

In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most
Merciful

Deal of the Century or the Crusade of the Century

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Episode One



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In the Name of Allah, all praise belongs to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, Companions and those who follow him.

Dear Muslim brothers and sisters the world over,
Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu
Since the beginning of the Prophet's (pbuh) mission, the flames of war between the Crusaders and Muslims have not been extinguished. This is a historical reality that cannot be denied. Today, America, the leader of the West, tries to empower Israel by taking even more dangerous steps, such as relocating its embassy to Jerusalem, declaring the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, and inaugurating the Manama Summit as a bid to bribe the Palestinians so that they may sell their lands.

Trump:

Under this vision, Jerusalem will remain Israel's undivided — very important — undivided capital but we will never ask Israel to compromise its security. Can't do that as everyone knows, I have done a lot for Israel: moving the United States Embassy to Jerusalem; recognizing the Golan Heights.

Netanyahu:

At the same time, Israel will apply its laws to the Jordan Valley, to all the Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, and to other areas that your plan designates as part of Israel and which the United States has agreed to recognize as part of Israel. I like that.

Today, I would like to remind my brothers briefly about some historical facts regarding this continuous struggle between Muslims and Crusaders. Then we shall turn to the ways to counter this aggression.

Firstly, what is the nature of this conflict?

It is a conflict in which the religious aspect is most significant. It is equally a prolonged struggle that has continued throughout the course of history and is expected to continue for as long as Allah wills. In the contemporary age, the Zionists have allied with the Westerners, which is in itself a long story that is well known.

Westerners, generally, don't conceal their feelings, but many of us try to flee from facing the reality that confronts us.

It is an international struggle and not a local one. In fact, the local conflicts cannot be disconnected from this larger struggle.

If this is clear, we need to ask: What are the fundamental principles for countering this aggression?

I would like to answer this question at length. And as I do so, I might repeat some of what I have mentioned in earlier messages. I see no harm however in repeating the fundamental points that concern our struggle.

The Jihad of Dawah and Raising Awareness

This Jihad represents a vast front that is extremely critical in our Jihad aimed at resisting the Crusader aggression against Muslims. It would not be an exaggeration if I were to say that this Jihad is more important than the military Jihad itself.

To summarize my talk about this vast front I would like to address the following points:

- The battle of awareness
- The Jihad of moral upbringing
- The battle of Dawah
- Political Jihad
- Unity

As for the battle of awareness, it is one of the most important battles. It is through the deliberate and planned absence of awareness that the Ummah is misguided, deceived, and its potential is squandered. To address this important facet of

Jihad in a comprehensible manner, I would raise the following questions:

The first question: Who are our enemies?

The second question: How can we revive the doctrine of *Al Wala wal Bara* (loyalty and disassociation for the sake of Allah) as a way of life?

The third question: Whom should we seek guidance from and follow?

As for the first question: Who are our enemies... There can be no doubt that among our enemies are the international criminals in the Western World- America leading the list- and their hirelings among the local rulers, Russia, China, India, and Iran.

Today, however, I would like to talk about a dangerous type of enemy: the states that are subservient to the West and claim to defend the Ummah, while, in reality, they are effective tools in the inimical plot against Islam and Muslims. These states may build mosques, encourage the memorization of the Quran, and support the needy and immigrants across the Islamic World. Some of these states host personalities who lavish praise on them and overlook their crimes and errors. Most of these entities have ties with Israel and are active participants in the American-Zionist project in the Islamic World. Some of them maintain secret ties with Israel, while others do so openly and normalize their relations with Israel in full view of the world. Ironically, some of these states claim to support and defend the Arab Revolutions and the Palestinian cause. In reality, they are fully drowned in the swamp of security agreements with Israel and their lands are occupied by American bases. They even send their forces to fight under the auspices of NATO and regional security alliances in Afghanistan and Somalia. Some of these states openly clear the ground for normalization of relations with Israel.

These states are extremely keen to project themselves in popular perception as 'defenders of the Islamic Ummah', all the while squandering the wealth of the Ummah, surrendering the lands and the masses to hegemonic imperial forces, and implementing plots to corrupt the faith and morals of the Ummah. What is even more dangerous is the deliberate and programmed absence of awareness that they seek to create within the Ummah through the use of deceptive media and intellectual tools.

To illustrate my point, I would offer a living example and thoroughly discuss the crookedness and deception that is employed to this end.

Al Jazeera released a film titled '*Al La'iboon bin Naar*' in which it portrayed two individuals falsely attributed to al Qa'eda. It described one of them as 'among the leadership' of al Qa'eda, while the other was portrayed as an individual close to a group linked with al Qa'eda, implying that the two had ties with the Bahraini Intelligence. The first individual, as the story goes, agreed with them to kill some Shia figures, while the second agreed to spy on Iran. In this film, Al Jazeera added a testimony from a former American Intelligence official who claimed to have found a diary in the pocket of Shaykh Abu Zubaidah which contained the telephone numbers of three Saudi princes.

