

Sender is someone with signed name of Mahmud (var. Mahmoud) (tn: more likely 'Atiyatallah). Letter is addressed to "our venerable sheikh Abu 'Abdallah (tn: more likely UBL).

Aside from the traditional greetings, the "Adha" holiday wishes, and compliments writer dates this letter on Tuesday November 24 2010 (17 Dhu al-Hijjah 1431 H). Writer addresses 11 points/issues which are translated below:

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1. (tn: Gisted paragraph) Writer refers to the United States election of November (TN; more likely the mid-term election of November 2010); he watched the election on the BBC. Through the writer's analysis with the "brothers" especially Abu Yahya and Munir (var. Mounir) who decided to delay publishing any comments until possibly "our sheikh" (the writer puts it) has the chance to review, add, and/or modify final output with English translation to it. Writer states he is including a copy for the "sheikh" (meaning UBL) to give his last word. Writer indicates saying "...and our Nour al-Din (('Azzam)) added his comments too and all is ready for you to review the file."

2. (tn: verbatim) I would like to draw to your attention that we are using the name of ((Munir)) (var. Mounir) for "brother" 'Abd al-Rahman al-((Mughrabi)) (var. Abdel Rahman al-((Moughraby))).

3. (tn: comprehensive Gisted paragraph) With regard to our overall situation, there are fears about rumors that possibly the military will carry out an attack again in North Waziristan because of the American pressures. However, these pressures have lessened since Obama's visit to India and did not visit Pakistan. Pakistanis sent for recruitment here in the North are telling each other: if communications do not stop from Miran Shah and Mir 'Ali and thereabouts. And on this (level) the attack remains possible. There were indications about American pressures on them due to these communications. On this subject, Pakistanis say: "we are now going to stop all communications except those with special permits; we will permit some families and the likes. But the problem is not because of us [al-tanzim -(meaning al-Qa'ida)] or those adherents; it is those "loiterers" in the streets of Miran Shah and Mir 'Ali who do not listen to anyone and are undisciplined, (tn: they are those) like the Arabs, the Turks, the Azerbaijanis, and even the Germans and other mix

of people. We advise those who are wise and intelligent from among these groups; we ask them to minimize problems and help them understand the general public interests. We are trying to form a council to coordinate with all those with Turkish dialects (the brothers from Turkey, Turkistan, Azerbaijan, possibly people from Bulgaria) - may God help.

And about these fears, we put out a plan to have some families enter Pakistan, just for contingency. We began with the first phase which is starting with a group of weak families (tn: possibly meaning poor/obedient): widows, and others. However, when we informed them, some of them refused going to Pakistan. You know well how the "brothers" and families behave! Some of them moved in fact, and some are in process of moving now.

On the military level, we purchased a quantity of ammunition and drew some simple strategies; our situation is difficult due to sharp decrease in recruits, capabilities, and the increase of spies to the point that the entire atmosphere is polluted (tn: meaning spies are everywhere) - and God is the Savior. However, we shall not be rendered disable with God power and our confidence in the Almighty.

We have decided to focus on "Mas'ud" (tn: name in quote in original text - NFI, possibly a location or a person) because the defeat of the wicked military in Mas'ud (var. Masoud) would stop it from moving forward in carry out any big operation in the North (tn: possibly a location named Shimali). Like what Abu Muhammad told us (God protect him), in his counseling that Mas'ud is the first line of defense from the North (Shimali). But you would be pleased that sheikh Abu Muhammad continues to be with us by monitoring with such an exact manner, specially with all his advices and counsels - God bless him.

I received during this month some of the new tragic events, as God willed it. Of these (tragic events):

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-- -- The death of Muhammad Khan (Muslim) aka 'Abdullah, the son of Shaykh Sa'id Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, God rest his soul, and with him was a Balushi/Arab from our recruits; his name is Mu'awiyah. He was married to one of the girls of our "brother" Abu Khalil al-((Faltawi)) (he was married to her for about two years and has one son). Now there are no more sons to sheikh Sa'id except the youngest one - 'Usamah (var. Osama) and his beautiful daughter 'Um Hafsa, who is

injured - may God envelopes them by HIS care. The family is now in Pakistan; I do not know if they received the news; the "brothers" said that they would tell them about that after the holiday.

-- the death of twenty "brothers" in one or two shelling in one place almost on the holiday. They are mujahidin fighters from our "brothers" in one of our brigades, which is Abu Bakr al-Siddiq (tn: brigade) (God accept him).

And the reason was their gathering (tn: together) for the holiday. This was done despite our enforcement and reassurances to the "brothers" to avoid any gatherings. In fact, a little while before the holiday I stressed to them not to exceed their agreed upon number of five (people) in one center. But they interpret (tn: things wrong) sometime and exert themselves. Among those twenty there were some Turkish "brothers," two Kurds from Iran, three Libyan "brothers, and two or three from the Peninsula (tn: mean the Arabian Peninsula countries) and one Syrian.

Thank God, we are to HIM and return to HIM, May He (God) support us to go through this tragedy and to enable us in inheriting His Goodness.

