



Video from American Al-Qaida Spokesman Adam Gadahn

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“...The meaning of the believer... is the complete one whose knowledge has made him privy to unclear things so that he has become able to be aware of things that will happen. As for the foolish believer, he may be stung repeatedly.”

“Muslim brothers in Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the region, peace and blessings be upon you. I begin by extending to you and all Muslims everywhere my congratulations and the congratulations of my brothers on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr. And I extend special greetings to the families of the martyrs in Azizabad, Shendand, Kabul, Kapisa, Bajaur, Angoor Adda, Lowara, and elsewhere in Afghanistan and the tribal areas. My condolences and congratulations to you, and may Allah accept your sacrifices during the blessed month of Ramadan and reward you for your fasting and patience in the face of tragedy, and may He make your martyrs a cause of victory for Muslims in this world and a cause of salvation on the day of resurrection.”



“Whether it be the resignation of the tyrant Pervez and the election of [Pakistani President Asif Ali] Zardari or the renewed and frequent contacts between General Kayani and the Americans and the subsequent escalation and attacks on the tribal region by the Pakistan army and American forces or the escalating chaos and looming meltdown threatening the crusaders economic system or the crushing losses suffered by the NATO coalition in Afghanistan, leading American generals to assess the situation as critical and Bush to announce further troop deployments. No one with even a superficial knowledge of current events will have been unaware of these decisive and fast moving developments witnessed over recent weeks by Pakistan, Afghanistan, and the region and world. That being said, it is often the case that even the best-informed observer may fail to see the bigger picture in a rapidly developing situation like the one being experienced by the region today, which is why I would like to take this opportunity to briefly review with you the current state of the jihad against the Zio[nist]-crusaders and their allies in your part of the world

and highlight some crucial facts which I fear some might overlook in their appraisal of current events.”

“Perhaps the most eye-catching development in recent weeks has been the Pakistani government and army’s supposed anger at American raids into the tribal areas and the threats of retaliation if the set raids continue, which I can only describe as a cynical public relations ploy almost as transparent and ridiculous as Hamid Karzai’s recent public condemnation of American carpet bombing of Afghan villages after having talked for the last seven years about how happy Afghans are to have the Americans kill them and bomb them to bits as long as it’s for what he calls a good cause. And it’s almost as hypocritical as the Saudi king supposed displeasure at what the Americans are doing in Iraq, although he was the one who encouraged and helped the Americans to invade in the first place, and he’s the one whose regime provides the invaders with the oil, bases, and air space needed to perpetuate the occupation of Mesopotamia.”

“If Pakistan hadn’t continued to pledge its unwavering support to the same American crusader forces attacking and killing the innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. If Pakistan’s army wasn’t still engaged in a massive, bloody, and tyrannical anti-Islam campaign in Bajaur and Swat, a campaign which in the end only benefits the same American crusader forces attacking and killing innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and the army. If Pakistan’s territory and air space wasn’t still the primary supply route for the same American crusader forces attacking and killing innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. If Pakistan’s air bases didn’t continue to play host to the same American aircraft bombing and killing innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. If Pakistan didn’t continue to maintain full diplomatic, economic, and military ties with the same American crusaders attacking and killing innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. If Pakistan wasn’t still a full-fledged member of the United Nations organization which authorized and continues to authorize the criminal activities of the same American crusaders attacking and killing innocent Muslims in Pakistan and Afghanistan, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. If the government and army had helped Pervez to account for seven years of crimes against Islam and Muslims instead of sheltering him from the retaliation of the mujahideen, we might have believed the claims of the government and army. But as things stand, there is no way we or anyone with an ounce of common sense can possibly believe the claims of the government and army.”

“Then, and in accordance with its supposed opposition to the escalating attacks on Pakistani territory, Pakistan announced the commencement of air patrols over the tribal areas, including the two Waziristans and Bajaur, to prevent any intrusion into Pakistani air space, or so it said. And it claimed to have thwarted another American commando raid in the Angoor Adda area, although the Pakistani military leader denied that it had threatened to open fire on its American friends or even the remote control drones should they be encountered by Pakistani forces in or above Pakistani territory. But that’s irrelevant. What matters is that someone wanted us to believe that the same Pakistan army which bombed the Muslims and destroyed their homes, bazaars, mosques and madaris, in Shakai, Ipi, the Swat valley, Islamabad, and countless other towns and villages in the tribal areas and elsewhere, is now going to protect the Muslims after seven years of treachery, betrayal, and aggression. Someone wanted us to imagine that the same Pakistani government which is probably responsible for the death of more Muslims in Pakistan than the Americans are and the same Pakistan army which is as I speak mercilessly bombing Bajaur agency to please its crusader backers are both suddenly prepared to fight kuffar instead of Muslims. Someone wanted to imply to us that the same Pakistan army which for seven years has left Pakistan’s borders wide open in front of the crusaders and Hindus while it fights the mujahideen and kills defenseless innocents to please its paymasters in Washington is now interested in protecting those borders.”

