

In the name of God, the most gracious the most merciful

Our venerable Sheikh may God keep you and watch over you; the peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you.

I pray that this letter finds you, your family, and supporters in the best of health, safe and protected, and doing well.

God willing, I hope that you all have good morale and feel optimistic, that you are following the righteous path and expect God's victory to come soon, and I pray God will watch over you.

And so,

I'm writing to inform you that, praise God, I'm doing well and so are the rest of the brothers. Things have been calm lately, and the brothers have been more cautious, more spread out, and better concealed. God gives the greatest aid.

Sheikh Abu-Muhammad is well, and we are in constant correspondence with him except that I was told that his courier will not come for the next two months. Hopefully we will have some correspondence at the end of April, God willing.

And now, relying on God, we will begin with the present issues. First is the issue of Hamazah, and success will come from God:

In truth, I am still upset with all of you about this. I want you to understand my point of view, and I would like us to deal with the issue without rushing.

Dear Sheikh, I have nothing to offer on the matter, as you know. All I want is for the right thing to be done, for us to have safety and success. You are his father, he belongs to you. You are our leader, and we will obey you. Inasmuch as this is a huge responsibility, I wanted to be sure of the issue and to reassure you that I felt that, for your part, you may not have fully understood the security situation on the road.

If you were to command me to send him with the courier regardless of the situation (meaning, you do not care if he is taken on the road, God forbid), I act on clarity; give me this as a clear command.

If not, I have tried to arrange things to send him and to find a suitable, safe – from the security aspect – way to do so for the reasons given. The truth is I have not found any way to do it. We have found that searches on the road have increased and become more intense at present. This is very dangerous, and applies to travel on the highway. Therefore, we had to look for a way to smuggle him down, as the Mujahidin brothers go.

There is another option; we could arrange for him to go to the Baluchistan province, and from there arrange for brother Abu-'Abdullah al-Sindi and his companions to take him in. Then it

would be a matter of whether he stays in Baluchistan (they could arrange things for him there, they can do that), or they could send him to Peshawar as you wanted, you can examine these options.

In summary, we have three options:

First option: We send him with our intermediary regardless. I think this is the wrong choice and that we should not take it for the reasons I outlined above, when I spoke of the searches and security issues on the road. In addition, our intermediary could be in danger of being captured if something were to happen to Hamzah, God forbid, and he is the intermediary between us and you, so the danger is multiplied!

We could modify this choice slightly by sending him with someone other than our intermediary (someone who is not connected with our private intermediary). We would give him the telephone number for your intermediary (Aslam or someone else) and have him contact you if they made it there and he could deliver Hamazah to you.

Second option: I send him to Peshawar using other people (not our intermediary) using the same method that the Mujahedeen use to go from here to Peshawar. It is a smuggling route; they go from Waziristan to the front across from Khyber, and from there they go to Peshawar (they go from Barh or somewhere close to that, I think), and they enter Peshawar. This path has its dangers, as well, though less than the first option. It avoids exposing our dedicated intermediary to any kind of danger because this way Hamzah will be going with others who are Mujahidin. Of course, this option has issues as well. The brothers we select to accompany him (to take him) to Peshawar, do we tell them who this person is? We might do so to be sure they take the matter very seriously, but this is not the appropriate way as far as security goes. Or do we not tell them, instead simply telling them to take him to Peshawar and let him manage, taking addresses and telephone numbers with him. This may be the route we choose, but even so, people may figure something out.

Third option: We send Hamzah to Balushistan. This is easiest for us. We have the means (through southern Waziristan), and we would introduce him to people there; he would stay with them until brother 'Abdullah al-Sindi comes to retrieve him. This is the least dangerous of the options; it is the safest and easiest for us. Of the three, I recommend it. Then, as I told you, you can make arrangements with brother 'Abdullah al-Sindi (through me, or directly if brother 'Abdullah sends his private telephone numbers, God willing).  
God gives blessings when there is righteousness.

