

In the name of Allah the most Compassionate the most Merciful

To our beloved Shaykh Abu-‘Abdallah, may Allah bless and grant him success and honor

May Allah’s peace, mercy and blessings be upon you

I hope that you and those who are with you are all well and in good health.

Blessed holiday! May Allah accepts [the good deeds] from us and you.

1. Regarding America’s statement, it arrived on Election Day, (Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>), during which time, I was following the elections on BBC News! I am not certain of the reason of the delay, I informed the courier and emphasized the deadline (October 15<sup>th</sup>). I think he went on time. I did not thoroughly follow-up on this until now. But, I asked his cousin, our friend, and he informed me that he [the courier] brought it at night, so he brought it to me the next day. God knows.

Based on this delay, I consulted with the brothers whether we should publish it anyway or wait a for a little while, perhaps when the Shaykh finds out that it was not published, he would send something, make a change, cancel, or postpone it, etc. Based on the content, it does not relate directly to the elections. We just have to wait for an appropriate time, to release it, taking into account our situation in northern Waziristan and so on, or no. Or, is having the Shaykh appear now in a video message is the appropriate action? Or should we postpone it – given that it will have a reaction and analysis, and so forth- until another more prominent occasion, or even until the next September 11 anniversary. So, I consulted with Abi-Yihya and Munir and in conclusion we decided to delay it for a little while. Munir prepared it for publishing; however, he did it hastily, so I asked him to better prepare it, adding English subtitles (the enclosed copy is to be revised and is not the final/approved version). We are waiting for your guidance.

After I wrote the aforementioned, I received the attached file from our brother Nur-al-Din (‘Azam) where he suggests publishing it. The file contains discussions, ideas, and other matters we had previously discussed with him and the brothers. It is important that you are aware of it.

2. I would like to bring to your attention the fact that we are using the name, Munir, for brother ‘Abd-al-Rahman Al-Maghribi
3. As for our situation in general, there are renewed concerns and rumors about a possible campaign that will be waged by the army on northern Waziristan, under pressure from the Americans, of course. However, we were told that the pressures eased after Obama's visit to India and not visiting Pakistan. The Pakistanis told some of the students here in the north that unless communications from Miran Shah and Marali stop, the campaign is a possibility. They are referring to the pressure the Americans are putting on them because of the intercepted communications. Speaking of communications, we put a ban on communications except with a special permission, allowing only some [communication with] families, and so on. The problem is not with us (the organization) and the disciplined, but rather in those loitering in the markets of Miran Shah and Marali, who are not disciplined, and do not listen to anyone. They are Arabs, Turks, Azeris, even Germans, and many more

mixtures. We always try to advise the group leaders and those who are wise, and we communicate with them to mitigate the bad, and make them understand public interest. Also, we are currently in the process of establishing a Coordination Council for Turkish speaking groups (Turks, Turkmen, and Uzbeks, some of them are not part of the Taher Jan group, Azeris, and Bulgarians, probably). Allah is the one who grants success. Regarding these concerns, and as a precaution, we devised a plan to move some families to Pakistan. We already started its first phase, which is starting with a group of vulnerable families, widows, and others. When we informed them, some refused to go to Pakistan, and you know how the brothers and families behave, some already started moving, while others are about to move.

Militarily, we bought some quantities of ammunition and devised some simple plans. We are facing difficulties due to the grave shortages in personnel in some cadres and the abundance of spies operating in our areas, which plagued the environment, but we rely on Allah. This will not affect our ability, by the grace of Allah, and His strength, and our trust in Him, the Almighty.

Also, we saw that we ought to focus on "Massoud", defeating the malicious army in Massoud will keep it from embarking on any major operations in Shamali. Abu-Muhammad, may Allah protect him, told us that Massoud is the first line of defense for Shamali. I want to let you know that Shaykh Aba-Muhammad is with us in these consultations, may Allah bless him.

This month, destined by Allah, some unfortunate events took place, to include:

\* The killing of brother Muhammad Khan (Muslim) and he is 'Abdallah bin Al-Shaykh Sa'id Mustafa Abi-al-Yazid, may he rest in peace, along with another brother Baluchi Arab from our cadre named Ma'awiah. He was married to one of our brother's daughters Abi-Khalil Al-Filtawi (has been married for almost two years, and had a son). Now, the only remaining son of Shaykh Sa'id is his youngest, Usamah and his daughter, Alshaima', Um-Hifsah, who is wounded, may Allah keep them in His care. The family is now in down Pakistan, I do not know whether they got the news or not, we agreed that the brothers will tell them after the ['Eid] holidays.