“All this, my brothers, is classic Pakistani propaganda with no factual basis. And I'm happy to say it no longer fools thinking people... The Pakistan army and ISI and the professional con men and spreaders of lies in their service are trying to make us believe that the state of Pakistan has turned over a new leaf and is now on the side of the mujahideen in their war against the crusaders and their allies in Afghanistan, but that Pakistan's battle with those whom they call miscreants and terrorists and we call mujahideen is justified in order to preserve national security and maintain the unity and integrity of Pakistani territory. These are blatant lies. Their battle has always been and continues to be America's battle, not Pakistan's. And this battle is what has brought Pakistan to the verge of breakup...”

“And the chief perpetrators of this battle today were the chief perpetrators yesterday. Like, for example, [Ashfaq] Kayani... Kayani isn't a wolf in sheep's clothing; he's a wolf in wolf's clothing, a trusted disciple and aid of the disgraced dictator Pervez asked who was rapidly promoted by the ladder and hand-picked by him to succeed him, and is now harboring said dictator in Rawalpindi and preventing him from being held to account. And he's a man whose almost weekly closed-door meetings with top American officials testified to the trust placed in him by the crusaders. This then is the true face of the man somewhat to portray as Pakistan's new national hero, a man who during his most recent meeting with Admiral Mullen on September 17th was supposed to have reiterated that American forces have no permission to operate on Pakistani territory, not because Pakistan is a Muslim land and Islam forbids infidel soldiers to operate on Muslim soil, nor even because American operations lead to the death of Pakistani citizens and the My Lai-style massacre and execution of entire families by helicopter-dropped American special forces as occurred in Angoor Adda and Lowara, but because Pakistan and America have yet to sign an agreement in this regard.”

“And to round out the farce, Gordon Brown expressed his disapproval of American actions in Pakistan but hoped an agreement would be inked soon, thereby feigning ignorance of the numerous reports carried by Newsweek and other media, the talk of a secret agreement already being made some time ago between the Pakistan government and army and the Americans, according to which America is allowed to bomb and kill the Muslims of Pakistan as much as it likes, and Pakistan is permitted to lodge as many hypocritical public protests as it wishes. The Pakistani public was shown the actual value and effectiveness of these protests when yet another criminal rocket attack struck South Waziristan only hours after Mullen and the American Embassy promised to respect Pakistan's sovereignty.”

“The professional con men and spreaders of lies and those deceived by them might say that all of this is just a conspiracy theory and nitpicking born of a refusal on our part to recognize the Pakistan government and army's honest change of policy direction and real turnaround, and they will say: Pervez is no longer at the helm, and new people are in charge, which is what you've been asking for, so why are you still complaining now that you've got what you always wanted? Our response is that, first, Pakistan's institutions have a proven track record of hatching devilish conspiracies against jihads and the mujahideen behind them. And, second, with the leaders of jihad, most notably Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, called on the Muslim remnants and the Pakistan army to play their dual role and do their duty to Islam, they had specific steps in mind...”

“So have the reigns of power now been wrested from the hands of the supporters of Pervez and the secular politicians who disbelieve the laws of Allah, worship the democratic system of their Jewish and crusader masters and sell Pakistan and its Muslim people to the highest bidder? Clearly not. In fact, the reigns of power in the military have been placed in the hands of, as I mentioned, a protégé and hand-picked successor of 'Pervez The First' who continues to protect his revered master from being taken to account even as he picks up right where his predecessor left off. And the reigns of power in the government have been surrendered to a political party whose sole objection to the massacre at Lal Masjid and Jamia Hafsa was that it was carried out by a military regime and not a so-called democratic government, a futile political party led by a man who a couple of years ago seemed to be mentally unfit to stand trial, but today claims to be mentally fit to run Pakistan, which means that he's either crazy or a liar or both. And Zardari,

[Pakistan Premier Yousuf Raza] Gilani, Kayani and those who revolve around them are intent on fulfilling the promise of total surrender Pakistani sovereignty Benazir made to the Americans in exchange for her return from exile.”