Notes:

- I sought advice from brother Munir concerning sending Hamzah; he agreed with me that we should not send him, and that the solution is as I described. I have not consulted with Abu-Yahya because we have not met up for three months, and I have not written to him in the correspondence.
- All of this talk is about Hamzah as a man. As for the family (Hamzah's wife and two children), but there is no problem in sending them using the first, normal, method (the first option). As such, the idea is to send Hamzah alone and the family separately.

However, if we chose to use the Baluchistan option (the third option), he could go with his family.

- Brother 'Abdullah al-Sindi sent me Khalid's ID card and his driver's license as well. They are suitable for Hamzah to use if he moves, God willing. Let me know what your orders are concerning the ID and license; I can give them to Hamzah so he can use them as he moves if you chose to move forward with one of the options.

**Warning:**

If the decision is to use the Baluchistan route, please inform me. However, it will take some time for me to make the arrangements. Not much, God willing. I just needed to remind you of the difficulty of our current circumstances and how hard it is for us to move around in general so you do not worry.

**As for Hamza:**

He, his family, and children are fine. He is patient, God willing. He wants to train and learn. I wanted to ask your permission to give him some freedom to move in ways we arrange with great reserve so he can attend some of the special training. Regardless, he has taken his family to our brother Abu-Khalil's house. They have been there for a few days because I arranged for Abu-Khalil to have Hamzah take Abu-Khalil's explosives training. I emphasized the need to be safe, to avoid going out, moving around, or doing anything that might expose him to danger. God grants success.

**Other matters:**

- Unfortunately, brother Abu-al-Harith al-Sindi (brother-in-law to Abu-'Abdullah al-Sindi) has been taken prisoner by Pakistani Intelligence in Karachi. This was more than two months ago. We pray God will release him.
- So far, I have not received any answers from the B.M. family.

Even so, I have received a response from brother Abu-'Abdullah al-Sindi. He sent me Khalid's cards (ID card and driver's license), as I wrote above. However, brother 'Abdullah al-Sindi did not give me any further details, though he promised that he would send me the telephone numbers we asked him for soon. God grants success.

- I sent Umm-Hamzah's Qur'an; I hope it has arrived.
- We have started transferring one Crore rupees (that means ten million) to brother Aslam. I write to him asking him to convert the money into dollars or euros and to keep it for you.
- As for the money we have, we have converted a large amount of rupees into gold, dollars, and euros, praise God. Of course, this takes into account the large amount we spend directly in rupees in support of the many jihad groups among the tribes (Shura Shamali, al-Mas'diyin, Khalifat Haqqani, the Tahrir Taliban, and others, as well as immigrant groups). We must support the people, and everyone has heard about the deal.

This is in addition to paying for the current patronages, operational budgets, paying debts, and other things (the debts are very small, praise God).

We have purchased several weapons, ammunition and equipment to prepare for any possible combat.

We have created some new allocations for workshops and some of the groups working with us. We have increased the amounts for some of the allocations as well.

Praise God.

With God's grace, even the flow of money from abroad good at this time, and it is the same from within Pakistan as well.

And this comes from God's grace.

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- We are currently following the Arab Revolutions and the changes taking place in Arab countries. We praise you, almighty God, for the demise of the tyrants in Tunisia and Egypt.

And now the situation in Libya is as you know, and in Yemen, and Syria as well.

[I have included some of what I wrote to some of my brothers concerning these revolutions]

In general, we think these changes are sweeping, and there is good in them, God willing.

Have you thought about putting out a speech for the Ummah [All Muslims] on this issue, to show solidarity and demonstrate your pleasure with the Ummah over the demise of some of the tyrants? You could support the revolutions against oppression, corruption, criminality, and tyranny. You could also provide some guidance and reminders to the youth and the whole Ummah. In the talk, you could include a general statement, one that does not get into detail, but which shows support and pleasure about this blessing, removing the tyrants that God has bestowed on the people. You could also encourage them to go the rest of the way by jihad, repentance, and returning to God, and through virtuous obedience of God. You could warn them about being deceived by the Americans and others, and give them the good news about the impending end of the Jewish so-called state, for example ... and so on.