I shall comment in detail on this classic example of slander and deception under the following titles:

- Selling illusions and concealing the reality
- Does Al Jazeera have a history of levelling false accusations against al Qa'eda?
- Why does Al Jazeera engage in slander campaigns? To phrase it more precisely, what is the problem between Al Jazeera and the al Qa'eda Organization?

As for selling illusions and concealing the reality, this film, which represents a classic case of media deception, contains a series of lies which Al Jazeera seeks to sell to its audience. At the same time, there are important truths which the channel seeks to cover up and avoid mentioning.

Firstly, what are the illusions that Al Jazeera seeks to sell to the audience:

The first illusion: Linking Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad and his admissions to al Qaeda

The second illusion: Linking what was attributed to Abu Hafs al Balochi by Al Jazeera to al Qaeda

The third illusion: The accusations of a former American Intelligence official

As for the first illusion, our answer, in all simplicity, is that Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad has no link whatsoever with al Qaeda. Everything that he mentioned in the context of his cooperation with the Bahraini Intelligence- supposing he is true in what he said and was not coerced to make these admissions- completely contradicts the methodology of al Qaeda. This alone suffices to rubbish al Jazeera's slander. However, there are three other set of reasons that make Al Jazeera's accusations even more embarrassing.

The first is linked with the causes underlying the reframing of his talk by Al Jazeera.

The second is linked with the causes of the treatment that he received.

The third is linked with our methodology regarding deviant groups and client regimes, and the opinion that we have held on to in this context for decades.

As for the causes concerning the reframing of his talk by Al Jazeera... Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad, in the admissions attributed to him by Al Jazeera, did not say that he was a member of al Qaeda. Rather, he said that the officer of

the Bahraini Intelligence said to him, 'You are among the members of the al Qa'eda Organization and the Mujahideen.' Al Jazeera did not suffice with what the officer of the Bahraini Intelligence had said. It took another leap and gave Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad an even higher rank and appointed him as one of the leaders of al Qa'eda!

This is a compounded accusation that hardly comes as a surprise from Al Jazeera given the precedents that have occurred in the past.

The story of 'the leaders of al Qa'eda' has now become an exposed game. It was employed earlier by Ibrahim al Badri until his lies were exposed.

And will America remain silent about the presence of members of al Qa'eda in Bahrain and not arrest or deport them to Guantanamo, given the fact that are Bahrainis who were detained in Guantanamo on accusations of links to al Qa'eda? The second set of causes is linked with the special treatment given to Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad. Is it plausible that a leader of al Qa'eda gets such lenient treatment whereby he is detained for just four months during which he contacts not just his family several times but also officials in the Consulate and the Bahraini Embassy in Riyadh?

Moreover, this individual talks as he wishes and stays silent about issues as he desires? And goes on to make such ridiculous comments in front of his interrogators... 'I stopped short of commenting about the cause of my calls to the brothers and the reasons underlying the possession of and demand for weapons.' (!!!)

The interrogators dealt with him very gently. As per the story mentioned in the film, the interrogators, after the passage of several months, told him, 'Save yourself. See, your time in prison will be very long...what is the reason of your contacts

with your brothers?' And so he replied, 'I have something to tell you about now... I was late in disclosing this.'

Is it plausible that the Saudi interrogators beg a leader of al Qa'eda imprisoned due to alleged contacts with other members in the leadership to talk and he politely declines to do so and then willfully discloses this information several months after his arrest?

Or will he be hanged, whipped, electrocuted and waterlogged right from the beginning, as they did with Khalid Shaykh Muhammad (may Allah hasten his release), and tortured him by moving his broken thigh bone, as they did with Shaykh Abu Zubaidah (may Allah hasten his release) whom Al Jazeera slandered in the film?

He then goes on to contradict himself by saying that the Saudi official in-charge of the interrogation said to him, 'You may save yourself. The issue that we have on hand is significant. All that we have conveyed to the Bahrainis after the interrogation is that there is nothing against this man... You see, the Bahrainis were sending us reports that this individual may hit American targets, targets in Saudi Arabia or Bahrain...'

At the same time, Al Jazeera mentions that the king sent more than a delegation to demand his release!!!

How can this be in sync with his statement that the Bahrainis accuse him of plotting to hit American targets? Is it possible that the Americans would simply ignore somebody accused of plotting to hit American targets or of contacts with al Qa'eda in Saudi Arabia without deporting him to Guantanamo? Will Saudi intelligence officials dismissingly say about an individual who, as per Al Jazeera, is among the leaders of al Qa'eda and was trying to get in touch with the leadership of Al Qa'eda in Saudi Arabia, 'The man has nothing proved against him... he is innocent.'

