



Zawahiri: “The Death of Our Heroes and Betrayal of Our Rulers”

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“In the name of Allah, praise be to Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the prophet of Allah, and upon his family and companions and followers. O’ Muslim brothers everywhere, peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and his blessings.”

“First of all, I would like to speak to you today about the martyrdom of the three brothers: Amrozi Nur Haashem, Ali Ghufran Nur Haashem, and Abdelaziz Imam Samudra—may Allah have mercy upon them. These defiant heroes—who passed away to their glorious Lord, and did not change, did not substitute, and did not compromise an inch in their ideology and in their determination to perform jihad on behalf of Allah and to drive the enemies of Islam away from the lands of Islam. They knew the price, and they paid it willingly and did not spare anything in paying it. They have undergone a long journey of torment, imprisonment, and sorrow, and they have accepted their verdict gladly and joyfully. Finally, they have passed away to their Lord honorably, refusing to apologize before a tyrant or to beg for mercy from a criminal. They have followed the example of the companions of the prophet of Allah, may he bless him and grant him salvation—these heroes, may Allah be pleased with them! They, who met their deaths gladly, joyfully and contentedly...”



“May Allah have mercy upon these defiant heroes, who have revived the tradition of the lord of the generations, Ustaz Sayyid Outb, may Allah have mercy upon him, who uttered his famous expression, when he was asked to sign a plea for pardon: ‘the same finger, which testifies to the uniqueness of Allah in every prayer, refuses to write a plea for mercy from a tyrant.’ He is the one who said to the cleric of the Sultan, who was employed as an official in the government, and who came to him to whisper to him prayers before his execution: ‘you eat with [the slogan] ‘there is no God but Allah’, but we die on its behalf’...”

“May Allah have mercy upon them, they have taught the Christians a lesson they will never forget and made it clear to them that their hostility towards the Muslim nation of Afghanistan and the other lands of Islam shall certainly not pass without a price. I pray to Allah that he will reward

them generously and that he will accept them as martyrs. Furthermore, I ask him to make their sacrifices, their generous gifts, and their efforts an example to their brothers and to the rest of the Muslims everywhere. Furthermore, I ask him to release their imprisoned brothers in Indonesia and in the secret prisons of the Christians—them along with all of the other Muslim prisoners. I would like to remind the Christians that the killing of our courageous brothers will only make us more persistent, with the help of Allah, in harming you and driving you out from the lands of Islam...”

“Furthermore, I address my Muslim brothers in Indonesia and everywhere with two messages:”

“1. The jihad has become an individual duty on every Muslim, in order to purify the Muslim lands of their enemies who are waging against them a new Christian campaign under the leadership of America. The U.S. leads an alliance of the Jews, the West, and the Christians aimed at conquering the lands of the Muslims, pillaging their fortunes, assaulting their sacred rites, occupying their holy places, disgracing their Quran and their prophet, and altering their ideologies.”

“2.) The government of Indonesia, along with the other governments in the Islamic world, are the guardians of the interests of the Christians and the Jews. They are the ones who allow the commerce of corruption and abomination. They are the claw of the Christians in their crusader campaign against Islam and the Muslims.”

“As for the second subject I wanted to speak about: it is the poorly-staged ‘show’ that was arranged by the government of the Saudi [royal] family in the U.N., under the guise of ‘a dialogue between the religions.’ Alongside them participating at the conference were governments from the Arab and Islamic world, and it served as a public cover for direct negotiations with Israel and to meet openly with the Israeli president... This has demonstrated the dangerous and destructive role that the Saudi [royal] family, their servants, their propagandists, and their clerics play to the detriment of the Muslim nation and its interests. The Saudi [royal] family—who misled the Palestinians during the revolution of 1936, and demanded that they cease their revolt because their allies in the British government would grant them their demands—are still to this day endeavoring to mislead the nation, in order to satisfy those who protect their throne, their larceny, their corruption, and their plundering with their aircraft and fleets. The Saudi [royal] family are the same ones who devised the ‘Fez Initiative’ and then the ‘Arab Initiative’ in Beirut in order to acknowledge the legitimacy of Israel and to estrange themselves from the majority of the Palestinians...”

