



Shebaab al-Mujahideen: Video of Saleh Nabhan (a.k.a. "Abu Yousef")

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"Shebaab al-Mujahideen Media Wing: Video Statement from the Commander Shakyh Saleh Nabhan (a.k.a. 'Abu Yousef')." Released August 30, 2008



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"In the name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Gracious. Praise is due to Allah, protector of the righteous, the one you disgrace idolatry and the disbelievers, and peace and blessings be upon the prophet of mercy and war, leader of the mujahideen and master of the messengers and his family, his pure companions and anyone who follows his way until the Day of Judgment to proceed."

"My greetings to the courageous commander and my honorable leader Shaykh Usama Bin Laden (may Allah protect him and his followers.) And I hope from Allah the highest, the capable that this salutation reaches you while you are in ease and good health. Allah knows how much

we long for your meeting and the delight of your gentle voice. I ask Allah to join us in the abode of his generosity and the place of his mercy (i.e. Paradise). He is the manager of that and the one capable of it. My Shaykh, the heart offers you thousand greetings combined with my love and humbleness. My salutation is nostalgia and my love is permanent... filled with the truth of the emotions of the poets. Likewise, I greet the lions of the forests in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the lions of war in Palestine and Chechnya, and the army of al-Tawheed in the Maghreb and elsewhere. My salutations to you and to every freeman... who for the sake of the religion offers the worldly life... and the swords of the swordsmen have been drawn... like an emerging lightning follows by thunders... and to every fighter who carries the sword in the face of the cross, to my companions of the path, to the intimates of my road, to the targeted Islamic nation, my love for you is not ridden... how could it be while every eye expresses with the love of Allah the exalted I love you... love which illuminate the sides of my heart."

"Oh Muslims! I am not speaking to you today about the deep wounds of our nation, or about its abundant victories, indeed knowledgeable leaders have dealt with that... Oh Muslims! Do not be deceived by lying or false hopes, and do not excuse yourself with weak excuses and do not



Kenyan national Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan (a.k.a. "Abu Yousef"), wanted by the FBI "in connection with the 2002 attacks in Mombasa, Kenya, against a hotel and an airliner."

philosophize with invalid arguments. Indeed the issue is bigger than what you think, and we raise against you the evidence and call upon you to march forth to take part in the preparation and we warn you from the word of the protector the exalted, so do not feign handicaps and weaknesses in front of the enemy's fire. Here are the training camps in Somalia and elsewhere... that have opened their doors so that you join them. So be truthful with Allah and answer the call of jihad and prefer the lasting over the perishing and the next life over the present life. Indeed Allah urges you to rise... Oh Muslims! This is the Book of Allah in front of us, illuminating for us the way, and its clear milestones guiding anyone who follows the path so it is necessary that we ignore these chains and clutches that was put by the scum of humanity from the tyrants among Arabs and non Arabs, in order to stop the path of the jihad. So if we observe the commands of Allah and we carry out what Allah has made obligatory upon us of preparation and jihad and we put our trust in Him, our Lord will help us..."

"...We stress, Oh beloved ones, that the path of our jihad is not affected by the death of anyone not in his life, and that the being of a commander in the Field does not bring victory closer nor

cause defeat contrary to what the enemies think. They think, May Allah fight them, that the martyrdom of a commander shakes the pillars of jihad. They don't realize that we are longing for death; the death of the martyrs and their glories bear witness that we are a nation which does not fear demise or dread death. Also, they don't realize that the blood of a martyr is a minaret in our lives, and the spark for the fuse of our determination, and with it the generation find light and the jihad is carried on... So whether you bomb a commander or kill another, the flame of the jihad will only increase in sparks, and inflammation and that only increases our persistence and endurance. Let me give you an example to clarify to you my words: A month ago, when the brave brother Abu Muhsen al-Ansar Adam Hashi Ayro was martyred as a result of your warship bombings, did the jihad in Somalia stop? No, by Allah, instead we renewed the oath to death upon which died the noble martyrs, as if one of us is saying: Oh brother we lost you... but we have an appointment in the shades of the sky (its blessings)... our souls will remain on the covenant even though the arrow of death has separated us, our souls are strongly connected and your memories are for us minarets of light... and your voice always call upon us: Oh armies of sacrifice come forward to death."