4. Now about the subject of Hamzah and his mother: with regard 'Um Hamzah, she is ready to go to your side. However, we are waiting to verify the matter with you; also we shall take advantage of convenient "cloudy" days for their move according to your direction. With regard to directives for them to leave things in place, I have already told them not to take in anything they have from Iran with them (tn: Um Hamzah going to 'Abu 'Abdallah); they already know this and 'Abd al-Latif informed them too. They are even overdoing this (tn: making sure not to take anything) just in case. I even asked them about her teeth (tn: Um Hamzah) which she had filled in Iran; I even helped her with some of the visible mix (tn: teeth filled). By what I understood from Hamzah and I already told them that, God willing, there will be no harm from that (tn: not taking anything with them in their move). However the problem is that they said they had this done (tn: the teeth filling) in Iran under the supervision of a doctor who is associated with "those people" (NFI) where she was there and officially. I doubt - with God help - that there would be anything. Nevertheless, I preferred to mention this to you in order for you to be aware and we can consult when need be.

Consequently, if you wish that we send Um Hamzah - may God protect - let us know this time of: a) either to schedule a fix time or; b) or

give us the green light to decide because we can let our agent take the convenient time after we prepare for them a convenient "cloudy" day.

With regard to Hamzah, he is very sweet and good. I see in him wisdom and politeness - God Bless him. However, our beloved sheikh, he is a young man who lived years in prison; sadly enough, he is now put in nearly another look like prison on our side; and this is why he is wary from this; he comes back to me asking me that he should be trained and participate in giving. He does not want to be treated with favoritism because he is the son of "someone" and as such God Bless him. I calm him down as we pray together and find him to be an easy going and warm - thank God; I reminded him with what had happened to Sa'd, because Sa'd died - PBUH - as he was impatient and more persistent than he is (tn: Hamzah); and (tn: reminded him) to thank God that he is in a safe place and that with patience all will happen and be fine. I promised him to plan some safe training for him: firing arms and with various weapons; however, I am somewhat behind (tn: in this promise) than what I like. Perhaps I will get to do this in the coming days - God willing.

Also I promised him (tn: Hamzah) with useful books and files; also he has a computer; thank God he is patient and intelligent. If you like to write him, please write him something proper (tn: encouraging).

Furthermore, I wish you would write on your own to Um Hamzah for any clear explanations, recommendations, and reminders; I will give them to read it (tn: what you write) on their own. May God have His blessings on you.

Now with regard the guard we have tried (tn: working) in this; the "brother" whom I tasked this job informed me that he has the following: ((but the special subject matter, the "brother" who is with me, is a "brother" who is a mujahid and received his training with us; he returned after he spent here almost four months. He is about thirty five (35) years old (I will verify this with him more); he is married; has small children (but I will send you their number, the age of each one next time - God willing), and he used to have a shop or some shops in Lahore; he is a savvy person, mature, confident, and understands the subject matter of renting, selling, and purchasing homes, including all necessary procedures to lead a civil life; he knows how to behave in cities with God help. However, he is not a Pashtu; he is a Punjabi; what is your opinion? As far as I am

concerned, I will send you all the information about him the next time around - God help me)).

And just like you see, my friend continues to verify the character and qualifications of this man; but anyway (tn: remember) he is an Urdu/Punjabi.

May be I will find this time our "brother" Elyas Kashmiri; he may have a qualified person.

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And like you may have noticed from what I said, Hamzah is now with us in the province. Some projects came to a stop because 'Abd al-Latif is away now. The problems increased with the death of Muhammad Khan and brother Mu'awiyah al-Balushi; they were overseeing road planning and expansion deep into Baluchistan by visiting safe places. May God reward them because they went and explored places and planned things; but a little bit after they returned to the area, they were martyred in a shelling, Thanks be to God.

5. I would like to tell you about our "brothers" who - Thank God - completed the deal well of the Afghan Ambassador and we freed him. May be you were able to watch the news. We received all or most of the money (it is possible that some money is kept with the warrant agent, but "they" may have receive the sum by now); the warrant agents are from Al Haqqani (tn: Capital "AL" means family or tribe) from whom comes al-Hajji Ibrahim, the brother of Jalal al-Din, another man. The accomplishment of this sum is (equivalent to three million dollar) which we received in local currency.

6. With regard to the pledge, we made the pledge (during the last three years and one half after the "brothers" came from Iran) to sheikh Sa'id only; but I am his deputy at some circumstances, especially when sheikh Sa'id was away and the matter was urgent (for example: one "brother" was traveling to work overseas and we need to have him pledge; and when sheikh Sa'id is the South and I am in the North, etc.). Now I am in charge of overseeing and accepting pledges. Also I said to Abu Yahya to do the same in some circumstances, like what I did when sheikh Sa'id (tn: was in charge). One time the "brothers" of sheikh Yunis were traveling and I was away; it was difficult for me to meet them before they left. At that time, I sent

them an audio recording and blessed the pledge by asking sheikh 'Umar Khalil (var. Omar Khaleel) in a letter asking him (tn: Khalil) to accept the pledge from these "brothers" in my behalf, which he did.