You have not made any statements as of now, hopefully you are waiting for these revolutions to mature and reach stability, which should be soon, then you will release a tape for the Tenth (the tenth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>). God brings success.

I have also included some elements and ideas concerning these enormous changes (to explain the issues and concepts). It is a paper I wrote for the brothers here so we could talk about it.

I will include some of the things I have written and the speeches we have published on the matter.

- I will also include two letters from al-Tayyib Agha along with my responses.
- And the latest correspondence with Algeria, Somalia, and Yemen, and my responses to the brothers in Algeria.
- And a letter from me to the brothers in Somalia, and another to Abu-Basr (Yemen). As you can see, the brothers in Somalia are suggesting that you write a message to brother Hasan Zahir 'Uways encouraging him, raising his morale and his commitment, may God bless you.
- We also send you as attachments some of the administrative books and other items from the Internet.
- As for Sheikh Yunis, he is well. I sent him your latest message, God willing, he has received it. He sent me a letter about a month ago to tell me that he might be going straight to Somalia if he is a good sailor and can to make the arrangements. He had

already found some trusted smugglers through the brothers in Baluchistan (while they stayed in Baluchistan for the last several months, they were able to get to know sea lanes) who will take them straight there. He and his companions thought that going in to Iran and staying there would not be suitable. That is what he wrote to me in brief. I wrote back to him a few days ago advising him to be sure the way is safe. And then I offered him an idea to consider and maybe he and some of those with him can study the matter: the idea came to me in light of the popular Arab revolutions. In short: it might be good for him to send his brothers to Tunisia and Syria and other places. The Syrian brothers would have to wait a little for the revolution in Syria to succeed in taking down Bashar Assad's regime, and for the country to become degenerated and chaotic ... God gives the best aid. As a reminder, Sheikh Yunis has three Syrian brothers with him, one Tunisian, and another Algerian (who used to live in Germany). The Tunisian could travel straight to Tunisia now, he could easily enter the country, and then some of our people could travel there and get in. The three Syrians, hopefully they will be able to, God permitting. That leaves the Algerian brother with him. Hopefully it will be appropriate for them to go to Somalia, or even to easily vanish in Iran or elsewhere, as long as there are only two of them.

The changes that have taken place in the Arab region are enormous, and many other things must change with them.

Take Libya as an example. The last thing we have heard from the brothers in Libya is that they have started to arrange their affairs. They are engaging in activities and they have a role there, praise God. Brothers from the Libyan Fighting Group and others are out of jail. There has been an active Jihadist Islamic renaissance underway in Eastern Libya (Benghazi, Derna, Bayda and that area) for some time, just waiting for this kind of opportunity. We think that the brothers' activities, their names, and their "recordings" will start to show up soon.

Still on the subject of Libya, because of the brothers' enthusiasm and the opportunities that provides for the Jihad there, as well as how much the brothers want to engage in Jihad against the tyrants there... Brother Anas al-Subi'i al-Libi and others have sought permission to go to Libya.

I am sending you a letter from Anas (his name here is 'Abd-al-Qayum). He wrote this letter to Abu-Yahya, and Abu-Yahya brought it to me. He is upset with me for taking so long to answer. Of course, the reason for my delay is very objective; praise God, I can be excused, God willing: it is because I have been away, under cover, in hiding, and I have had little contact or movement during this time. The letters he is indicating only just made it to me.

In any case, I made a copy of his letter so you could see it, and I am sending you what I wrote to Abu-Yahya informing him and the other brothers of the same thing. In short, I gave him permission to go to Libya.

