

Full translation

In the name of God. Praise be to God and prayers and peace be upon the messenger of God.

To the honorable brothers, Katrina and the uncle, God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you.

I pray to God for you to be well and in good health and I pray to Him to accept your good deeds, protect you, gather us in glory in this life, and grant us eternity.

May God reward you greatly for what you did on the issue of Sa'd and those with him. May God grant you success so that you can complete the matter and make your hands accomplish good things. Regarding the three things that you asked for in your letter, the link between us and Sa'd is disconnected for now and we think that the best way for this is through the people that he is with (we will call them the West). If your side agrees to get them out, in my opinion, the first step is to get their approval. If they agree, they should determine a way for us to contact Sa'd and those accompanying him, either through us using Shaykh al-Islam in Zahid or through you. We prefer the first method, for it is easier and faster for us.

As for the two conditions for accepting mediation: without anyone knowing about it, and for it to be from the father... we guarantee these two things for them and we can confirm this to them after the approval of the first step.

It is fine for you to write letters on their behalf until linking up with them.

We wrote this letter to you before we sent your letter to the father, in order to speed up the first step which is very important in any case, and because connecting with the father and getting his response might be delayed. God willing, we will send your letter to him as soon as possible. If his response arrives, we will send it to you as soon as possible.

May God reward you greatly.

Your loving brother,

Qari 'Abd-al-Salam ('Uthman)

Date: 27 Rabi' Thani (TN: no year given, early April)