



Taliban Source Claims Baitullah Mehsud is Alive

**Abdullah al-Wazir, Official Online Correspondent for the Media Wing
of the Taliban Movement in Afghanistan:
“Americans Failed in Locating Baitullah Mehsud; Media Scheme for
Mehsud to Reveal his Whereabouts”
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“False Media Claims: Baitullah is Alive and Well”

“In the name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate.”

“Baitullah Mehsud is alive in Pakistan”

“Today we can assure through our special sources in Pakistan the false news published by the Pakistani Authorities in Islam Abad in general and in detail, regarding the death of Baitullah Mehsud —leader of the Taliban-Pakistan—as a result of an American air raid at dawn, last Wednesday in Waziristan.”

“Our sources in Pakistan even assure that Baitullah Mehsud is fine and in great health and he practices his routine activities in leading his group.”

“I requested from our special sources in Pakistan more clarification on the confusion of this strange subject, and why would the Pakistani Authorities in Islam Abad publish these rumors and untrue reports, and why did they energetically announce the death of Baitullah Mehsud while he is still alive?”

“I also requested from our special sources in Pakistan to supply us with any statements or videos regarding this matter as soon as they are published from the Taliban-Pakistan, and we will distribute them on the internet as soon as we get them, Allah-willing.”

“This is only a journalistic investigation I carry out, and it is important to many of the sides and factions, so it was important to investigate the truth.”

“And, we will report to you more details and information as soon as they become available regarding this weird matter, Allah-willing.”

“May Allah graces us and you to what He likes and permits.”

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August 10, 2009*

“In the name of Allah the Most Merciful the Most Compassionate.”

“As a continuation to this independent investigatory report I'm carrying out, and based on our special sources in Pakistan, yesterday we received more explanations and information regarding the confusion of this strange case, which explain the reason behind Islam Abad-based Pakistani Authorities publishing the death-rumor of Baitullah Mehsud; leader of the Taliban-Pakistan.”

“Our sources in Pakistani explained that a team comprised of American and Pakistani Intelligence units participated in preparing and executing a plan to assassinate Baitullah Mehsud; in his bastion in Southern Waziristan.”

“This plan in brief is to send groups of intelligence cooperatives to inside Southern Waziristan, who [ultimately] sneaked in and centralized around specified locations deep inside the province, for the purpose of monitoring and pointing out the movements (or activities) of Baitullah Mehsud, then to assassinate him! The American surveillance jets had a role in this plan to provide more surveillance information, and if needed to assassinate the target from air when the opportunity is available.”

“But, after almost a month these groups and surveillance jets completely failed in uncovering the location of Baitullah Mehsud inside the province. For the intelligence team, this increased the chances of Baitullah Mehsud's death based on prior intelligence reports mentioning that the health conditions of Baitullah Mehsud is bad resulting from some chronic illnesses.”

“Our sources say that in Pakistan the intelligence team intended to reformat the plan to confirm the fate of Baitullah Mehsud, and part of this new plan was to publicize a rumor about the death of Baitullah Mehsud through media outlets, because the American and Pakistani Intelligence units consider Baitullah Mehsud a figure that likes appearing in the media, and if he was alive that will push him to appear publically in front of the media to negate the rumors of his own death, and subsequently then can monitor him and determine his location.”

“When the American surveillance jets last Wednesday's dawn carried out a rocket-raid on one of the houses in Southern Waziristan, the team of American and Pakistani Intelligence units began exaggerating the case, and for that they publicized the death rumor of Baitullah Mehsud with all they can. They even utilized some of the surrendered people in the name of Taliban-Pakistan from Mehsud's tribe; including a person named Turkistan Beitnai and others to give this rumor some credibility, then they announced holding a Shura Council meeting for the group to choose a caliph, and they exaggerated in that to a degree of spreading reports about armed confrontations within the [Taliban-Pakistan] group for as a struggle over power. But, our sources in Pakistan assured that all these reports and stories are fabled and have no base.”

“And, our sources in Pakistan added, reporting from Taliban-Pakistan, that they frequently attempted to force Mehsud on spearing publically but Baitullah Mehsud is not as easy, but he is astute and knows the trickery of his enemies and deals with them using leadership maneuvering. Also his friends promised to air a video soon about Baitullah Mehsud.”

"I requested from our sources in Pakistan more clarifications about the health status of Baitullah Mehsud because I understood, through a previous correspondence, that his health is excellent, but there are reports saying that Baitullah Mehsud suffers from some chronic illnesses despite his young age. Is he safe and healthy or ill and coping with his illness, or is he suffering from the illness?"

"In Summation:"

"-Baitullah Mehsud is alive in Pakistan, and his group will soon air a video, and it is meaningless from the Pakistani Authorities in Islam Abad to insist on the death of Baitullah Mehsud in that raid, and especially that these authorities did not provide until now any evidence that supports its claims!"

"-There's cooperation between the American and the Pakistani intelligence units that reached the limit of carrying out joint operations inside Pakistan!"

"-The Pakistani Authorities allow the American surveillance jets to use the Pakistani airspace to execute raids inside the Pakistani borders, during of which we see innocent civilian Pakistanis drop dead."

"-This type of media war, which is used by the intelligence units against the enemies, is in a way a type of gambling that depends on quick win. If it hits the target, it will cause dangerous effects over the organizations and the governments and the targeted enemy movements, which could reach to its complete collapse from the inside in seconds. But, what are the effects of this publicity failure in achieving their goals? I believe that it will be a big setback and a heavy blow the American and Pakistani intelligence units will suffer from for a long period of time, particularly that the Taliban-Pakistan has unveiled this [American-Pakistani] plan to assassinate Baitullah Mehsud!"

"We will provide you with more details and information as soon as they become available, Allah-willing."

"May Allah graces us and you to what He likes and permits."

"Abdullah al-Wazir"
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