



IAI in Iraq Offers “Lessons from the American Elections” December 11, 2008

Dr. Ali al-Nuaimi, Spokesman for the Islamic Army in Iraq (IAI): “Lessons Learned From the American Elections.”

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“In the name of Allah, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful:”

“...There were significant lessons demonstrated during the recent American elections that we wish to address in the following statement. The ultimate judgment belongs to Allah himself and he alone shall decide who shall rule in his name... The Bush administration has ruled with unrelenting oppression and therefore the promises made by Allah have been fulfilled. Allah has brought upon that administration disasters, losses, failure, and defeat. These mistakes made by the Republicans during both terms of the Bush administration were enough to impeach any Republican candidate and to nominate a Democrat and even achieve a Democratic majority in the American congress. All this has been made possible particularly as a result of the recent decline in the economy.”

“The election of Obama with his clear characteristics and obvious roots serves as a clear indication of the vast extent of the American crisis. Also, it reveals the level of desperation present among the American people. They are looking for any outlet to get them as far as possible away from all the troubles brought upon them by this imbecilic Darwinian administration. Thus, it was only to be expected for the American people to elect a black president, despite their psychological reservations about Obama’s Islamic roots. The American voters were in dilemma—continuing on in the same fashion by electing a similar administration to that of Bush (McCain), and the consequences of making such a decision, or else the election of a black president with African-Islamic roots.”

“The financial status of the American people supersedes any other principle, therefore, they have elected a black president in the hope that he shall rescue them, or at least stop further deterioration. Do not fool yourself that such a selection was fundamentally democratic or that it stemmed from the absence of racism among the American people. The American people did not elect Obama over the white Anglo-Saxon [candidate] because of their moral, religious, or social principles. To the contrary, they have elected the president who will best serve their top priority; to maintain their comfortable lifestyle. Mighty America, with its endless resources, could not find a better candidate for presidency, other than the following three people: the first is an elderly military political nominee. With all its size and power, the Republican Party could not find a better candidate! The second is a well-known female politician. The legacy of Clinton’s husband is well-known, some of which is encouraging and other aspects of which are humiliating... America has never had a female president and it would never have [elected] one during these difficult times.

The third is a black man with African and Islamic roots who has no political experience. Where are all the competent, inspiring, and experienced candidates?”

“A significant lesson that we can learn from the American elections is how Hillary stepped down after facing increasing support for Obama in the polls. Hillary decided to step down and support Obama in order to prevent the Republicans from winning. Furthermore, she decided to ask her supporters to stand side-by-side with Obama, and she warned them against voting Republican. She became the compassionate wife of this black man... She has put aside all disagreements and previous conflicts with him in order to work together, along with their party, to achieve victory... Hillary did not do this work on her own, rather, she had her supportive husband (Bill Clinton) at her side, working hard to advocate on behalf of Obama... This story presents a valuable lesson to our own honored nation, in which our people, our leaders, our clergy, and the mujahideen all fight amongst each other over earthly matters, which have been previously clarified to us in the Quran, Hadith, and through the various tenets of our religion.”

“In our nation, we witness disgraceful acts of competition between people, even using legal tactics, and refusing to support others during their campaign to achieve their goals. In many cases, there has been no legal justification for these issues to arise. Examples of this would be the events taking place in Iraq, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan and most of the Arab countries. It is truly a shame... Another admirable scene took place after McCain’s defeat, when he went out to speak to his supporters and continued on in listing his mistakes and congratulating Obama for his victory. McCain also promised to work together with Obama and asked all Americans to work hard to serve their beloved United States. All this took place after one of the toughest presidential elections in the history of the United States. Despite the devastating defeats they suffered, each candidate avoided criticizing or attempting to demonize the other—or even trying to harm or kill their opponents, similar to what takes place among candidates in our nation.”