Moreover, if he was one of the leaders of al Qa'eda, as alleged by Al Jazeera, there must be other leadership elements in Bahrain as per Al Jazeera's logic, since the term '*qiyada'* is plural for '*qiyada'*'. So how can Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad be one of the leaders of al Qa'eda in Bahrain and yet go ahead with his plans without consulting with them? And why did he not contact al Qa'eda's central leadership with respect to this significant matter? Who gave him the authority to enter into an agreement with the officers of the Bahraini Intelligence on his own accord? How can he be one of the leaders of al Qa'eda and a follower of its methodology yet base his agreement on the basis of the king's knowledge of the matter, while al Qa'eda considers the king an apostate traitor and agent of the West?

Hence, there are clear contradictions and loopholes in Muhammad Saleh's statements. Anyway, it is impossible that an individual close to or suspected of close ties with al Qa'eda gets such a lenient treatment...let alone someone who, as per al Jazeera's lies, is a leader in the Organization.

Worse still, why would the King of Bahrain receive a leader of al Qa'eda and promise him compensation for his ordeal...? Did al Jazeera forget to mention that the King of Bahrain is also one of the leaders of al Qa'eda?! The proverb says, 'If you are a habitual liar, be a man at least.'

Members of al Qa'eda or individuals with suspected links to the Organization get deported to Guantanamo where they are tortured. In Saudi Arabia, they get to suffer the worst possible forms of torture and are eventually executed or imprisoned for life. They are not set free after four months of luxurious treatment. In fact, there are Bahrainis accused of ties with al Qa'eda imprisoned in Guantanamo to this day.

He then claims that he had intended to meet up with members of al Qa'eda in Saudi Arabia without mentioning their identity. If

he is true in what he claims, he must have mentioned their names to the Saudi interrogators. He failed to inform the audience, however, whether these individuals are falsely accused of ties to al Qa'eda just like him or not?

It is strange that the al Qa'eda Organization did not fight the Shia in the Arabian Peninsula in the territories controlled by the Family of Saud. Instead, it implemented the orders of Shaykh Osama bin Laden (may Allah have mercy on him) by targeting Western interests and creating hurdles in the theft of petroleum. Later, it targeted the Saudi security services when they aggressed against the Organization. So how can the al Qa'eda Organization in the Arabian Peninsula go against its own methodology that is in line with the directions that were given by Shaykh Osama (may Allah have mercy on him) and help this individual kill Shia personalities? And that too for the sake of a treacherous regime that the Organization considers to be apostate in the first place?

As for al Qa'eda's fight against Shia militias in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, I shall discuss this when I explain the methodology of al Qa'eda and its consistent policy in this regard, God Willing. Another strange matter: Does Muhammad Saleh need to travel to Saudi Arabia to purchase weapons and then smuggle them to Bahrain? He may have purchased the weapons from any place he wished. The Bahraini Intelligence could have easily arranged this matter for him, instead of Muhammad Saleh exposing himself to danger and exposing the entire plot in the course of doing so. Assassinating an individual does not require more than a pistol and not such extensive adventures. As for the third set of causes that expose the baseless nature of al Jazeera's accusations linking Muhammad Saleh to al Qa'eda, it is related to the methodology of al Qa'eda vis à vis deviant sects and client regimes and the opinion that we have held on to in this regard for decades.

I shall offer a few examples here from the document 'General Guidelines for Jihad' which reflects our practical priorities in line with the objectives we seek to secure in this stage. The document mentions:

First: Preamble

1. It is not hidden from the brothers that our work in this stage has two aspects: the first military and the second propagational.

2. The military work targets firstly the head of international disbelief, America and its ally Israel. Secondly, it targets their local allies who rule over our lands.

Hence, it is clear that we consider the apostate traitor, the King of Bahrain, as one of our enemies. How can this enmity be reconciled with Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad's keenness to please the King, his insistence that his work is for the country's benefit- a country controlled totally by the King... that he visited the King after his return and the King reassured him. These are the actions of a person who, in his conduct, is a complete contradiction of al Qa'eda's methodology. It is mentioned in the same document:

Secondly: Recommended guidelines

2. A focus in the military work on wearing down the head of international disbelief so that it bleeds militarily, economically and in terms of manpower and retreats soon to a stage of withdrawal, God Willing.

It then mentions:

The focus on the head of international disbelief does not contradict with the right of Muslim masses to wage Jihad verbally, physically, and militarily against those who oppress them.

The document further elaborates:

It is the right of our brothers in the Philippines, Burma and every land in which Muslims are oppressed that they fight against their oppressors.

3. A policy of non-engagement militarily with the local regimes, except when forced to do otherwise, such as the local regime forming a part of the American forces, as in Afghanistan, or the local regime fighting as a proxy force for the Americans, as in Somalia and the Arabian Peninsula, or the regime not accepting the existence of the Mujahideen, as in the Islamic Maghreb, Syria, and Iraq.