Of course, for your information: He (Anas) has been in bad shape psychologically since he came to us from Iran. You know that he is from there (from Iran). He sent his whole

family and his children away, even those who were grown ('Abdullah and 'Abd-al-Rahman), though they had grown into manhood. When he came here he was very agitated, showing signs of anxiety and depression. He normally has problems with interpersonal issues and mood swings. He did not feel comfortable with most of the brothers or in the centers. The brothers – Abu-Yahya, our aids, and I knew about this – always tried to give him room so he would feel more comfortable, or at least find a location for him without a lot of brothers; just having one or two there to serve him, for example. Overall, his situation was concerning. He was in touch with his family in Libya, even though he knew we had prohibited all communications, and even though it was known that he is a dangerous man and wanted by the Americans, and so on, he contacted them by telephone repeatedly!

When the current revolution and war started in Libya, and especially when he learned that brother 'Urwah al-Libi (who had been in prison with him in Iran) had traveled and gotten in to Libya, then contacted Anas and encouraged him to come, telling him that the roads were good and travel was easy ... He was very excited to go, and he wrote what he wrote. We ask that God will give him, me, and the rest of the brothers aid and success.

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- Did you read brother Tawfan's file, called "Terrorize Them" that I sent a few months ago? Did you have any comments? The brother has some ideas and requests; he is active and wants you or Abu-Muhammad to give him a word of guidance because he – frankly – does not listen to me, and I do not think he listens to anyone else here.
  
  - Regarding the brothers in Iran. Our coordinator there sent me a brief message without much detail a few days ago. He says that some of the senior brothers have been released and wants to know how they should deal with them. I wrote back immediately asking for more details and I told him that the senior members must come here, and I'm waiting to hear back.  
Of course, they had already released brother Abu-al-Samah al-Masri. He is still staying in Iran. It seems that he has resumed his media and communications activities under the title "The Jihad Group", as you can see in the attached file.  
Brother 'Abdullah Rajab (formerly Abu-al-Ward) was also released; he is also there in Iran.  
Abu-Malik al-Libi ('Urwah) was released. He is an outstanding combatant. He has stayed in Iran and has not come to us here. About a month ago he traveled to Libya; he made it there safely, praise God, and got in touch with some of our brothers there. We are in contact with him on the net, and we are waiting for some messages from him. He is an important brother for field work, and we anticipate him playing a role in Libya.
  
  - I think I have told you before about Shiekh Abu-al-Khayr's sons leaving with their families (one of them married Sheikh Abu-Muhammad al-Masri's daughter, so he is Hamzah's brother-in-law). I do not know who the other is married to. They are in Baluchistan now. We arranged things for them there and told them to stay there, invisible, until further notice. I sent them a letter explaining a bit about the situation here and reassuring them. They are there (in Baluchistan) with one of our good trusted

brothers, God willing. [we could take Hamzah to them, under the supervision of the Baluchi brother]

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While brother 'Urwa al-Libi was in Iran a couple of months ago (shortly before he went to Libya), he had written me an email telling me that some of the Libyan brothers in England had talked to him about the following:

British Intelligence spoke to them (these Libyan brothers in England), and asked them to try to contact the people they knew in al-Qaeda to inform them of and find out what they think about the following idea: England is ready to leave Afghanistan if al-Qaeda would explicitly commit to not moving against England or her interests.

This is the message in brief.

In my response to brother 'Urwah, I wrote: we can consider the matter and come up with something appropriate along this vein. I will convey the idea to the leadership. He may have told the Libyan brothers by now, and they may have told the British. I do not have any confirmation, of course, and he ('Urwah) might provide something in his next message, though he will be very busy in Libya now. This is what happened, and we ask God to bless us with his guidance.

Note: I got rid of the cards (chips) that I used to use between us. I broke them and killed them. I am using new cards now. Please do the same; break and destroy the old cards and let us use the new ones. We will do this, change cards, periodically.

Also, please forgive me for including a short message for brother Aslam, for you to deliver to him. It is a statement that the money I sent him with this message is the support we agreed on...

We await your letters and news.

I ask God to grant us both success in those things He loves and which please Him, and I ask Him to make us and the Mujahidin steadfast in the path of the Almighty and grant us a good outcome and victory soon. Amen.

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

Mahmud

Early Jamadi al-Awwal 1432 a.h.

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