



**Taliban: "On the Occasion of the
Eighth Anniversary of the
American Attack on Afghanistan"
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**Statement of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan on the Occasion of the
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"Since then until now, eight years have passed during which the American invaders and their allies of crusaders have killed, wounded and driven from [their] homes hundreds of thousands of Afghans, including children, women and old men. This sanguinary spree of killing has been continuing. All these Afghans were not involved in the event of New York. The invaders unleashed atrocities on the Afghans and other Muslim freedom-lovers in Guantanamo, Bagram and the Abu Ghraib jails that have no precedence in history."

"At the beginning, they were promising they would withdraw within three months, in their words, after eliminating the so-called terrorism. Contrarily, today eight years from that time have passed, but they have built up hundreds of military bases in Afghanistan and Iraq. They say that they will raise the level of their troops to almost 110,000 troops. It is clear from this, that they have occupied Afghanistan for the execution of their expansionist plans in the Middle East, Central Asia and the Southeast Asia."

"We believed from day one, that this is not a war between democracy and the so-called terrorism but rather a war between the western colonialism and the freedom-loving nationalist and Islamist forces. In this unequal war, the one side has before them expansionism, colonialism and exploitation as their plans of objectives which they want to achieve by dint of military power through brutality and atrocities. On the other hand, the other side of the war has their objective of independence, Islamic social justice, human dignity and national identity which they want to achieve through sacrifices and the shedding of their pure blood. We believe in this war between truth and evil, the truth will surely prevail."

"We call on the American rulers and their allies of the coalition once again to put an end to the game of occupying Afghanistan and killing the Afghans under unsubstantiated pretexts. The Afghans are no more ready to believe your empty slogans, nor the world would like to see the globe plunging into instability and various problems because of your wrong policies. We announce to all the world, our aim is obtainment of independence and the establishment of an Islamic system. We did not have any agenda to harm other countries including Europe, nor do we have such agenda today. Still, if you want to turn the country of the proud and pious Afghans into a colony, then know that we have an unwavering determination and have braced for a prolonged war. Have a glance at the history, the Afghans are the people characterized by historical distinction of always sacrificing in the way of their religion and country. Today, we will not fall short of this."