against our enemies, until Allah completed victory or martyrdom for us, Allah-willing.”

“And, to our brothers in the Islamic trenches in general and the Arabian Peninsula in particular:”

“I advise you to be devout to Allah and to thank Him for his blessings He graced us with, as our messenger, prayer and peace upon him, says: ‘Ribat for one day for the cause of Allah is better for us than a thousand days in all of the [rewarded] stages below it [stage of Jihad]’ [Told by Ahmad]

“And, I give you the good news that he who dies from amongst you while in Ribat for the cause of Allah will be rewarded for his deeds until the Day of Judgment. And I give you the good news of this great Hadith that covers all of your conditions and hardships on this path:”

“Prayer and peace upon him said: ‘he who leaves [for jihad]for the cause of Allah and has left for jihad ‘for my sake, and with faith in me and in believing my messengers, then he guarantees I enter him to paradise or bring him back to his shelter he left from, with what he gained of reward or loot,’ and by He who holds the soul of Muhammad, he who speaks for the cause of Allah will be in the form he died, his color like blood and his

scent is musk, on Judgment Day, and by He who holds the soul of Muhammad, if it wasn't a hardship for Muslims I would not ever have sat behind a brigade that fights for the cause of Allah, but I cannot find a place to make them carry with and if they don't find a place it becomes hard for them to leave me behind; thus, by He who holds the soul of Muhammad, I'd love to fight for the cause of Allah and be killed, then fight and get killed and then fight [again]and get killed.' [Told by Musslem]"

"And, finally:"

"We say to America that you have no solution except what our Amir, Sheikh Usama bin Laden told you and repeated for you these days, as he said: 'American will not dream to have security until we live it practically in Palestine.'"

"And, our last prayer is praise to Allah Lord of the World"