“There was no schism in the Democratic Party due to the differences between Obama and Clinton (Hillary), and there was no schism in America over the disagreements between the Democrats and the Republicans. All of their differences have been transformed into support and assistance, and that is a fact to admire. In comparison, we witness the state of Muslims and the conflicts and disagreements taking place among them, most of which are over trivial concerns. The end result of such disagreements are unacceptable, occasionally criminal, acts. We witness such disgraceful acts when observing events taking place in Turkey, Algeria, Palestine, and other regions as well. Such acts are almost too shameful to be recorded in history or documented in any shape or form. In Algeria, Muslims are being prosecuted for winning; in Turkey, the main victorious party is being attacked for being Muslim; and, in Palestine, a nation has been placed under siege only because they nominated those who were trustworthy and abandoned the rest.”

“A second lesson would be managing any disagreements you may have with your opponent... We have witnessed major disagreements between the Democrats and Republicans... yet, they were still able to manage them. A third lesson would be the willingness to look for alternatives and not to dwell on the past. Here, we have witnessed the Americans choosing a candidate in order to make a change, despite the possibility of failure by the candidate they have chosen. A fourth lesson would be their ability to identify the mistakes they have made and to correct such mistakes... Indeed, the West and East have exported all of their own problems and now they have manifested amongst our own people—aiding them in carrying out their crimes so that their own countries are kept clean and pure of all these crimes. A fifth lesson was the will-power demonstrated by both candidates, despite all the risks and obstacles.”

“A sixth lesson is how they have each given the other a fair chance, in hopes that they might succeed. We lack that quality in our countries. Those who are in positions of power tend to remain in these positions until their death. There are even those who take their positions with them after they die, leaving death, destruction, and civil conflict in their wake. A seventh lesson concerns the laws of the universe with which Allah shall prepare the grounds for his wishes to be implemented. Allah has made it possible for America to change by bringing a tremendous failure

upon Bush and the Republicans and by providing their nation with two unqualified candidates for presidency; an old man and a woman. These two were followed by the financial meltdown which had a major negative impact on Bush and his administration. America has become despised around the globe. Each of its military defeats has become clear, whether when directly involved in a war—such as in Iraq and Afghanistan—or when indirectly involved—such as with Sudan and Somalia. All of these events had a positive impact on Obama and his party. Our own reality is an illusion. We have been told that the West controls every aspect of our lives, even the assignment of our teachers in our schools... [Yet,] we are the only ones to blame for such a reality, for we have strayed from the righteous path and have disrespected Allah's plan. We were misled by the Jews, the Zionists, and the Western media into believing that Israel is invincible and the American soldier is a superman—and look what has actually taken place!”

“A ninth lesson is being flexible in our actions and being able to operate under a variety of conditions. The Zionist lobby, the military lobby, nor the financial lobby—none of these were able to stop the Americans from searching for alternative options to Bush and his administration. Many of those same lobbyists became supporters of Obama, despite the fact the founder of the Democratic Party is Jewish and that the Democrats are known to be devoted supporters of Israel. A tenth lesson concerns making use of available opportunities. Obama's team seized upon the despair and depression among Americans and turned it into an opportunity. That opportunity became the celebrated slogans of 'Yes, we can' and 'Change'... Obama's team kept researching and looking for a change. They were able to find common ground with the American youth and recruited them as supporters. A final lesson concerns their unity of purpose. Obama has a personal appeal and charisma. He was able to motivate and recruit the American youth behind him. Still, much of that charisma was made possible due to image of him portrayed in the media, television commercials, and his ample financial resources. These [media] outlets determine who wins the American elections. Obama will always be indebted to those who ensured his victory. There are sound facts in the American realm that cannot be disregarded by any president; these are the American interests that everyone tries to maintain.”

“The shared hatred for America around the world may change after the historic election of a black president. Dear brothers, this issue is of supreme importance... We should not become mesmerized by our enemies. People tend to imitate their lords and teachers, the defeated mimic the victorious, and the weak imitate the strong... Becoming hypnotized by the infidels and their capabilities is an unfortunate thing. You should avoid imitating them...we ask Allah to forgive us, our ancestors, and the believers. Prayers be upon his Prophet Mohammed, his family, and his supporters.”