On our part, we take them (tn: pledges) in behalf of sheikh 'Usamah Bin Ladin as we say a statement in such format: "I pledge to you in behalf of sheikh 'Usamah Ben Ladin and to whomever from the emirs is tasked over me to carry out the jihad mission for the sake of God's kingdom and the nation of Islam which governs in God's laws; and to protect the secret of the "jama'ah" (group) and to be wherever ordered to be.

7. With regard the "brothers" who are prepared and ready for the responsibility in the future, like I mentioned to you before: brother (('Abd al-Jalil)); there is brother Qari Sufyan al-((Magribi)) (var. Sufian al-((Mughrabi))); brother Anas al-((Subay'i)) who is good for some responsibilities - with God help - even though he is a bit difficult to an extent; but he possesses energy with good intuition and determination; you know him (tn: well). There is brother Abu Khalil who supports and helps in responsibilities; but he cannot do large things; there is a Pakistani brother named Ahmad Faruq (in charge of al-Sahab in Urdu); he is a respectable man; he knows Arabic in a good way; he possesses administrative skills, good mind, education, and dynamism; maybe we can incorporate him with in the shurah this time - God willing. There is a brother named Abu Dujanah al- ((Masir)), AKA ((al-Basha)) - may God protect. And now we are in the process of testing/trying him to work in Pakistan; of course, Abu 'Umar al-((Masri)) (var. Abu 'Amru al-Masri); also ((Abu Salih)), Abu Ziyad al-((Iraqi)) all are good for some of the works. There is also brother Abu Hafs al-((Shihri)) (var. Abou Hafs al-((Shahri))) who is the first cousin to Abu 'Uthman - (PBUH); He is now running the work and overseeing it in place of Abu 'Uthman; I believe he is better than Abu 'Uthman. And these are from the old "guards."

When it comes to the new generation, we have: brohter Abu 'Abd al-Rahman al-((Sharqi)) from Bahrain; a respectable young man; he is now in the foreign operations committee; a Kuwaiti brother named Abu al-Hasan al-((Wa'ili)) who works with me in communications; he participates in media; I consider him to be is a devout young man; another brother from the Peninsula (al-Jazirah) (tn: not clear if he worked for al-Jazira TV/Radio or to mean from the Arabian Peninsula). He is a fighter; we consider him to be a good man, intelligent, and honorable; his name is Abu Hamzah al-((Khalidi)) (he is the first cousin to sheikh al-((Khalidi)), who is in prison with sheikh al-

((Fahd)) and sheikh al-((Khudayr)) in Saudi Arabia; he is now an emir of one brigade with us. These three have been with on the ground about three years; they continue to advance and we see blessings and success in them and from - Thank God. There are more from the new generation - and may God protect them all.

8. We are sending with this letter the sum of sixteen "lak" rupees; we sent you earlier eight and one half "lak." Based on the above, there is a balance of ten "lak" which we will send you next time - God willing. This is excellent as it is equivalent to thirty thousand Euro which you asked for and based on the currency exchange here it is 115 (the exchange rate went down and then went up). And God is with us.

With regard assigning someone who would qualify to oversee your treasury, I have a brother who can do this - God willing. I have not talked with him yet, but I shall try soon - God help me - and we shall send - God willing - a full audit.

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9. On the subject of finance and situations, let us tell you that - thank God - four months ago (around the month of this past ramadan) we completed an agreement with our "brother" sheikh Abu Yahya to merge in full with al-"tanzim" (tn: al-Qa'idah) and he agreed - may God bless him - on one condition (his condition is that he and all his brothers who were martyred: Abu al-Layth, Abu Sahl, and 'Abdallah Sa'id) is that when they joined al-"tanzim" they want to have the financial autonomy and to keep their revenues and investments. Thank God, this is over and unity is completed in a full manner in everything. Abu Yahya gave all his resources and every income he receives he transfers to the general budget; now he has for him - from the financial committee in al-"tanzim" - a special budget appropriate for his monthly needs which he can spend anyway he likes (friends, gifts, guest, network circle, etc) - Thank God.

The good news is we are in one heart, loving, confident, and cooperating; we pray God to bless us this group which got together for HIS Glory. Also I had informed Abu Muhammad (tn: possibly al-Zawahiri) about the above (tn: agreement with Abu Yahya) as well as Abu Yahya wrote him too. He is very happy; he wrote me back asking me to tell you about it. Thank God.

10. I would like to inform you that sheikh Yunis left us. However he continues to be in the frontiers area on the Baluchistan side because "they" are planning to enter - God help them - Iran. Al his friends are with him and I believe they count to be six. We pray God to cover for them and protect them.

And with regard the difficulty in communication about the killing of the "brothers," I did not send him your last letter yet; God willing, we shall send when time permits.

11. With regard the family file/folder which you sent last time to 'Abd al-Latif, it is still with me; should I delete it or would like anything from it?

And this is what God enabled me - All Glory to HIM...and there no other God but HIM.

Peace to you and may HIS mercy and blessing with you you

Mahmud

Tuesday, November 24 2010 (17 Dhu al-Hijja 1431 H)

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