



## **Taliban Statement: “What Will Be Sent from Iraq to Afghanistan?” September 14, 2008**

### **“The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA): The Terrorized Brigades in Iraq, What Will Be Sent to Afghanistan?” Dated September 14, 2008**



*[This document is the edited transcript of an Arabic-language text interview obtained by NEFA investigators and translated into English on behalf of the NEFA TerrorWatch subscription service. For more information on the developing Taliban movement in Pakistan, see the NEFA Foundation report by Claudio Franco and Ronald Sandee “Developments in the Jihadi Resurgence in Pakistan: January 2008” ([www.nefafoundation.org/miscellaneous/nefapakanalysis0308.pdf](http://www.nefafoundation.org/miscellaneous/nefapakanalysis0308.pdf)).]*

“Last week, [U.S. President George] Bush finally swallowed the bitter poisonous gulp, and bowed to withdraw his troops from Iraq. It is speculated that he will have them sent on to Afghanistan. There is no doubt that the U.S. and U.K. have faced a difficult and well-publicized defeat in Iraq, with the failure of their military technology, the loss of 12,000 troops, the descent into injustice, the collapse of their economy. Their falsehood, their spreading of lies, and their false democracy have revealed and exposed their evil natures. So, in the end, those who engineered the human carnage have been compelled to declare defeat in the war in Iraq and a stalemate, shamefully withdrawing their troops from Iraq.”

“If Bush and his allies intend on withdrawing their terrified forces from Iraq, only to then send them on to Afghanistan, allegedly to shore-up their anti-Islamic policies there, we believe this is nothing but a thinly-veiled propaganda campaign to divert attention from the historical significance of their defeat and an attempt to spread false propaganda through the biased media. If Bush was unable to achieve victory with these terrified troops in Iraq—encountering nothing but gradual defeat, shame, and humiliation over the past five years—then why would Bush think he would achieve victory with these forces in Afghanistan? As mainstream Western magazines—such as the New York Times and Newsweek—have reported hundreds of times over the last five years, nearly all the U.S. troops in Iraq have suffered from mental illnesses, a loss of fighting morale, and many of them have committed suicide. Just in the last week, fifty American soldiers committed mass suicide at military base, spreading a major wave of fear amongst American forces in Iraq.”

“Meanwhile, these forces who live in terror of the mujahideen in Iraq, committing suicide and suffering various illnesses due to fear of the mujahideen, they will comprise the force sent to replace the 80,000 U.S. and NATO forces, and their Afghan allies, who have achieved nothing over the past seven years. Their cries have even reached the doorsteps of European and American churches, ‘O’ we are being killed! [They are] burning our convoys on the major highways, [they are] killing us in martyrdom operations, [they are] hitting us with axes, [they are] murdering us on the peaks of the mountains’ etc. So, in this country whose people are skilled at confronting foreign invaders, have never liked occupiers, and have never bowed to them—[is not the lesson that] perhaps they, too, will never achieve victory without first severely terrorizing U.S.-led coalition forces? Can the frightened arriving troops [from Iraq] carry with them any other message or significance to the people of this country?”

“According to the view of some analysts, the withdrawal of American forces during the term of Bush is not only a failure of false Western democracy, but also reveals the limits of American power and will end fear [of them] among the people... As a result, the future of Western plots led by false American democracy... has grown dim. On the other hand, the faith of the Muslims has become stronger that an Islamic solution is the only solution which will enable us to establish an Islamic regime...”