



Salem al-Mekki: “Bin Laden and I...and the Americans”

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The Big Trap Just as Desired by al-Qaeda Organization”
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“I am Muhammad Atta...maybe...and perhaps I may be Louis Attiat’Allah or Dr. Muhammad Abbas...or I maybe Dr. Abdullah al-Nafisi...and I also could be Badwai Fahem or Shihab 3... Yes, I am all of them and more...I am the nation; its men, women, youth and children...from me Eve came out with the banner and verses of the mute...and from Ziad al-Jarrah took off as well as Hani Hanjur...and from me million others will come out...This is me.”

“As for Bin Laden...it is Bin Laden; the pious, devout, beseeched in the hands of Allah...and Bin Laden; the friend, advisor, and heated over the situation of his nation...and Bin Laden; the father, sympathetic, kind, merciful, who’d sacrifice the fruits of his loins...and Bin Laden; guide to the path of truth at a time of loss and misdirection...Bin Laden; the symbol, principles and values, and sacrifice, and in ancient times they said: ‘the pioneer does not trick his family.’”

“As for the Americans...say, the waste, if you will...a nation of adultery...without origins...road bandits...thieves...criminals...murderers of Red Indians [Native Americans]...servants of the Jews...mad dogs and paid pigs...over two hundred years, they shed the blood of more than four million Muslims...the blood of millions of people.”

“The big trap...what is known and transmitted amongst the pioneers in the battlefields of sacrifice, is that al-Qaeda Organization in Somalia; after the Americans were beaten and torn apart and decided to leave, a jihadist group received orders to carry out kidnapping operations against soldiers and American commanders, and they also offered the Somalis ten thousand dollars in exchange for every American soldier they kidnap, and that was in an attempt from them to trick the Americans [and drag them] into Somalia’s quagmire for the longest possible period of time, until they become liquidated and then destroy them inside, just as was done to the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. But, the experience from Vietnam was recent, and the field does not affect the interests of the United State in a dynamic way, so they ran from Somalia...”

“And it is known and transmitted amongst the pioneers in the fields of sacrifice that al-Qaeda Organization adopted a new plan to lure [enemies] into Afghanistan; that is, attacking the Americans directly and in three different pillars of governance—politics, economy, and military power—in order to achieve a number of very important goals:”

“1 - Removing the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula, and carrying the banner of liberating the Islamic Holy Places from the Jews and the Americans.”

“2 - Encouraging the youth of the Islamic world to train them on weapons, and methods of warfare and their philosophy, and to establish cells all over the world.”

“3 - To introduce the nation to the real face of its enemy, represented in the Jews and the Crusaders, and the reality behind the everlasting struggle with them.”

“4 - To awake the animosity in the hearts of the Muslims whose hearts clotted with the nature of the relationship with the enemy, until a generation appeared to walk the steps of the West and desires what it [the West] has; passing by its [the generation] history, civilization, and religion, infatuated with the colors of the American snake.”

“5 - The split in the nation’s ranks into two sides: faith and Kufr, and every side appeared with its thinkers, ulama and supporters.”

“6 - To make clear for the nation the weak points of its enemy, and the methods to attack him, to destroy him, and the methods of annihilating him whether on their land or in our deserts.”

“7 - To disfigure the American prestige in the hearts of the entire world, on the hands of a limited organization in number and capabilities.”

“8 - To cancel the terminologies of international legitimacy, democracy, freedom and others, and empty them from their contents, and to show their grim face.

“9 - To lure the American Forces into an Asymmetric battle, to liquidate the power of the enemy and have him bankrupt, just like their Russian counterpart.”

“10 - To start a struggle between the American forces and the [Islamic] nation’s men (not the armies of the rulers) in a long and unlimited battle that starts in America and expands from Afghanistan to Mauritania, and with it the spirit of the Islamic resistance comes back and in it the Muslims youth will carry the weapons.”

“11 - To clarify a very important principle, which is that al-Oaeda does not fight on behalf of the nation, but it is a blessed brigade for this nation that shows the path and sees through it and leads the nation to attack its enemy.”

“So, did al-Qaeda succeed in achieving its goals? And, were the Americans lured into a long battle that liquidates their power? Did the Americans finally fall in the trap of al-Qaeda? Did the men and women of the [Muslim] nation truthfully sought to possess weapons by all means, carried them, and fought in defense of their religion, land, and holy places..just as al-Qaeda had planned?”

“What I understand, just like Louis Attiat’Allah or Dr. Muhammad Abbas, is that the Americans have swallowed the bait and fell in the trap, and that al-Qaeda succeeded in its plans, and with that the first stage of al-Qaeda’s program is completed...and soon a new stage begins, mutual between the brigade and the nation, against the Jews and the Americans...did we buy weapons and managed to get ammunition for the cause of Allah? He who did not buy [weapons] will harvest regret, and he who did has sold himself to Allah...[Verse].”