The document then mentions:

4. Not fighting the deviant sects such as the Rawafidh, Ismailis, Qadianis, and deviant Sufi sects as long as they do not fight the Ahl as Sunnah. If they engage in fighting, the response should be restricted to the fighting party alone. An explanation must be offered in such a case clarifying that we are only defending ourselves. Targeting their non-combatants, families in their homes, places of worship, festivals and religious gatherings must be strictly avoided. A continuous effort must be made however to expose their falsehood and their doctrinal and moral deviation.

This is a public document that was released after consultation with the local branches of al Qa'eda. Media outlets have commented on this. It was sent a year before its public release to Ibrahim al Badri. He, however, did not comment on it. When it was released, he still did not comment. When the decisions were issued against him and he was expelled from the Organization, he mobilized his deceitful media machine (to raise objections) ... And can there be any cure for those who are addicted to lies!

Hence it is clear that our brothers were fighting Shia groups in Iraq and continue to do so in Syria and Yemen because these

are armed militias that attack the Ahl as Sunnah and enter into alliances and understandings with the Americans.

As for us killing an individual from a deviant sect on behalf of apostate regimes- hirelings of the Americans who have normalized relations with Israel- under the pretext of love for the homeland and loyalty for the King... these are fabrications and lies which we disassociate ourselves from in front of Allah. From the inception of al Qa'eda to this day, our methodology has been clear as the day and sharp as the edge of a sword. As for some unknown individual or media outlet alleging that al Qa'eda works on behalf of the intelligence services of an apostate regime, this is an outright lie and slander.

Therefore, the errors committed by Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad, as per Al Jazeera's story, completely contradict with the consistent policy of al Qa'eda as outlined in the messages of Shaykh Osama (may Allah have mercy on him), my own messages and the public documents issued by the Organization, such as 'The Guidelines for Jihad', 'Document for the Support of Islam' and similar publications.

One last comment about Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad and his likes: Anyone who reflects on this self-contradictory and dubious production of Al Jazeera shall reach one of two possible conclusions:

The first possible conclusion is that he willingly made these admissions and is true in what he claims. In this case, he is an agent of the Bahraini Intelligence and works with the Saudi Intelligence as well. He has thus brought upon himself a great affliction that could destroy him in the Hereafter. If this is indeed the case, he must repent to Allah as soon as possible and declare his disassociation from all tyrants. He must seek Allah's forgiveness for demonstrating his allegiance and loyalty to the King and the country and for engaging in similar misguided acts.

People who uphold the Religion, practice piety and engage in Jihad must stay away from this individual since they cannot be certain of the understanding he may have reached with these devils. Everyone, including Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad, must know that al Qa'eda condemns such gross mistakes and warns people against those who commit such errors. If the individual who commits such an error happens to be the oldest member of al Qa'eda, the Organization will not hesitate to disassociate itself from him, expel him and warn others about him.

The second possible conclusion is that Muhammad Saleh Ali was forced to make these admissions. In this case, he must make a serious effort to explain this, clear his name from such accusations and defend his honour. And the one who fears Allah, Allah creates for him a way out.

So far, we have discussed the first illusion that Al Jazeera tried to sell regarding the link between Muhammad Saleh and al Qa'eda. As for the second illusion, it concerns the recording of Abu Hafs al Balochi.

Abu Hafs al Balochi did not say that he was a member of al Qa'eda. Neither did he say that the Bahraini Intelligence accused him of being a member of al Qa'eda. In fact, they did not even say that he was a member of Jundullah.

However, Al Jazeera, in keeping with its well-established journalistic integrity, said that he was a member of Jundullah and then added that Jundullah was linked with al Qa'eda.

Al Jazeera invented this fiction to suggest to its audience that al Qa'eda is somehow linked to the Bahraini Intelligence via a long imaginary connection. Al Qa'eda, as per Al Jazeera's spin, is linked to Jundullah. Jundullah, as per Al Jazeera's slander, is linked to Abu Hafs al Balochi, who is in turn linked to the Bahraini Intelligence. Hence al Qa'eda is linked to the Bahraini Intelligence. Let us salute such brilliant minds! Long live

America's war of dirty propaganda, managed from the Centcom Headquarters in the Al Uda'id Base.

To set the record straight briefly: Jundullah is not linked to al Qa'eda. And this suffices to bring down the spider web.

However, to unravel these lies and slander further, I would add the following:

-The spokesman of Jundullah said in a press interview that his group has no links with the Taliban or al Qa'eda and claimed that these accusations were levelled by the Iranian Interior Ministry. Hence, Al Jazeera's attempts to link al Qa'eda with Jundullah are in line with the media policy of the Iranian Interior Ministry.

