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Letter addressed to Atiyah on list of names

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In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

To my good two brothers Hajj (('Uthman)), and Shaykh ((Mahmud)), may peace and the blessings of God be yours.

I hope that you, your family, and all the brothers are well and enjoying good health when you receive my letter.

I hope that you are giving your attention to store the provisions, especially wheat and dates (TN: underlined text)

- I hope that you will inform us about all of the Yemeni brothers who are with you.

- I hope that you will inform us about the leakage of the news covering the martyrdom of our son Sa'ad; may God have mercy on his soul.

- I hope that you will send over the Pashtuni mediator.

- I hope that you will request the regional (TN variant, Qatari) curricula from Ahmad ((Zaydan)) and maybe you can copy them from the internet.

I hope that you will write a letter to our brothers in the Islamic Maghreb to inform them with the previously mentioned concept (NFI), and for them to consider themselves as the army of the Muslims in the Islamic Maghreb whose job is to uproot the obnoxious tree by concentrating on its American trunk, and to avoid being occupied with the local security forces. Also they have to differentiate between those who go over to their location to fight them, the Imams who occupy themselves for that purpose, and those they (the brothers) seek to attack in their own headquarters. By fighting the local enemy we don't get the result that we deployed for, which is to reinstate the wise Caliphate and eliminate the disgrace and humiliation that our nation is suffering from.

You should ask them to avoid insisting on the formation of an Islamic State at the time being, but to work on breaking the power of our main enemy by attacking the American embassies in the African countries, such as Sierra Leone, Togo, and mainly to attack the American oil companies.

They also need to give their attention to extend specific training to carry external operations, and they shouldn't be stingy in the quantity of explosives to be used or the number of martyrs. You are to pass to them your experience on this subject, and warn them about the mistakes that Mujahidin did in their operations against the Americans; some of which were mentioned in our previous letter.

- I hope that you send a letter to the brothers in Yemen to have them implement security measures, avoid moving about except for dire need. The same is true for the leadership members who appear in the media outlets, who should also avoid meeting people (in restaurants and gas stations).

- After informing them with above mentioned concept, you should also warn them against the dangers behind a bloody fight with the tribes (as previously mentioned by us)

NB: Of importance is to have one of the important Tanzim (TN: al-Qa'ida) leadership member to be from the south.

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- They should avoid targeting the army and the police force quarters, and often declare that they aren't targeting them, but are after the Americans who are killing our families in Gaza. Also they should clearly tell the military to avoid serving the crusaders, and that they shouldn't fight the party that doesn't fight them, and that they are defending themselves and wouldn't shoot anyone except if they are coming to fight them. This is an important issue that will have the Mujahidin gain the sympathy of the people, and will also weaken the morale of the soldiers.

- Try to have the people who are with the al-Qa'ida swear allegiance (TN: to al-Qa'ida), and if they don't then don't shun them, be open minded, agree to their working with you, and with the passage of time they will appreciate your tolerance, which will make them close to you, and they will join up with you.

- The high rank leadership should be well scrutinized to avoid any doubts.

- Some of the names of the old-timer brothers are, ((Abu Ghazwan)), ((Abu Hurayrah al-Yafi'i)), ((Abu Rihanah al-Yafi'i)), ((Abu 'Umar al-((Wasabi))), and in 'Ubaydah there is 'Abd al-Qawi al-((Jad'i)).

- You should deal with the President's proposal in a prudent way that will show that your enemy is the party that is insisting on escalating the issues and that its action will result in fighting to take place; which fact will have the people sympathies with the Mujahidin and judge the enemy to be the party that is responsible for the fighting consequences. It will also show that we are keen on having a strong foundation for the unity of the Muslim nation and for the safety and security of its people. The issue of abandoning our weapons is totally unacceptable because it (TN: weapons) is part of our existence and history, and we rely on it to safeguard our life. A man is incomplete without a weapon, and the people who laid down their weapons are now worthless.

- We hope that you will send a letter to the brothers in Somalia to have them avoid declaring their solidarity with the al-Qa'ida, and to give their full attention to collecting ransom money and hijack ships.

General comments:

We have to consider the situation of the brothers who are in the midst of the fighting arena, as is the case in Algeria and Yemen. It might be difficult for them to understand and accept our proposal to avoid attacking the army and the police force, and for that reason, we have to draw their attention to the Shari'a evidence and the logical assessment (TN: to avoid attacking such countries as) Syria, Egypt, as well as Sudan. Sudan was under pressure to neglect implementing the Shari'a, and thus it deviated from its set path. However, the pressure increased on it (Sudan) and it had to cede the south (TN: vague, translated as is).

Every arrow and every explosive mine can be used to destroy an American vehicle, and there are others (TN: mines/gear) that should be disbursed to target and bomb American vehicles and prioritize them over NATO vehicles.

We should consider an exception to the rule (TN: of not targeting the military) when an Algerian or Yemeni military unit (not a regular patrol) is on its way to the locations of the brothers.

In other words, any action that is carried at this stage to defend the Mujahidin group in "that country" and allow it to carry its main mission of attacking the American interests is excluded from the general rule.

We should stress on the importance of timing in establishing the Islamic State. We should be aware that planning for the establishment of the state begins with exhausting the main influential power that enforced the siege on the Hamas government, and that overthrew the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan and Iraq despite the fact this power was depleted. We should keep in mind that this main power still has the capacity to lay siege on any Islamic State, and that such a siege might force the people to overthrow their duly elected governments.

We have to continue with exhausting and depleting them till they become so weak that they can't overthrow any State that we establish. That will be the time to commence with forming the Islamic state.

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