\* Also: The killing of twenty brothers either in one or two bombings in one place on the day of 'eid, they were all militant Mujahideen from one of our brigades: The Abu-Bakr Al-Sidiq Brigade, may Allah be pleased with him. They gathered for the holidays, despite our orders and emphasizing to avoid gathering in large numbers. Before the holidays I reiterated that their numbers in one place should not exceed five, but sometimes they discuss matters and take their own decisions. Of the 20, there was a numbers of Turks, two Kurds from Iran, three Libyan brothers, two or three from the [Arabian] Peninsula, and a Syrian. Praise be to Allah. We are from Allah and to him we shall return. May Allah comforts us and multiplies our rewards.

4. As for Hamzah and his mother: Um-Hamza is ready to come your way, but we were

waiting for your confirmation, we are also waiting for cloudy days that are suitable for movement, according to your directions. As for your instructions about neither leaving nor bringing anything from that they brought from Iran, they are well aware of that. Abd-al-Latif informed them of that so did I. They are overly cautious, she inquired about the gold she has and I informed her that Allah willing it should be of no concern. She even asked about some fillings she had done in Iran, as some are visible, according to Hamzah. I also informed them that it should not cause harm. The problem is that they stated that the [filling] was done by an official female doctor affiliated with the people where they were at. I suspect that this is nothing; however, I want to make sure to inform you so you can look into it, and we can discuss it, just out of precaution.

So if you would like us to send Um-Hamzah, may Allah protect her, let us know this time, either a specific time, or fire and will coordinate with our courier to take them at the right time on a cloudy day.

As for Hamzah, he is a good and righteous, I saw in him a sound-mind and good manners; may Allah bless him. But, of course, our honorable Shaykh, he is a young man who lived those years in prison. Now, the poor guy, he is at a different type of prison with us; therefore, he is worried. He came to me a few times, he wants to be trained, participate and contribute.... and he does not want a special treatment as the son of so and so, and for that may Allah reward him. I had conversations with him in which I encouraged him to be patient and reminded him of what happened to Sa'd; but, Sa'd, may Allah rest his soul was more persistent. I informed him that the most important thing for you now is to be safe, and all will come, Allah willing with patience, and sound preparedness. I promised him to arrange for him safe training, and arms trainings in a safe location, using various weapons. Unfortunately, I am later in doing more than I originally intended; but, will do so in the next few days, by Allah's strength.

I have also been giving him useful books and files. He has a computer, and he is patient.

If you would like to write him something nice and appropriate, please do so.

Also, it would be appreciated if you personally write Um Hamzah, and I can pass along to them so they can read any clarifications, reminders, or advice. May God bless you.

As for the companion we were seeking, the brother you assigned informed me that he has the following:

(per the special issue, the brother I have here is a Mujahid brother, trained with us and returned after staying here for about four months. He is about 35 years old (I will confirm his age), married, and has small children (will check how many children he has and the ages of his children and send them to you the next time, Allah willing). He has a store or a number of stores in Lahore; he is mature, knowledgeable, and trustworthy. He knows about renting houses, real estate and everything needed to lead a civilian life. He knows his way around cities; but, he is Punjabi not a Pashtu; what do you think? I will send more information next time, Allah willing)) AH [IL].

So as you see fit, my friend is still checking on him. He is Urdu (Punjabi). Also, this time I will ask our brother Elias Kashmiri, perhaps he has a suitable person.

So, as it was made apparent from what I have told you, Hamzah is currently here in the region. After Abd-al-Latif many projects were halted. The issue got more complicated after the killing of Muhammad Khan and Brother Mu'awiyah Al-Balushi, given that we assigned them to oversee the arrangements for travel and safe places deep in Baluchistan. They went to find out about places, and arranged for it, may Allah reward them, and upon their return they were also martyred in an air strike, praise be to Allah.

5. I want to inform you that our brothers completed the Afghani Ambassador's deal, and we released him. You probably saw that in the news, we received most or all of the money (something maybe left with the mediator guarantor, and perhaps they received that by now). The guarantors are the Al-Haqqanis, to include Al-Haji Ibrahim who is the brother of Shaykh Jalal-al-Din, and another man. This time, we received the remaining amount (equivalent to about three million dollars) we received in the local currency.

6. As for the pledge of allegiance, (during the last three-and-a-half years and after the arrival of the brothers from Iran) it was to Shaykh Sa'id only, but I act on his behalf in extreme cases, if Shaykh Sa'id was away or if it was an urgent matter. (For example: a brother needs to travel to work abroad and we want to take the pledge of allegiance. That way if Shaykh Sa'id will be in the south and I am in the north or (similar to that)... Currently, I only receive the pledges of allegiance. Also I told Abi-Yihya to do the same thing in urgent cases as I used to do with Shaykh Sa'id. One time, Shaykh Younis' brothers were traveling, and I was away and it was difficult for me to meet with them before they leave, so I sent them an audio recording and permitted them to pledge to Shaykh 'Umar Khalil and wrote him a paper delegating him to take the pledge, in my stead ... etc, and so he did.