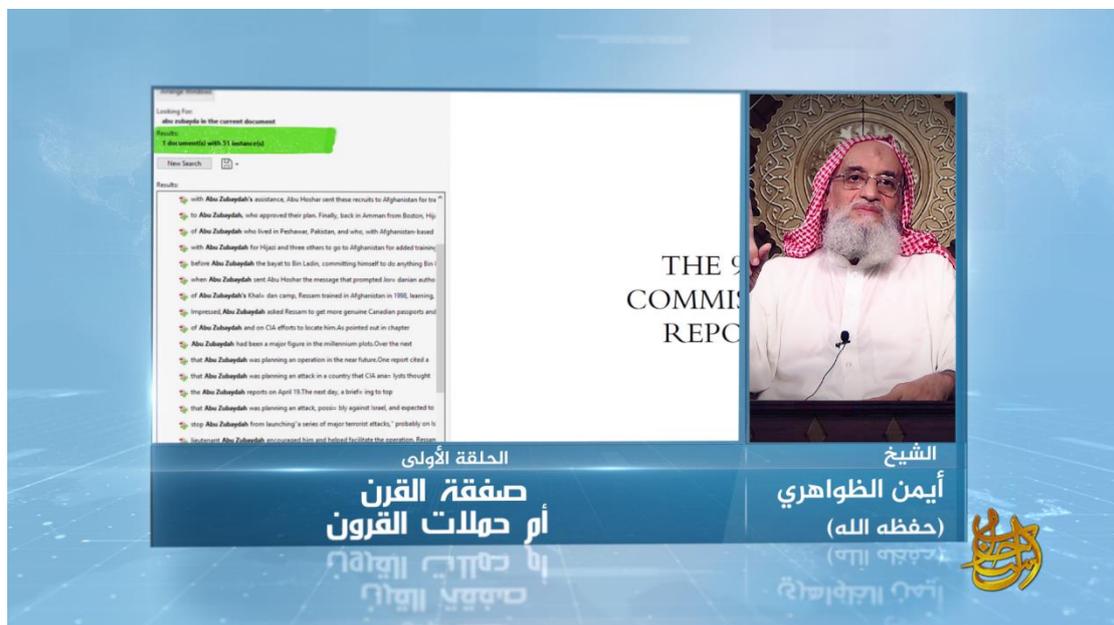
- Abu Hafs al Balochi did not say in his recording that he was a member of Jundullah. Rather, the officer of the Bahraini Intelligence, Ahmad al Sharouqi, said to him about Jundullah, 'We want you to check this group...to whom does it belong and what is its ideology.' He then added, 'You are with Jundullah.'

-When Abu Hafs al Balochi formed a group to fight the Iranian government, he did not join Jundullah. In fact, he created his own organization, Ansarullah, which later joined Jama'ah al Furqan. This group renamed itself as Ansar al Furqan.

As for the third illusion which Al Jazeera tried to sell, it concerns the former American Intelligence official who claimed that he found a pocket diary with Abu Zubaidah containing the telephone numbers of three princes in the Saudi royal family.

To begin with, I must make it clear that Abu Zubaidah, may Allah hasten his release, was severely tortured by the Americans. They admitted to some of the techniques of torture they used against him, including breaking his thigh bone so as to pressurize him to admit. Whereas, Muhammad Saleh Ali Muhammad, if we are to believe Al Jazeera's journalistic integrity and neutrality, was given a luxurious treatment.

It is strange that this story mentioned by the former Intelligence official is not mentioned in the official 9/11 Report issued by the Congress in spite of the fact that the name 'Abu Zubaidah' has been mentioned in the report 50 times and 'Zain ul Abideen' twice. Yet, there is no mention of this testimony by the former official.



So why was this information kept secret for 19 years and has been revealed exclusively by Al Jazeera now? Is it because Al Jazeera is more generous in leaking such information? Moreover, this former Intelligence official deduced new conclusions and suggested that these telephone numbers could provide the clue to Saudi Arabia's involvement in the 9/11 attacks!

If we were to apply this principle to Al Jazeera, we must consider the fact that this official could not have spoken except with the explicit permission of the FBI or the CIA. Hence, this program was broadcasted after an understanding was reached between Al Jazeera and the FBI or the CIA. In line with the logic of this former official, Al Jazeera may be the propaganda wing either of the FBI or the CIA.