“These are not the leaders Pakistan wants and deserves. They’re the leaders America wants and preserves in order to achieve its policy objectives, hinder the jihad against the crusaders in Afghanistan and the Hindus in Kashmir, and ensure that nuclear-capable Pakistan remains docile, contained, and Shariah-free... America knows the importance of Pakistan to the success for, Allah forbid, failure of the jihad against it and its allies in Afghanistan. And that’s why it is doing everything in its power to try to turn the tide against the mujahideen in Pakistan and reverse the gains made by them over seven years of heroic resistance, despite the crusader hegemony, and the meddling and interference of Pakistani agencies. And one of the dearest wishes of the Pakistani institutions and agencies is to come between the mujahideen and their supporters among the Muslim Pakistani people, something which would negatively affect the jihad in Afghanistan, Kashmir, and the region as a whole, which is why I remind my Muslim brothers that for them to respond positively to their overtures would be a direct violation of the command of the Quran...”

“This is why, my brothers, the mujahideen, and their supporters in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kashmir, India, and the region must be on their guard against the plots and conspiracies being hatched against them in the corridors of ISI headquarters, army house, and other centers of satanic scheming in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, and Kabul, and must close ranks and never allow the agents of America and the criminal regimes of the regions capitols to come between them and their brothers or between them and the continuation of their blessed operations against America’s agents in Pakistan and Afghanistan until the crusaders are defeated and Islam in its purified Shariah is supreme...”

“Thus we forget, it is the interference of the munafiqeen [hypocrites] from the ostensibly helpful Pakistani agencies and it is unity resulting from this interference which has delayed victory in Kashmir for all these long years. And it is the liberation of the jihad there from this interference which, Allah willing, will be the first step towards victory over the Hindu occupiers of that Muslim land. And what is true for the Kashmiri jihad holds true for other jihads, including the jihad in Afghanistan... It was the interference of two-faced Pakistani agencies and their buying of loyalties and exploitation of differences among the Afghan mujahideen which delayed victory against the Soviets and prevented the establishment of an Islamic government after the fall of the Najibullah regime. And it was the treachery and betrayal of these agencies which led to the loss, albeit temporarily, of the Islamic Emirate and the occupation of Kabul by the crusaders, Hindus, and their hirelings. And today these two-faced agencies are dusting off their old satanic tactics and ruses and plotting to use them to the detriment of the jihad and the mujahideen and the benefit of the crusaders and their agents. But they plot, and Allah plots, and Allah is the best of plotters, and it is time for the enemies of Islam to resign themselves to the fact that today’s mujahideen are wiser, more experienced, and, Allah willing, better prepared to render ineffective their devilish anti-jihad conspiracies.”

“Muslim brothers in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kashmir, and the region, emigrant and helper mujahideen. Ulema-e-karam, brave Muslims of the tribal areas, Afghanistan, Balochistan, Sarhad, Punjab, Sindh, Kashmir, and elsewhere, don’t betray Islam and the martyrs of Islam by falling into the trap set for you by the devious enemy or letting the flourishing tree of Islam and jihad your martyrs have watered with their innocent blood, sag wither, or die. It’s time for you to put aside tribal, ethnic, and territorial differences and petty worldly disputes, not just for now, but forever, and unite to restore the glories of your forefathers and hasten, Allah willing, the Zio[nist]-crusader enemy and the establishment of the Islamic state, the Ummah, is so eagerly anticipated. So put your trust in Allah alone and depend and rely on him and fight the crusaders and agents wherever they are, and don’t be intimidated by their weak and futile plots.”

“My dear brothers and sisters, today the Muslims are on the verge of a historic victory against the imperialism and tyranny of the unbelievers. Now the enemies of Islam are facing a crushing defeat which is beginning to manifest itself and the expanding crisis their economy is experiencing, the crisis whose primary cause in addition to the abortive and unsustainable crusade they are waging in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq is they're turning their backs on Allah's revealed laws, which forbid interest bearing transactions, exploitation, greed, and injustice in all its forms, and demand the worship of Allah alone to the exclusion of all false gods, including money and power. As for what lies behind our widespread success and their military and political defeat despite their material and financial advantage, it is first and foremost Allah's promise to help the believers who help his religion followed by our compliance by the grace of Allah with the laws and commands of Allah, and then of course the enemy's cowardice, arrogance, aggression, barbarity, and total disregard for the lives of innocents. So we can only thank Allah for guiding us to obey his divine command...”