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"Dear Muslim brothers everywhere:"

"Peace upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings."

"And, thereafter:"

"Our nation during the recent period of time has passed through a number of events [and] that I would like to comment on some, and I will begin with the recent developments that occurred in Palestine, and specifically the ongoing dispute that revolves around national unity. Thus, I ask: did Mahmoud Abbas become absent [away] from us, and what is the national authority? Did we miss it; that they are a secular group that does not govern with the Islamic Sharia, and that their principles they claim are a mixture of nationalism, secularism, favoritism, and glorification of the international legitimacy?"

"Their situation is basically their glorification to personal interests and race to steal the general public's money and servitude to the Zionists and the Americans, and even under the measurements of nationalism and patriotism they have betrayed and gave up the most important nationalism affair, and they are liars even in their claims that they are a movement for national liberation. There isn't a national liberation movement that acknowledges the legitimacy of the invaders of their land!"

"And, there isn't a national liberation movement that gives up nine-tenth of its nation!"

"And, there isn't a national liberation movement that hands over its people to its enemy!"

"And, there isn't a national liberation movement that holds its general conference under the authority and supervision of the occupation!"

"And, there isn't a national liberation movement that recognizes the rights of the occupiers in monitoring its movements and travels, and its president and those below him wait for a permission from the occupier in every step of the way!"

"And, there isn't a national liberation movement that accepts the occupier's seizing of its land and signs agreements for that!"

“And, there isn’t a national liberation movement that accepts their father; leader and symbol of their unity and resistance, to be poisoned, and then they all cooperate to bypass this crime and be silent over it and bury it under the ruins of forgetfulness.”

“ Did we miss it that Mahmoud Abbas is from amongst those who gave up nine-tenth of Palestine in a series of agreements based on shame, embarrassment and surrender, starting with the Oslo accords to Annapolis and over to the third and final New York meeting, passing through Y-River and Camp David, and the Mecca agreement?”

“Did it pass us that Mahmoud Abbas is the one who signed the security agreements with the Zionist enemy, and he works under the supervision of General Dayton?”

“Did it miss us that Mahmoud Abbas is the one who kills, tortures, and indicates the places of the mujahideen for the Jews?”

“Did it miss us that Mahmoud Abbas and his representative—symbol of purity and honor!— Muhammad Dahlan, have participated in signing the Passageway Agreements?”

“Did it miss us that Mahmoud Abbas—based on an Egyptian reconciliation agreement—insists to work on the same sinful agreement which suffocates our people in Gaza until it expires?”

“Did it miss us that this group and their likes of [Husni] Mubarak, [King Abdullah] Ibn Saud, and [King Abdullah] Ibn al-Hussein are the Arab Zionists in their ugliest images?”

“Did we miss all that and more?”

“Then, why was he accepted as a legitimate president to the Oslo authority?”

“And, why accept the participation of his men in the government of the Mecca agreement?”

“And, why give him the authority in the same agreement to negotiate in the name of the Palestinians?”

“Then, didn’t what Mahmoud Abbas declared recently about his willingness to not nominate himself to the presidential elections is similar to the stance of al-Sharif Hussein bin Ali against his British masters after they betrayed him and handed Palestine over the Jews, and Syria to the French?”

“Then, why insist on national unity with the secularists who reject the Sharia, and who surrender most of Palestine, and who kill and torture the mujahideen, and those who work in the CIA program and General Dayton?”

“And why insist on a national unity with those who will suffocate Jihad and chase after the mujahideen in Gaza just as Jihad was suffocated and the mujahideen were chased after in the West Bank?”

“And, why insist on the national unity with those who do not but accept a government that respects and abides with the international resolutions that surrender Palestine over? And, what is this national unity? Is it an idle being worshipped?”

“Allah did not have us worship a national unity, but he demanded us to unite with the people of faith and piety and Jihad.” [Verse]

“Allah, raised and glorified, demanded from us to grasp on his rope; that is His Sharia, and not through the secular constitution and international legitimacy. In exchange, Allah prohibits us to

support brothers, parents, sons, spouses and tribes if they reject the religion of Allah, raised and glorified.” [Verse]

“Glorifying the national unity is a wicked fruit from the looms of Sykes-Picot that split the Islamic nation for the sake of scattered robberies for the Turks of the Ottoman Empire. Then this invader, criminal policy became embedded in our brains until we became idles. Muslims, accordingly, unite with the people in their country even if they were the wicked enemies of Islam and the most wicked creatures and sellers to principles and values. [Verse] Allah, raised and glorified, told us that He sent his messengers to call upon people to unify even if they split their tribes between a guided and misguided sides.”

“Let us ponder for a bit: what are the most important practical goals for Muslims in Palestine and the rest of the world?”

“The most important two goals are:”

“Establishment of a Muslim government and liberate the Muslim homelands from the Kuffar, aggressive invaders. So, if the national unity does not lead to establishment of Allah’s sharia and establishment of a Muslim government—but, it will lead to establishment of a secular nationalist government that rules with a constitution and man-made laws that rules with the legitimacy of the public without Allah—then why accept that national unity?”