“The Saudi [royal] family are the ones who have not ceased in assuming an imperious attitude against the jihad in Iraq—along with the shaykhs of the ‘cardboard’ emirates in the Gulf. They have joined with the Americans in establishing and financing the bands of traitors and Awakening movements; they are the ones who supported the parties of collaboration, and their clerics are the ones who delivered fatwahs forbidding [the faithful] from traveling in order to perform jihad in Iraq. The Saudi [royal] family are the ones who have tempted the leaders of Hamas to sign the ‘Mecca Agreement’, in order to extract from them recognition of international resolutions which acknowledge the legitimacy of Israel and grant her control over the majority of Palestine. The most dangerous thing, which I want every Muslim to pay attention to, is the evil role which the clerics of hypocrisy play in the government of the Saudi [royal] family and others of its kind. They are not merely calling for brotherhood with the servants of trees and stones [i.e. pagans] due to a misunderstanding on their part alone, but it has also become clear to anyone who is not blind that they are spreading these ‘fairy-tales’ as a service for an American-Zionist plot—which seeks to destroy the Islamic defense against the Zionist occupation of the lands of Islam. This would be accomplished through recognition of the Zionist entity and a call to cease hostilities towards it, by way of the trick of ‘religious dialogue’, whose meetings have taken place from Mecca, to Madrid, to New York, and beyond...”

“In the same path walk the shaykhs of al-Azhar, al-Tantawi, and the mufti of the Egyptian government, Ali Jumah, who attended this comical conference. Both of them have agreed to converse with the Jews, the Christians, and the servants of trees and stones. They attended this international demonstration of hypocrisy, which endeavors to accept the Israeli conquerors as brothers and the owners of Palestine; yet, at the same time, they have refused to protect the female mujahid Wafa Constantine [a Coptic woman who has converted to Islam, causing clashes between Muslims and Copts in Egypt], and they have hastened to deliver her to the courts of the inquisition in the dungeons of the Coptic monasteries—which enjoy American immunity—and none know whether she is dead or alive! Not only that, but the cowardly Egyptian government does not even take the risk of merely inquiring about her fate! Thus, they [Tantawi and Jumah] have revealed their loyalty and submission to the Christian American authority.”

“What is most odd and astonishing is that the Saudi [royal] family and the other similar rulers over our lands—who call out for mutual understanding and a dialogue between the religions in order to gain public acceptance of the de-facto recognition of Israel—they have not even considered conducting a discussion with their own people and their Islamic nation. They are working as hard as possible to avoid bridging the gap between them and their Islamic nation by abandoning their oppression, corruption and collaboration; and it would be a vain hope for them to lift the whip of subjugation and enslavement from their people and the Muslims at large. They are prepared to conduct discussions with anyone who the U.S. orders them to, but they are not prepared to approach their own people and the Muslims and have a discussion with them—like they discuss with the Jews, the Christians, and the servants of trees and stones. They are not prepared to abandon their friendship with the United States and to cease supplying them with bases, equipment, and provisions. They are not prepared to repeal their recognition of the legitimacy of Israel and their relinquishment of the majority of Palestine. They are not prepared to give their people and the Muslims in general the freedom to choose their own rulers. They are not prepared to return the financial resources of the Muslims, which they have stolen or pillaged. They are not prepared to release the tens of thousands of oppressed prisoners in their jails. They are not prepared to agree to these measures—not even a few of them—nor would their masters in Washington, London, and Tel Aviv allow them to do so. For if they were to agree to this, the Islamic nation would be liberated from the repression of these rulers. It would choose its own venerable rulers, and then it would make the necessary preparations and begin to drive the occupying invaders out of the lands of Islam, ending their larceny and pillaging of the fortunes and destinies of the Muslims.”

“Their participation in these meetings has two goals: [first,] a general goal, which is that they wish to say to the Caesars of the White House and their Jewish and European allies, ‘We are with you against our own Islamic nation. We are with you in recognizing Israel, against the will of our own Islamic nation, which refuses to acknowledge Israel. We are with you in stealing the fortunes of the Muslims, against the interests of our own Islamic nation, which has demanded their return. We are with you in occupying the lands of Islam, against the interests our own Islamic nation, whose mujahid vanguard has rushed forward to drive you away. We are with you in continuing the repression, enslavement, larceny, and corruption of our Islamic nation, which is calling for freedom, justice, and establishment of peace and purity. We are with you in removing Shariah from the law, against the interests of our Islamic nation, which has insisted on appealing to the Shariah for legal verdicts. We are with you in fighting against the jihad, which both we and you refer to as ‘terrorism.’ We are with you in all your wars against Islam with our money, our policies, our media, and the fatwahs of our scholars...”

“And there is a specific goal to the dialogue that I have mentioned, and it is to tempt the Muslims materially and morally to accept the usurping Jewish entity, after the governments have surrendered, sold out [their principles], and became treacherous... However, all these American-staged ‘shows’ certainly shall not change any of the underlying facts, and they will only bring about harm and evil to the actors [in these shows]... May Allah bless our lord Mohammed, his family, and his companions and grant them salvation.”