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“Thanks due to Allah; Proprietor of reign; free of injustice and, above all, oppression; the Only [God] in Existence and Listener to every complaint; Revealer of every disaster, and prayer and peace upon he who was sent with clear proof and convictional excuses; who brought good news; warnings; and caller to Allah with His permission; an illuminated lamp, and thereafter:”

[Verse] and [Hadith]

“As al-Hafidh Ibn Kuthair, may Allah have mercy on him, said: ‘it is a [clear] refusal from Allah to carry out laws in solving conflicts without referring to Allah’s holy book and the Sunnah of His messenger’, prayer and peace upon him, like al-Shanqiti—may Allah have mercy on him—said: ‘it is of astonishment that someone would govern without the Sharia of Allah, then claims being a Muslim.’ And we say that what is more astonishing than that is to defend them [rulers without sharia], correct their doctrine, pray for mercy to their dead, and give sympathy to their wounded, then claim being from the Ulama of Muslims and knower of the Sharia of the Lord of the Worlds, as it is, like it has been said, a clarification to the clear problems, as we used to calculate that attacking the monuments of Kufr and tyranny and houses of oppression and criminality—and their legitimacy is agreed upon by both ‘Muslim Scholars’—until we were astonished with a group of defeated people; in doctrine, psychology and morale; who’ve stabbed the back of pure mujahideen and called them all words of ignorance and insults, and not for anything but because they—May Allah protect them [mujahideen]—have destroyed the idles of law and killed the reign of tyranny; exactly how they [tyrants] scandalized the Emirate of Afghanistan when they [Mujahideen] destroyed Buddha [statue]—the greatest of the pagan gods and polytheists on Earth.”

“And also, some of those claim to oppose the governance in the region, claiming it a regime established by the crusader Christian occupier, and they’ve been correct. But we simply tell those that a country is defined by lords of politics as a sovereign people on a land that is ruled by a specific policy, and that the general authorities that govern and pollute the governance are three: legislature, judicial and executive; the parliament legislates; the judiciary rules; and the ministries execute. The ministries are an executive authority that executes the decisions and policies of the government that rules the people in every field; then it executes the general authority of the state and solidifies the bases of governance and its pillars. And it is well known for all that the law that the rejectionist [Shiite] government today in Iraq carries out is created by the crusader occupier. And in its current status, it does not take into consideration the five pillars [of Islam] and does not service the goals of Sharia within; instead it services the goals of the Christians who put it in place. It is known that with the displacement of these [Islamic] necessities, there is perdition to people’s religion and lives; the Ministry of Finance executes an oppressive unjust law that governs for the

state to gain income, and [governs] the methods of expenditure with what solidifies the rule of the Shiite and serves the goals of the occupier who put this law. It determines the general income of the state like fees and unjust taxes and robs the money [generated from] oil, gas and minerals, and it also determines loans and the methods of obtaining them and depositing them and whatever is related to that of prohibited interest. And it also determines the general budget of the state and supervises its execution and surveillance, and with that it stands as the nerve of the existing state and the secret to its presence, especially if it is ruled by a criminal group like the situation of those who kill the Sunni children; Baqir Solagh and his bandits.”

“As for the Ministry of Justice, its job is executing one of the three pillars of governance, and the greatest danger and legitimacy to it in the eyes of its rulers is the Judicial branch, as it governs with the human law that organizes its affairs and trains its cadres, as for the law it is like the backup for the idles and more. The final say in conflict, resolution and money issues goes back to it, and it allows the forbidden and forbids the allowed; it appoints the unjust and assigns him its management, and it has control of the detention centers and prisons; full of Sunnis and their women and children and what that entails of rapes and murders and violation of pride. And also all the court houses spread in the country are connected with it, and that entails all what occurs within of oppression and Kufr; it governs them and supervises them, and we’d never forget the execution of mujahideen using the decision from the criminal courts, first the courageous Amir Omar Bezyan and Abu Omar al-Kurdi and Mulla Mahdi; as the blessed mujahideen attacked the first pillar of the three Shiites pillars; they hit the headquarters of the Kufr Sharia—the sharia of the tyrant and ignorance, and sharia of injustice and tyranny.”

“Sheikh Ahmad Shaker—may Allah have mercy on him—said in his book, ‘Explanation Reference:’ ‘the matter in these human-made laws is clear like the sun; it is clear Kufr that is unhidden and has no confusion or excuse to anyone connected to Islam, whoever it was, in working with them or abiding by them or their decisions.’”

“Regarding the rest of the ministries, the Executive branch is a criminal group, the ruling Shiites and those who walk their path have no place there, and what we mean is to point that its position is more like State Department.”