“And, if the national unity does not lead to liberating Palestine from the Zionist invaders, but leads to surrender of nine-tenth of it and hand it over to the Jews, then why accept the national unity? And, [this is what] we have heard constantly from ‘the brother’ Abu Mazen and ‘the brother’ Muhammad Dahlan, and we also listened to the talks of “the brothers” in Egypt and the compliments towards their thankful efforts, to the rest of those methods. Every Muslim knows who those ‘brothers’ in Egypt are...they are the Arab Zionists; brothers of the Zionist Jews and Americans. They are the brothers who sanctioned Gaza and cooperated to raid it and until this day they still have sanctions on it and they still destroy its buildings. They are the brothers who torture the Palestinians to snatch confessions from them about the resisters and the leaders so Israel can assassinate them. We ask from Allah to help us to take revenge from everyone who participated in torturing the Muslims and to help us work on liberating them and attack those who imprisoned them, and we have not and will not forget them, Allah-willing. We will not forget Omar Abdulrahman, Ramzi Yusef and his companions, Khalid Sheikh Muhammad and his companions, or our prisoners in Egypt, the Islamic Maghreb, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and everywhere, with the help and power of Allah. We will not forget them and we call upon every Muslim to not forget them. What those Zionist Arab brother are doing of torturing the Muslim prisoners in the Crusader campaign against Islam that which they call the war on terrorism is one of the reasons to receiving the grace of America, and it is a part of the price the regime of Mubarak pays to remain in governance and so the big tyrant is able to have his tyrant son inherit the governance, based on the American grace and the Zionist blessings.”

“Those are forming a solid corner in the crusader, Zionist modulation that is hostile towards Islam and Muslims; those brothers of Satan are primary partners in the crusader-Zionist campaign over Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia and the rest of the Muslims homelands.”

“It is acceptable to possibly say that the officials in Egypt or the official parties in Egypt or something like that, but this brotherhood is unclear from where it came and on what is it based? Then, what is the benefit to using these methods with those Zionist Arabs who sold their religion and countries to the tyrannical, arrogant American-Zionist forces?”

“Hear is from me, my brothers and families in Palestine:”

“If the complimenting people complimented those Arab Zionists in every form of Arabic complimentary and told them every linguistic praiseful statements, they will not back away an

inch from seeking to humiliate you and surround you and force you to accept the American and Zionist plans.”

“Let us ask ourselves:”

“Why is Egypt insistent on completing this agreement while suffocating Gaza and destroying tunnels and torturing Palestinian prisoners, while they let tens of thousands of Israeli tourists without a notice of permission and are engulfed in kindness and respect, and security and guarantees? Why this insistence to make the Egyptian regime the sole mediator for Palestine? And, why does this regime seek to enslave others in carrying out this role? And, why are the American blessings [needed] for this game?”

“The answer is clear and it does not need cleverness:”

“He who seeks to have the Palestinians kneel for through the sanctions is the same who seeks to put them in the trouble of compromises via negotiations and agreements.”

“Those are Obama’s kids and men; slaves to the new world order, its messengers, advocates and soldiers, and they execute his commands with all they own—Obama’s commands that uncovered for the Muslims in Palestine and everywhere his true plan that backs Israel, covered with smiles and invitations for [mutual] respect, understanding and cooperation. Is it clear for us that Obama’s policy isn’t but a new episode in the crusaders’ Zionist campaign to enslave us and humiliate us, occupy our land and steal our resources, and fight our religion and Sharia. What has Obama provided us until now except more pressure, sanctions and narrowing? And, the same role carried out by Mahmoud Abbas in Palestine is carried out by the Pakistani army and government; those who are exhausting their efforts and sacrificing the blood of thousands of their soldiers to rescue the American army and its allies in Afghanistan from a definite defeat, soon, Allah-permitting.”

“The Pakistani Army’s battle in Waziristan is a primary participation in America’s crusade war against Islam and Muslims in Afghanistan and South Asia. The Pakistani-American Army’s miserable defense for the American crusader empire is the same role that was carried out by the Indian-British Army in servitude of the crusader British empire, as the Indian-British army—predecessor of the Pakistani-American army—lost tens of thousands in both World Wars in defense of the British army, and the service provided by the Pakistani-American army today to the Americans is the same service provided by the forces of al-Sharif Hussein—king of the Arabic Revolution who stabbed the Ottoman Empire in its back to bring victory for the crusade Britain—and it is the same role carried out by the soldiers and officers in the Islamic Maghreb to service the crusader France.”

