



## **Abu Omar al-Baghdadi: “To The New Rulers in the White House”**

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**Audio Statement from Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the “Amir al-Mumineen”  
 (“Leader of the Faithful”) of Al-Qaida’s “Islamic State of Iraq”: “To the  
New Rulers in the White House and Their Allies From Among the  
Leaders of the Other Christian Countries.”**

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“In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful... To proceed, I invite you to worship Allah alone without equal and to become Muslims, and then you shall be victorious and secure in both this worldly life and the hereafter. We have not tried to block you from joining the true religion with our calls—despite what you may think—rather, we seek to instruct you in it, and help you towards it... You are inheritors of a religion that has been changed and corrupted, in which falsehood is a hundredfold more prevalent than the truth...”

“...Take care to avoid persisting in your sins and evil path, or else you will face the same consequences that fell upon your predecessors. Do not be fooled by your current strength and our present weakness. We are certain that this state of affairs is merely temporary, and that soon we shall rule over your lands... The most extreme manifestations of your thirst for power is to become like the people of Aad, who carved their homes out of the mountains, and then Allah assaulted them with a furious wind for seven nights and eight days in succession, which left them as hollow as the trunks of date palms! This is a wind that you have also suffered under, and you know well its impact—you have recently lived through the experiences of Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav. In fact, you have a rather cartoonish civilization, for if the electricity is shut down or computers stop operating, you immediately return to a medieval state—so take note of the likeness between your houses of wood and glass as compared to the houses carved [by the people of Aad] in the mountains which were unable to save them from their fate...”

“And take care not to be fooled by your abundance of riches and our comparatively insignificant financial resources. We know well how it delights you—but wounds us—to observe Muslims serving their white master in your countries and in ours, but I believe that Allah has destined that your riches are coming to an end, and he has declared war on you. You are lords of kingdoms based upon gambling and usury, for you stole the wealth of the land and oppressed its people... So, what do you think of your society, which has been cursed by Allah and which he has declared war on? You have already experienced some of this war, otherwise how else would you have lost in merely a few days more than fifty trillion dollars during your credit crisis? What happened to these sums of money?”

“...Another fact that the conspiring politicians are reluctant to admit is that their oppressive war against the Muslim lands—along with the massive losses and continuing consequences for your

armed forces and your economy—was the principle cause for the collapse of this economic giant, starting with the blessed attacks of 9/11 and finishing off in the hands of the courageous supporters of al-Tawheed in Mesopotamia. Thus, we now bear witness as the American master sorts through trash bags looking for food or items suitable for re-selling—a fate that used to be reserved for many poor and oppressed Muslims and others. And don't be fooled by your prolific numbers, nor your advanced technology. Read the lessons of history and study them well. I doubt you have forgotten the battles of past and present, wherein a few hundred of us were able to defeat tens of thousands of your [soldiers]—the two battles which took place not long ago in Fallujah serve as evidence of this. Ponder over how a small group of faithful Muslims in Mesopotamia were able to establish an Islamic State, which they rescued from your tusks and claws. The soldiers of Islam and knights of jihad have strong determination, resolve, and clarity of vision, which is driving them to be one day under the roof of the White House, the Elysee Palace, and the Kremlin...”

“We are a nation that has begun to revive its past glory and honor, is arising from its sleep, and is shaking off its past humiliations. The jihadi giant has started to roar everywhere, so no matter how much you conspire, it will surely amount to nothing because we have returned to our Lord, we have repaired the breaches in our moral status, and we trust fully in Allah... Thus, if you refuse Islam and to worship Allah alone without equal, then we should remind you of what your principles were in the past—especially America, which used to adhere to a policy of neutrality until World War II, and thus it enjoyed safety, security, and prosperity in all fields. However, this nation [America] began to lose everything when it abandoned its neutrality and started to intervene in the affairs of others. For what purpose? All this was accomplished by a gang of arms dealers and petroleum merchants who have driven a whole nation into fierce wars in order to serve their limitless greed. Today, in the name of my brothers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya, and Somalia, I offer you a proposal that shall provide benefits for both you and for us. First, return to your former state of neutrality, withdraw your troops, and return to your homelands, and stop intervening in the affairs of our nations either directly or indirectly. If you do so, on our part, we shall guarantee you free trade, including the trade of petroleum—so long as it is conducted in a fair and equitable way, and not shoddily or without profit. Secondly, cease your support for the co-conspirators and traitors, for the Islamic nation despises them as well as you. Additionally, you must permit the Islamic nation be led by its religious clergy; this is more beneficial for both them and for you.”

“If you refuse our proposal of neutrality and withdrawal, then the least you can do is to alleviate your injustices by setting free the Muslim prisoners held in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Cuba. You have targeted feeble old men, children, and impoverished peasants, and you have imprisoned them all in your crowded prisons under the pretext of terrorism. By Allah, I demand to know from you, who is the real terrorist? Is it the poor simple person sitting in his own house, or is it the one who comes from abroad across vast distances in order to blast down his door, destroy his home, kill his child, occupy his land, violate his honor, and steal his money? Where are your religious teachers and your principles of compassion and forgiveness, O' people? ...And when will the reasonable minds among you escape their gags and break their silence? In actuality, by continuing your oppressive injustices against the feeble prisoners and augmenting their numbers, the more you increase the anger of the Lord towards you, and the more you inflame the fire of hatred in our hearts against you—though it is fully deserved based upon your tyranny and oppression...”

“The purpose of this message is to invite you amicably to change and improve your actions. It is not meant to intimidate or threaten you. Nor is it meant to force you to listen to what any other oppressor should hear... We conclude our conversation with you in the same way that we began: we call you to follow monotheism and Islam... Finally, I hope those whom you trust—your men of intelligence—transmit this message to you, in part or as a whole, as I hope that they also spread it in its entirety across the television channels which claim to be fair and balanced—especially the channels in the Arab and Muslim [worlds], which have offered the Jews every chance and opportunity to appear in the media under the pretense of offering ‘opinions and counter-opinions.’ I believe that they regard us as more criminal and deviant than even the Jews...”