“The second stance:”

“These blessed operations against the houses of Kufr prove some matters, from those:”

“First: The upbringing of a unique generation in Iraq that reminds us with the unique generation of the companions and followers, may Allah grace all of them; a generation that was brought up with the doctrines of loyalty and purity and on the footsteps of their predecessor companions; does not care for the campaigns of disfigurement that aim to manipulate the march and loss of goals, and why not? The polytheists today and yesterday fight the children of their people, and brothers and tribesmen, in defense of corrupt beliefs and manipulated desires. The nationalist blood for magicians and pastors is halal; only in shedding that of the apostates and criminals, and forbidden upon the unified mujahideen, even if deserved. And to clarify the stance of mortal Kufr in fighting their brothers and deterring the unified [mujahideen] away from them, Ahmad and Abu Daood told a [Hadith] Sahih about Ali [bin Abi Talib] may Allah grace him, he said: ‘Utbah Ibn Rabi’a came forth and followed by his son and brother; he shouted ‘who’d compete [in sword-fighting]?’ So, one of the young men from al-Ansar stood up and asked: ‘who are you?’ They told him we have no affairs with you but we want our cousins, then Allah’s messenger, prayer and peace upon him, said ‘stand up Hamza, stand up Ali, stand up Ubaidah Ibn al-Hareth.’”

“We, with minimum consideration, we treat you the same [as you treat us] as it is a pillar for us that jihad against the apostates is a priority over jihad against the original kuffar; this is with them not initiating the fight, so imagine if they shed our blood and violated our honors and stole our money and did not take into consideration the honor of the tribe or even a claimed nationalism; they even stood between us and those who occupied our land.”

“Second: deeds prove the honesty of the statesmen, headed by the soldiers and Amirs of Baghdad, as behind every operation there are tens of to-be-martyred who work in very complex and difficult conditions, hoping from Allah to receive grace and victory, and our opinion regarding the men of Baghdad has always been that they are from the best of our brothers in belief and birth, and we ask Allah to solidify them and grant them loyalty. The events confirm the tightness between their ranks and their purity from any cooperative traitor, despite the length of work period and the high number of people who know about it, and this is the feature the criminals—and those unfortunate ones who walked in their convoys—attempt to disfigure in the ranks of the mujahideen, in order to deter the honest ones away from the obliged Jihad, and the footsteps of grandfather Ibn al-Qais when he said to the messenger, apologizing for not joining Jihad in fear of collusion, and also when al-Tabari, mercy upon him, said ‘do not plague me with seeing the women of Bani al-Asfar or their daughters, as I’m in love with women, then I will leave and be sinned for that,’ [verse] so, leaving the obliged Jihad under empty excuses is considered Fitna.”

“Third: The events confirm that the big [martyrdom] deeds that are bold and unique are an absolute necessity in breaking the bones of kuffar in continuing the liquidation war, using all Jihad methods, as these cannot be given up at all.”

“Fourth: The events confirm what we have continuously learnt and heard; any powerful, effective action against the state of kufr comes with many intense difficulties and tribulation that which Allah plagues us with to test the degree of our care and determination, and to utilize all the available monetary outlets without extravagance, and when we become unable and sorrowful, He’d love for us to wake up and take His refuge and seek victory from him, and to cry and pray and plead to Him, and then He will degrade all the problems and ease the hardships, and will open the doors of victory for the honest, loyal unifiers.”

“Fifth: The events confirm that the mujahideen must develop their ideas and goals continuously, as working in routine will make it easier for the enemy to acclimate and defeat. The creative ideas, even if they were simple, will be effective, especially when applied the first time. The events confirm what has become a reality for us; that Allah who commanded us with Jihad will certainly facilitate the reasons for it, but it is inevitable to have honest determination, good thinking and preparation, and not to take for granted the reasons of victory financially or faithfully. And, every mujahid will be better off if he sits everyday thinking, even for one hour, in solitary, about how to defeat a certain hardship and how to advance a certain weapon and how to ambush a certain target; it is important to train his mind on how to deal with everything new, and how to adjust to everything difficult.”

“The Third Stance:”

“We must, after these blessings:”

“First, praise Allah; the gracious; helper; kind; almighty; dear, and merciful. [Verse] As it has been said ‘who does not give thanks for the blessings will face their disappearance, and he who give thanks has solidified them.’ [Verse] [Hadith]”

“Praise is, as al-Sa’di—mercy upon him—said in his explanation: ‘there’s confirmation and confession to the blessings in the heart; and praise on the tongue; and obedience to Allah and abidance with His commands and avoidance to His prohibitions in the body; giving thanks makes a lasting blessing for the existing graces, and an increase in the non-existing ones.’”

“Second, a continuation in the deeds and elevating them; as from the greatest things Allah rewards his honest servant is a grace for goodness after goodness. Ibn Rajab, mercy upon him, said in the Collection of Sciences and Wisdom: ‘the reward of good-doing is benevolence.’ [Verse] [Hadith]”

“Your Beloved brother,
Abu Hamza al-Muhajir.”