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"Q. What do you think of the promise of Barack Hussein Obama to the Muslims and their mujahideen leaders in Pakistan and Afghanistan?"

"A. Obama did not hold back, and neither did his predecessors in threats and promises to the Mujahideen. They [Crusaders] also did not leave any possible way to face the mujahideen's activities against them [mujahideen], but Allah has saved the loyal mujahideen from their [crusaders] wickedness and grudge, as Obama's promise isn't the first in this field and does not harm the mujahideen with anything, Allah-willing."

"Q. The enemy has spoken about a new strategy to fight the Taliban's Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. So have you felt anything from this strategy in practicality?"

"A. The enemy does not have anything except declaring various strategies towards Afghanistan; one time by adding more troops, and a time via pulling troops from there; one time by declaring the closing down of Guantanamo Bay prison, and another time by reversing this decision. I have formerly mentioned to you that they have not saved any way to make a reason to face the mujahideen, but with Allah's graciousness and His support, they [crusaders] have not benefited from them except with defeats, and thanks due to Allah."

"Q. What are your preparations to face the crusaders' attempt to transfer the experiment of Iraqi awakenings to Afghanistan through cooperation with tribes and lost Islamic movements?"

"A. The matter is different between the situation in Afghanistan and the current conditions in Iraq, and that is why the attempt to bring out tribal awakenings by the Americans has resulted in extreme failure in Afghanistan. And, for example, I will mention for you one example on the failure of this American program in Afghanistan: after declaring the existence of tribal awakenings, the Americans and their cooperatives attempted in Meedan Wardak province, the closest province to the Afghani capital Kabul

to gather the sheikhs of that province, and they asked them to send their young men to join the ranks of the armed forces that defend the civilians, according to them, so their request was met with complete rejection by those sheikhs, and they [tribes] told them we do not want to fight our brothers and our families in the Taliban, because the Taliban are our brothers and people and they do not form any danger against us, and the foreigners are [actually] who cause security problems for us; they raid the innocent civilians, they kill them and imprison them for no crime committed. Like that, the attempt of founding awakenings in all the Afghani provinces were faced with complete failure and they did not accomplish any success in Afghanistan, just like they claim they have achieved in Iraq.”

“Q. What is the truth of Afghanistan Islamic Emirate's soldiers' control of three-quarters of the country, and in your opinion what is the American benefit in announcing that, while relying highly on vagueness?”

“A. In December 2008, a research company published a report and explained that the Taliban controls 72% of Afghanistan's land. And, the report came from an independent research company, with headquarters in Brazil and researchers in the region, and mentioned that the Taliban has continuous existence in 72% of the country, compared to 54% last year. And, the report defines the ‘continuous existence’ with one or more attack weekly, throughout the year.”

“And, according to the report, the ‘continuous existence’ included many regions in the country where the Taliban usually carries out a big number of attacks throughout the different seasons of the year: spring, summer, autumn and winter.”

“But, the spokesman on behalf of the NATO James Apathorae has denied along with the cooperative Afghani government the results of this report and said that the numbers in the report have no credibility at all because the Taliban exists only in the South and East, and that they are in actuality less than 50% in control of the region. But, the reality is, on the Afghani field, is that the mujahideen control more than 72% of the Afghani land, because the entire region the foreigners and their cooperatives exist in does not form 25% of the Afghani land, and their remainder in the region does not mean they have control over them at all. For example, currently the biggest existence of foreigners is in the Afghani capital Kabul, but we see the mujahideen have reached the gates of the republican palace and were able to carry out their successful attacks against the foreigners and their cooperatives there. So, the main inquiry in this matter is the real updates in the field that force the enemies frequently to confess to these fact, and it is what the enemies [themselves] witnessed.”

“Q. The Muslims with happy hearts are watching what currently is happening to the NATO supplies in Pakistan: destruction and burning, which Taliban-Pakistan announces, so what is their [Taliban-Pakistan] relationship with the Emirate in Afghanistan? And, are these Jihadist actions a part of a strategy by the Emirate to face the invaders?”

“A. The Americans and their allies in the NATO are not just the Taliban's enemies, but their hostility is towards the entire Muslim Nation, and for that every Muslim must count on his part to carry out his religious duty against this invading crusader enemy. But, the relationship between the Islamic Emirate and Taliban-Pakistan is a relationship of faith, religion and brotherhood.”

“Q. The enemies offer negotiations to the Islamic Emirate with the condition to give-up the al-Qa'eda Organization, led by the kind sheikh Usama bin Laden, what is your opinion on that? And, what is the nature of the relation with this international organization, considered worrisome to the Americans and their allies?”

“A. The Islamic Emirate made certain conditions to negotiate with the Americans, and included removing all the foreign forces from Afghanistan without conditions or restrictions. And, the nature of the relationship with our Muhajirin (immigrants) mujahideen brothers revolves around the Islamic faith and brotherhood as they are our brothers in faith and religious approach, and they [currently] carry Jihad for the cause of Allah against the crusader forces in Afghanistan.”

“Q. What if a group with weak souls, went unconventional, and agreed to negotiate in the name of the ‘Taliban’ with the Americans and their apostate allies in Afghanistan?”

“A. If the enemy confesses that more than 72% of the Afghani public is opposed to the Americans and their cooperatives, and they agree to the Jihadist project against them [Americans], so what will the results be of a small group with weak souls? Indeed, there is a small minority of those weak souls who agreed to surrender and be humiliated, but the enemies did not benefit from their surrender, and they could not benefit the enemies with anything.”

“Q. What is your opinion towards what al-Jazeera channel had marketed regarding a new American view of the Islamic World, and to support that it showed images of Obama speaking to the Muslims in Turkey?”

“A. The American stance towards the Islamic World is clear; extremely clear that it is a hostile and aggressive stance, and the Americans have shown their grudge towards the Muslim World by occupying Afghanistan and Iraq, and through their assistance and agreement to the Zionist structure in Palestine, so how could Obama hide this clear stance, while all the beastly injustices the American forces committed during eight years; with a short speech he presented upon a group of people in Turkey or in Cairo?”

“Q. After nearly seven years of battles with the crusaders and their apostate cooperatives, how longer do you estimate the enemy will hold in the face of the mujahideen?”

“A. All we have to do is resist the crusaders and face them in the fighting trenches, but if the crusaders want to increase the number of their human losses and feed their flesh to Afghanistan's dogs, then all they have to do is continue their occupation of Afghanistan.”

“Q. What will the fate of Karzai and his posse become after the crusaders clear out of Afghanistan?”

“A. He who knows the fate of (the) Shah Shujaa'; the cooperative of the English during the British invasion of Afghanistan in the year 1886, and also the fate of Dr. Najeeb-Allah, agent for the Russians after the Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan on 1989, then he should know the fate of the Americans' cooperative Hamed Karzai, but Allah-willing Karzai's fate will be worse than his predecessors.”

“Q. What is your stance regarding the circulating war in Pakistan?”

“A. We have said many times that the Americans existence is considered Fitna and a danger towards the entire region. What currently happens in Pakistan of security worries and Americans raiding innocents and the death of many of them...is not but a result of the American interference and their bullying to the Muslims. Our stance regarding these matters is: we do not support the actions that harm Muslims and serves the interest of the enemies.”

“Q. What is your message to Muslims around the world that look up to you with big hopes that victory will be yours?”

“A. Our message to the Muslims to carry out their duties towards their religion and belief by Jihad in the cause of Allah, and to support the people of Jihad with all of what they own. We also remind them with Allah's saying: ‘And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah, and for those weak, ill-treated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: ‘Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help.’”

“Peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings.”