As-Sahab:

We, in As-Sahab Media, researched the background of the CIA agent, John Kiriakou. We discovered that the man had been sentenced to prison on various charges, including issuing false statements under oath. A quick read of his last book, published in 2017, reveals the story he had authored about the telephone numbers of Saudi princes. It reads as follows:

"A fascinating and important history well told."
—OLIVER STONE

THE CONVENIENT TERRORIST

TWO WHISTLEBLOWERS' STORIES OF
TORTURE, TERROR, SECRET WARS,
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After his capture, when CIA interrogators felt they were not getting actionable intelligence from Abu Zubaydah, they formulated a plan to get him to talk. They had him flown to a CIA black site in Afghanistan, but told him he was temporarily being put into Saudi military custody for questioning by the Kingdom. In reality, he would be questioned by two Arab-American Green Berets disguised as Saudi soldiers. The interrogators believed Abu Zubaydah would be more likely to provide useful information in this scenario. Yet the plan backfired almost entirely.

Instead of being frightened, Abu Zubaydah was relieved and genuinely happy. He told the soldiers he knew three Saudi officials, and knew their cell phone numbers, and if the soldiers only would call them they'd order his release. The soldiers wrote down these numbers turned them over to the CIA.

Shockingly, the phone numbers were in fact correct. One belonged to Ahmed bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz, a nephew of the Saudi King Fahd. A prominent man, he spent much of his time in the United States, and owned War

Emblem—the horse that won the 2002 Kentucky Derby.

Another number belonged to Chief Prince Turki Al-Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz. He was the man who had forged the agreement with Osama bin Laden in 1991 to fund Al Qaeda training inside Sayyaf's camps. The third

number belonged to the Pakistani Air Marshal Mushaf Ali Mir. He had close ties to Pakistani's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI). US intelligence had long suspected that members of ISI had provided Al Qaeda with arms, supplies, and intelligence information.

...After these names and numbers had been verified by the CIA, the agency shared that information with Saudi intelligence. Then all three men died.

On July 22, 2002, Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz died of an apparent heart attack at age forty-three. A week later, Prince Turki Al-Faisal Bin Abdul Aziz was killed in a car crash. Then on February 20, 2003, Air Marshal Mushaf Ali Mir died in a plane crash while flying in clear weather.

As-Sahab:

Let us compare this version of the story which he has mentioned in the book with his testimony in Al Jazeera's program:

John Kiriakou:

When we captured Abu Zubaydah on March 22nd, 2002, we also captured with him his diary. And in that diary were the mobile numbers of three members of the Saudi royal family. So I wrote back to CIA Headquarters that I had gotten hold of some very important information... the telephone numbers of three members of the Saudi royal family.

Well, within weeks, one of them died in a car accident in the desert. The second went to camp in the desert and died of thirst. Can you even imagine such a thing? And the third disappeared and no one ever saw him again.

As-Sahab:

The honourable viewer will notice that the two stories are completely contradictory. John Kiriakou said in the program that he found the telephone numbers in the pocket of Shaykh Abu Zubaydah during his arrest, while in the book he narrates a totally different version of how the CIA got hold of the telephone numbers.

He mentions in his book that among the three Saudis whose telephone numbers were with Shaykh Abu Zubayadah was Turkey al Faisal. It is ironic that Turkey al Faisal, contrary to his

claims, is still alive. He was appointed Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the US and later the UK after he left his position as the Intelligence Chief. To this day, he continues to play a prominent role as one of the corrupt pillars of the Saudi regime. As for the third Saudi in the agent's testimony in Al Jazeera, he somehow transformed into a Pakistani Air Marshall in the book!

Given this contradiction, we have the right to question Al Jazeera's professionalism, transparency and journalistic integrity. Either the CIA agent is a liar or Al Jazeera is peddling lies. It is likely that both are partners in trade. Al Jazeera pays and the agent works for the one who pays more, while the task demanded from both is distorting the image of the Mujahideen. And what is hidden from view is far more serious.

Before I conclude my comments on this point, I would like to add that as long as Al Jazeera relies on the testimony of a former American Intelligence official, let me remind this channel about the testimony of a journalist who used to work with them: Jamal Ismail. He has written about the fact that Al Jazeera brought equipment for live broadcast for the interview that they wanted to conduct with me.

As-Sahab:

Jamal Ismail, in his book, 'Bin Laden, Al Jazeera and I', mentions the story of the equipment for live broadcast that Al Jazeera's crew brought with them:

"Equipment for Live Broadcast!!

In the course of my discussions with Al Jazeera's team, I learned that they had brought with them equipment for live broadcast of the interview from Afghanistan via satellite link. This raised questions not just about the possibility or otherwise

of the other side accepting such a proposition but equally about the purpose of bringing such equipment which could trace and pinpoint the location of Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri and perhaps Osama bin Laden as well, if he decided to attend the meeting.

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The former Chechen President, Johar Dudayev, was assassinated after his location was traced by American satellites and the information was passed on to the Russians, who launched missiles to kill him. This incident was still fresh in the minds and had not yet been erased from my memory.