"And before him, more than a year ago, our leader was martyred, the commander of the mujahideen in Somalia Abu Talha as-Sudani,

while he was leading one of the brigades of the mujahideen. And this is the first time that we make it public, may Allah have mercy upon you, Oh our pride, Oh knight of martyrs, Oh scout of the strangers... you have attained the aspiration (martyrdom) you worked for, so congratulations for it. Oh master of the martyrs. Let our enemies know that the blood of a martyr is fire and light:



(Top): Saleh al-Nabhan meets with Shebaab al-Mujahideen Military Commander Shaykh Mukhtar Robow (a.k.a. "Abu Mansour").

(Bottom): Al-Nabhan instructs recruits at a Shebaab al-Mujahideen training camp in Somalia.

a fire that burns with its heat every stubborn disbeliever, and a light by which every brilliant mujahid finds light. Yes, every day we bid farewell to caravans of martyrs without it bending our spear or shaking our hearts, because when the train of jihad advances and its caravan moves, the enemy cannot dissuade it from attaining the truth. Yes, nothing can shake our feelings we find ease in difficulty and we sacrifice every treasure until Allah make this religion superior or we die for this sake. And... we emphasize that the message of our jihad is not limited by any border or barrier..."

"As for you, Oh our people of Somalia, know that Allah is testing you with this Christian enemy close to your land so the obligation is that you express jealousy for your religion, and you sacrifice your souls and wealth for the protection of your religion. And beware of leniency in entering into obedience of disbelieving councils or seeking judgment in them to settle disputes, for obedience to them is equivalent to following their religion and is apostasy from the religion of Ibrahim... So seeking judgment in the tyrannical 'Infidel Nations' (UN) is disbelief which negates the oneness of Allah (al-Tawheed)... And know, Oh our people of Somalia, that jihad is not a near gain nor and easy journey—but it is a perpetual obligation and an imperative act of worship and it has duties which we all must fulfill. And it is not possible for the tree of jihad to become steady on its trunk except by sacrificing heads and souls cheaply in the path of Allah. The edifice of glory will not be constructed except with skulls and limbs—and, indeed, deviating from jihad will result in forfeiture, humiliation, and degradation, and succumbing to the colonialist crusaders or contentment with fair solutions... So be not weak and ask not for peace, while you are having the upper hand. Allah is with you, and will never decrease the reward of your good deeds. So my brother mujahideen, I exhort you to be patient, and outdo your enemy in patience, for victory comes after little patience and the enemy is in its last days. So don't be weak in the pursuit of the enemy, and lay for them in every ambush and follow the advice of Allah to you. So, when you meet (in jihad), those who disbelieve smite at their necks till when you have killed many of them, then bind a bond firmly (take them as captives). Thereafter (is the time) either for generosity, or ransom, until the war lays down its burden..."

"Oh youth of Tawheed in Somalia! Oh you who answered the call for jihad and success and sacrificed your souls in seeking to reach your beloved... and your contribution was done with pleasure and indulgence. You carried on your journey towards Allah by your actions in the night, the morning and afternoon. So have glad tidings of Allah's help and a near victory. Have glad tidings for good tidings come at the time of ruthless affliction and suffocating crisis..."

"Oh Muslim youth everywhere, don't forget the calls of your brothers in Somalia, as if they are repeating all the time. Oh muhajireen! Oh muhajireen! Will anyone respond? What are you waiting for, if you do not wage jihad now... when will you wage jihad? Oh Muslim youth! Free your brothers from the nightmare of oppression, and the hammer of punishment. Seek death you will be offered life, come forward to jihad you will granted dignity in this life and the next... Will you not take your share and portion from the jihad in the path of Allah? Do you not see your brothers from the people of Al-Shams ["Greater Syria"] and your brothers in Egypt and your brothers in Iraq? For by Allah one day of one of you fighting in the path of Allah is better than a thousand days while he is in his house fasting without breaking his fast and praying without stopping. So likewise I say, Oh people of Kenya and Tanzania, and Nigeria and Uganda and Chad! Will you not take your share of the jihad? Will you not rush to the help of your brothers in the army of difficulty? And we are waiting for reinforcements from Sudan and Yemen of wisdom and faith. Rise up from your seats, in the houses of your mothers, and join the caravan of the protectors of al-Tawheed in the forests of glory and dignity and be among those who raise the black banner in Somalia the first time after the invasion of the Ethiopian scum. And beware of lagging behind the waiting so that you do not miss the opportunity and the reward goes away... Come forward altogether so that we help the religion of Allah... help by which Persia and Rome where conquered..."