“The dirty role of Shah Shuja’a in Afghanistan and al-Sharif Hussein in the Arabic countries in service of the British Empire is the same role carried out by Musharraf and Keyani and Zardari in service of the American Empire, and it is the same role of Mahmoud Abbas and Mubarak and Abdullah Al-Saud and Abdullah Ibn al-Hussein and Karzai and Sheikh Sharif and their likes; they are the same old-new image—image of the Jews and Christian supporters who kill Muslims and invade their honors in service of their masters.” [Verse]

“The battle in Waziristan and the battle in Pakistan and the battle in Afghanistan aren’t tribal or familial or regional or state or country battles; they are the battles of Islam against Kufr, the battle of Islam in facing hypocrisy, the battle of Muslims against the crusaders. They are not nationalist, patriotic battles but Islamic, faithful battles; the battle of Sharia against the nationalist secularism that abides with the arrogant powers—it is the battle of all the weakened people in the world against the biggest criminals. It is the battle of freedom, dearness, pride, justice and sovereignty instead of enslavement, humiliation, injustice and subordination; it is the battle of Islamic dearness against the cooperatives’ solicitation.”

“Muslims everywhere must realize this and they must [also] realize that the Mujahideen heroes who’re causing the Pakistani Army in Waziristan, and the American Army and the NATO in Afghanistan, high losses, are in defense of Islam’s dearness and Muslims’ pride. Amir of Believers Mullah Muhammad Omar Mujahid, may Allah protect him, has identified the nature of the battle since its inception, when he said: ‘the matter isn’t a matter of surrendering Usama but a matter of Islamic dearness.’”

“Every supporter of Jihad in Waziristan, Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, Somalia, and the Islamic Maghreb is a defender of Islam’s dearness and Muslims’ pride, and every dissembler to, discourager of, and absent from Jihad today isn’t but helping the enemies of Islam against it, and is crushing the nourishment of Islam and Muslims in service for the crusaders and the occupying Zionists.”

“And, after all of what I mentioned, a question might circulate:”

“Alright, so what can be done and what’s the path and where’s the exit?”

“In the beginning, I see that it is inevitable that a goal must be assigned in our work and inquiries; are we working, seeking and resisting for the sake of making the words of Allah the highest, or to make the words of the public, the people, the constitution, the national unity, the patriotic state, the international reconciliation, the international legitimacy, the international tolerance, the economic revival, personal benefits and other muddles, the highest?” [Verse]

“A man came to the prophet, prayer and peace upon him, and told him: ‘a man fights in protection, and a man fights for bravery, and a man fights for [the sake of] hypocrisy, so which of them is for the sake of Allah?’ He said: ‘he who fights to make the words of Allah the most prominent is for the sake of Allah.’ So, we have to determine what we want; do we want an Islamic state that governs with Sharia and liberates all the Muslim homelands in Palestine and others?”

“Or, do we want a secular, nationalist state that’s a subordinate to Israel and squeezed in one-tenth of Palestine?”

“So, if our goal in Palestine is to liberate it from the Jews in order to establish an Islamic state that governs with Sharia, then we have to give up every principle and policy and exploration that contradicts that, and we have to solidify with and grasp on two matters:”

“The first one: the doctrine of unification and the supremacy of the Sharia. We must intensively with certainty seek to establish the Islamic state that doesn’t govern but with the Sharia, and to not accept any other form.”

“The second one: we must constantly grasp on continuing Jihad that Palestine cannot be liberated without. We must sacrifice to achieve these two matters with all of what’s possible with our hands, mouths and hearts, and to remain steadfast on our doctrine and principles even if we do not gain victory now, and to not surrender an inch until we are capable [of liberating it] or the whomever after us of those who can liberate Palestine—all of Palestine—from the Zionist, Jewish occupation, and to establish in it a Muslim state.”

“The meaning my dear brothers is to stay solidified upon our doctrine and to reject anything that contradicts with it of methodologies and policies. We must seek Jihad against the Jews with all of what we have, and even jihad against those who support them and especially the Americans and the Westerners, as Israel isn’t but the spear-head of the modern Crusader-Zionist campaign, and if the mujahideen in Palestine, or the West Bank or Gaza, are becoming narrowed in, then the chances are [for Jihad] are available all over the world.” [Verse]

“We must not accept the enemy’s enforcement of the battlefield, place and time [of his choice] then become bounded in it.”

“My brothers and people in Palestine:”

“Be steadfast on the supremacy of the Sharia and loyalty to the believers and disownment of the Kafirin, and [steadfast] on tracing the enemy wherever he may be.” [Verse]

“A last word remains for the members of Fatah:”

“Did you see to what abyss the leadership you elected have thrown you?”

“Is it clear for you the difference between the path of the believers and the path of criminals?”

“Have you recognized the excuses and with you deep in the epidemic?”

“I do not invite you to organize for this and that or groups or organizations, but I invite you to side with Islam and Jihad, and to command to righteousness and prohibit evil, and to have loyalty for the believers and disownment of the Kafirin; liberate yourselves from the chains of salaries, jobs and partisanships, which do not replace Allah in anything.”

“You must give up [your] surrender and [disown] the surrendered like Abbas, Dahlan, Mubarak and the rest of the Arab Zionists.” [Verse]

“Our final prayer is praise to Allah Lord of the Worlds.”

“And, Allah’s prayer and peace upon our master Muhammad and upon all his family and companions.”

“And, peace upon you and Allah’s mercy and blessings.”