I voiced my fears that the other side might as well cancel the interview for security reasons if this was brought to their knowledge. They would do so out of the conviction that this information would reach the Americans who were monitoring all communications from Afghan soil so as to pinpoint the location of Shaykh Osama bin Laden and Dr. Ayman al Zawahiri and eventually assassinate them.

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Questions surrounding the equipment:

Moreover, I told them: You say you have brought equipment for live broadcast of the interview from Afghanistan. This, from a security perspective, is unacceptable for the other side, since it will expose their locations via satellite link. They will not allow you to use such equipment inside Afghanistan. The fact that you brought such equipment will in itself raise questions about the motives of Al Jazeera and its intentions regarding the other side.

Subhanallah! The immigrant mujahid and imprisoned hero is an agent of the Family of Saud, How evil is their judgment!

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, 'Among the things passed on by the people from the message of the Prophets is: If you are not ashamed, do as you wish.'

And the Prophet (peace be upon him) said, 'Years of deception will come to pass. The liar will be believed in and the truthful will be slandered. The betrayer will be trusted and the trustful will be doubted. And the *Ruwaybadah* shall talk. It was asked, 'And who are the *Ruwaybadah*?' The Prophet (pbuh) said, 'A shallow-minded person (who involves himself) in public affairs.' If only Al Jazeera possessed a grain of neutrality, they would have contacted the lawyer of Shaykh Abu Zubaydah (may Allah hasten his release) or his family and told them: We have certain charges against Abu Zubaydah... is it possible for you to get his response on these charges? If getting a response wasn't possible, the minimum that journalistic integrity- which Al Jazeera claims to uphold- demands from them was to mention: These claims were made by a former Intelligence official; however, we could not get Abu Zubaydah's response on the issue.

This level of integrity is beyond the scope of Al Jazeera. In fact, they flee from it because they are partners in the dirty American propaganda war against the Mujahideen. They are keen to keep the Mujahideen at bay and prevent them from revealing the reality. The truth of the matter is far more serious as I shall explain later.

O' honourable, free and perceptive viewers! I want you to consider this example to see how America manage their dirty media war.

In the case in question, Al Jazeera highlighted two personalities. The first was Abu Zubaydah, the immigrant Palestinian Mujahid who considers the cause of his Ummah a single cause, from Palestine to Chechnya, Afghanistan, Kashmir, the Phillipines and the world over. so as to defend his Ummah and repel the American and Israeli aggression against his Ummah, his Religion, his sanctities, his honour, his lands and resources.

This Mujahid was subjected to the worst possible forms of torture. He was kept detained in an unknown location and his voice was silenced.

The second person was a former official of the American Intelligence who represents the height of criminality and hegemony in this world. He is the policeman, the torturer, the interrogator, the witness, the judge, the prisoner and worse still, the preacher who lectures us on how some states exploit these hired terrorists and later disown them.

This is exactly the same stance and mindset that the Americans possessed vis à vis the Red Indians. They appropriated their properties, their wealth, their homeland. They killed them, exterminated them. They sowed between them strife, spread wine and immorality in their ranks. Finally, they came to them in the garb of the savior and did the favour of proselytizing in their ranks and guaranteeing them the kingdom of heaven. In spite of their conversion, they continued to treat them as wild savages who had no right to live except in designated fringe territories.

This is the message that the media seeks to plant in the mind of the viewer. The criminal American, the petro-robber, the occupier of our lands, the creator of Israel, the instigator behind the Judaization of Jerusalem who spreads his forces in our lands and his naval fleets in our seas... who implants treacherous toadies to rule over us... and who is pleased with all their crimes, their corruption, theft, treachery, torture, enmity for the Religion and violation of honour, dignity and wealth...

This criminal is the witness, the tormentor, the judge, the preacher, the defender of lawful forces against hired terrorists. This is how America's dirty propaganda war waged by Al Jazeera projects a Mujahid as a criminal and a murderer as a preacher.