We, of course, take the pledge on behalf of Shaykh Osama bin Laden. We word it something like: I accept your allegiance on behalf of Shaykh Osama, to listen and obey, in hardship and ease, in good and bad, and its impact on me, in matters of virtue, and to follow whoever Shaykh Osama assigns to be my Amir in the jihad for the sake of Allah, for the establishment of the religion of Allah, and the rule of the Islamic State that is governed by shari'ah law, and to keep the secrets of the group, and to be where I am commanded to be.

7. As for the brothers who are prepared for responsibilities in the future, as I have previously mentioned: brother Abd-al- Jalil, and brother Qari Sufian Al-Maghribi, brother Anas Al-Subai'I, who is fit for some responsibilities, Allah willing, even though he is somewhat difficult, but he is steadfast, determined and a visionary, and you know him. There is also brother Abu-Khalil, he assists in some responsibilities, but is unable handle something big; and there is a Pakistani brother named Ahmad Faruq (in charge of Al-Sahab in Urdu), a good man and knows Arabic well, has good management [skills], sound mind, cultured, and strong-welled. We may invite him to join us in the Shura [consultative] this time, with Allah's help. There is brother Abu-Dujanah Al-Masri (Pasha) May Allah protect him, we are in the process of trying him out him with the responsibility of work in Pakistan, and of course, there is Abu-Amr Al-Masri and Abu-Salih, and Abu-Ziad Al-Iraqi, who are fit for some jobs. Brother Abu Hafs Al-Shahri (a cousin of Abi-'Uthman – May God rest his soul, who now manages the work in Abu-'Uthman's stead, and we believe he is even better than Abu-'Uthman), as he is a veteran.

From the new generation, we have: brother Abu-'Abd-al-Rahman Al-Sharqi, from Bahrain, a

good young man who is now a member of the external action committee, and a Kuwaiti brother named Abu-al-Hasan Alwa'ili works with me in communications and participates in media, I think he is a very good young man. Another brother from the [Arabian] peninsula with a military background, who is good, smart, with a sound-mind, well mannered, and religious, named Abu-Hamzah Al-Khalidi (a cousin of Shaykh Al-Khalidi who is imprisoned with Shaykh Al-Fahd and Shaykh Al-Khudair in Saudi Arabia), he is currently an Amir of a one of our brigades. The three [young men] have been with us, in the arena, for almost three years, they continue to be promoted and, we think highly of them, and know they will succeed, Allah willing.

There are a few others from the new generation. May Allah protect all.

8. Along with this message, we are sending sixteen lac rupees, earlier we have sent you eight and a half lac, which leaves ten lac that we will send you, by the Grace of God, in the next communication. This is exactly the equivalent of thirty thousand Euros, which you have requested. Based on the exchange rate of a hundred and fifteen (exchange rate may be a bit more or less). May Allah grant success!

As for finding someone to manage your funds, I have someone; but, I have not spoken with him yet, I will try to do so in the near future soon, and by the grace of God send you the full records.

9. In light of financial matters, we would like to inform you that, praise to Allah, since about four months ago (almost since last Ramadan) we reached an agreement with our brother Shaykh Abu-Yihya, may Allah reward him, on full integration with the organization and he agreed to abandon his condition, a condition he shared with his brothers (who have since all been martyred: Abu-Al-Layth, Abu-Sahl, and 'Abdallah Sa'id, may they rest in peace). When they joined the organization they insisted on having complete financial independence to keep and invest their resources. This, thanks to Allah, is now not the case and the integration is complete. Abu-Yihya turned in all his resources and revenues to the general budget, and the finance committee is providing him with a monthly budget that he can spend from as he pleases on belongings, and relationships such as gifts for guests and acquaintances, and assistance from him to others, etc. We are pleased to inform you that we work as one, we love, trust, and cooperate with each other, and we ask Allah to bless this union.

I have previously informed Shaykh Abu-Muhammad, and Shaykh Abu-Yihya also informed him in a letter, this made Abu-Muhammad very pleased, and wrote to me asking that I inform you.

10. I want to inform you that Shaykh Yunis has traveled. However, he is still in the borders area of Baluchistan, as they are preparing, by Allah's grace to enter Iran, may God grant him and those accompanying him success, I believe there are six of them. We ask God to protect them and provide them with what they need.

Given the death of the brothers, communication has been disrupted, and accordingly I was unable to send him your last letter. Allah willing, we will send it as soon as it is possible.

11. As for the "family" file that you sent to Abd-al-Latif, I still have it, would you like me to

delete it, or what would you have me do with it?

That's all. We rely on Allah, the powerful and almighty, No God or Lord but him.

May God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you

Mahmud

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