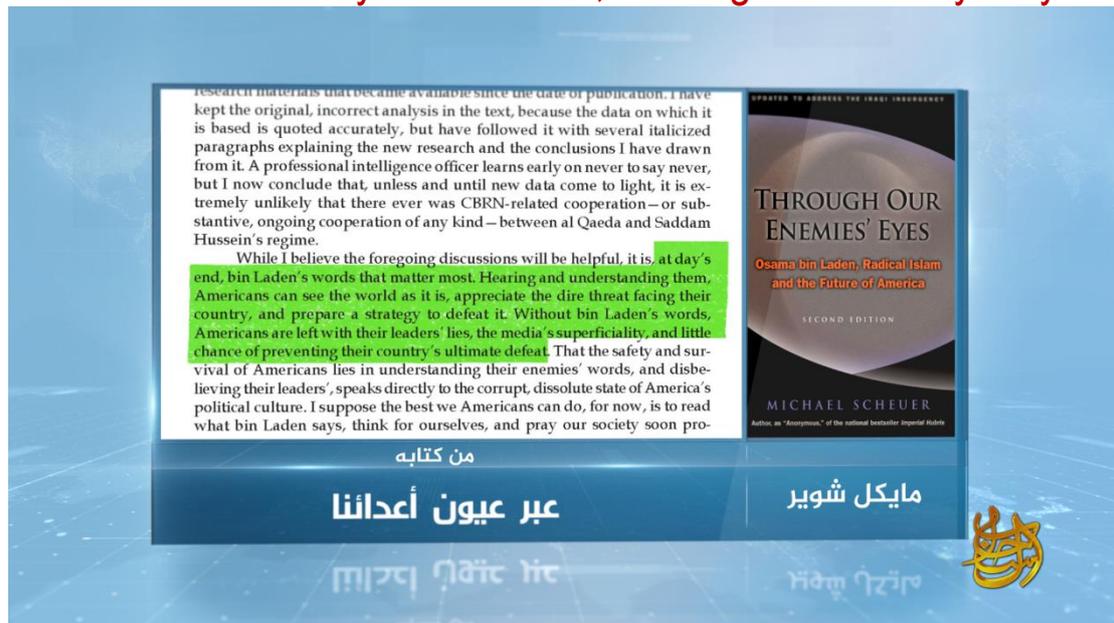
However, I would like to remind the Americans and their hirelings that we, by the grace of Allah, are not Red Indians. We are the Islamic Ummah that brought the message of monotheism to humanity. We are the Ummah that exposed the fabrication of the Holy Books by the Church. We are the Ummah that delegitimized its claim of intercession between the creation and the Creator and exposed the widespread corruption within the Church. We called people to consultation and justice. We brought down the Caesars and Popes. We encouraged righteousness and prohibited evil. We called people to modesty and purity and put an end to indecency and immorality.

This is the Ummah that fought you and shall continue to fight, God Willing. In your war against this Ummah, your propaganda will fail you and your lies will be exposed one by one.

This is the same advice that Michael Scheuer, the former head of the Bin Laden Unit in the CIA, had to offer. He viewed al Qa'eda as a danger that must be eliminated using military force instead of legal means. However, he advised his nation that if they wanted to defeat al Qa'eda, they must stop deceiving themselves and appreciate its reality, instead of panting behind the lies of politicians and media. He emphasized that Osama and the members of al Qa'eda were not a gang of criminals. Rather, Osama was a great man who led a global Islamic resistance and deserved utmost respect. And if you, the American nation, continue to follow the lies and deception of your leaders, defeat shall be your fate.

As-Sahab:

Michael Scheuer says in his book, 'Through the Enemy's Eyes':



Before I conclude, I have two observations I wish to mention to the honourable, free and perceptive viewer:

One: The al Qa'eda Organization has been unjustly accused of clientage by intelligence agencies and states. They accuse us of being agents of America, Israel, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Russia, and Egypt... and so on.

They accuse us of being Takfeeris, Murjiah, extremists, and hardliners. They say that we are after money and power; that we are unrealistic, treacherous and disloyal; and that those among us who were killed in Waziristan with their women and children were traders of heroin who were bombed by America, and so on. We seek our reward from Allah for being patient in the face of these accusations. However, here I would like to warn the honourable and free viewers against this distortion. If he wants to judge us, he should see the message of al Qa'eda, which is the most precious thing we possess. The reception and acceptance of this message by the Ummah is our real victory.

If the viewer finds this message to be good and true, he should agree with it and act upon it. If he finds it otherwise, he should stay away from it and offer his advice to correct us.

The second observation: A lot is said about us. Many claim to know the hidden truth. A lot of what is said has either no truth or is a subtle mixture of truth and fiction.

This is why I would request the honourable viewer not to attribute anything to us except that which we declare and claim. As for somebody stepping forth to say that he was in al Qa'eda or a certain intelligence agency told him that he was al Qa'eda... or a slanderer claims that Mr. X was linked to the group Y which was linked to al Qa'eda, this nonsense does not obligate us in any way.

O' Allah! I have conveyed. Let You be my Witness!

This was a brief comment on the illusions that Al Jazeera tried to sell to its audience. As for the truths that it seeks to conceal and the real objectives behind the campaign of slander against the Mujahideen, it can be summarized in two short phrases: 'The Mujahideen are traitors, so reject them. Israel is a reality, so live with it.' I shall discuss this in the coming episode, God Willing.

And our last prayer is that all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. And may peace and blessings be upon our master, Muhammad, his family and Companions. Wassalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu.

As-Sahab:

Al Jazeera claims that its journalism is based on professionalism and integrity, and that it is the platform for airing differing opinions. In the context of these loud sounding claims, let us see how Al Jazeera deals with the scandal that we have highlighted in this film and whether or not it is independent in devising its media policy.

