

(Full translation)

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In the name of God the most merciful

To Shaykh Mahmud, may God bless him,

Greetings,

I hope that you receive this letter while you, your family, and children are in good health.

Perhaps you have been monitoring the surprising and fast-moving developments. Ten days after the fall of the tyrant of Tunis, the Egyptian revolution started and more than four million people gathered in Cairo demanding the removal of the greatest and strongest agent of the infidels in the area. Before his fall, the revolution in Yemen started, and before things settled in Yemen, the revolution in Libya had begun. I believe that the end is going to be for the benefit of the Muslims soon, despite the craziness and brutality of the ((Qadhafi)) regime against the revolutionists. Before things settled in Libya, the revolution of Oman had begun. The land of the two sanctuaries decided on 11 March as the day for demonstrations. This is in addition to the demonstration in Algeria, Morocco, Jordan, and Lebanon.

These events are very great and grand. Based on ground truth and history, one is led to believe that this will affect the entire Muslim world. Things are moving in the direction of getting the land of the Muslims out from under the dominance of the US. Americans are very worried about these successive revolutions. The secretary of state expressed this concern by saying, "We are afraid that the area could fall into the hands of militant Muslims." She said this before things had gotten to where they are after the revolution in Egypt had begun. Egypt is the floodgate, and its fall means the fall of all the tyrants in the area and the beginning of a new era for the entire nation. In spite of that, the international environment did not allow the West to back ((Mubarak)). They are also showing the same weakness in their position toward Libya. This position led many intellectuals around the world to criticize politicians and

accuse them of being spectators and not rising to the level of the events. This has shown the world the weakness of the West and the retreat of its role in the world.

These events are the most important events that the nation has witnessed in centuries. While asleep, the nation's religion and holy sites were being desecrated (except for the Afghan Jihad and today's Jihad).

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Two decades ago, some of the sons of this nation tried to get up and these were the events in Syria, Algeria, Egypt, and Yemen. However, these attempts failed to achieve their goals due to various reasons that I should talk about in an article. Those movements were not the size of today's movements. Today's movements are in danger of falling into the trap of creating a system that is different from what God has ordered us to implement.

Our greatest duty is to provide guidance. This guidance should be disciplined and guided by Shari'a. In the past, I called on the honest in the nation to nominate a number of scholars to form a Shura council that would monitor the issues of the nation and provide guidance, opinion, and counsel. However, their failure to respond to that call and the situation that the nation finds itself in dictate that we, al-Mujahidin, should perform this duty and try to the best of our ability to fill the great gap. We should also be gentle and compassionate toward those who were misguided for many decades.

No doubt that al-Mujahidin have many responsibilities, but this great duty should have the greatest share of our efforts to prevent the current revolution from becoming like previous revolutions against the Western occupation.

Jihad in Afghanistan is a duty to reestablish the law of God in it. It also is the way for liberating a nation of 1.5 billion people and the way to regain its holy sites. While we were fighting in Afghanistan and draining the head of the infidels, it became weak to a degree that enabled the Muslim nation to regain some of its self confidence and courage. It also removed the overwhelming pressure to not revolt against the agents of the US. As this pressure gradually vanished, the people started their revolutions.

Keep in mind that those streams that call for half-measure solutions, such as the Brotherhood, have gained a better understanding, especially the youth in them. This phenomenon was addressed in a long question to Shaykh ((Abu-Muhammad)) by a member of the Brotherhood. Also, it was mentioned in media outlets that there is a strong Salafi stream within the Brotherhood.

Based on the above, we should not be consumed with the front in Afghanistan where we are witnessing a robust jihadi movement, while the heart of the Muslim nation is witnessing popular revolutions. The front in Afghanistan brought some great benefits and destroyed the image of head of the infidels. This does not mean that we should stop Jihad there; instead we should focus our efforts toward the direction that is most likely the path for liberating the nation. As I said, history and ground truth show that these revolutions are the path for restoring the Caliphate.

We should work on increasing media productions. Our efforts should be focused on guiding the nation through a specific plan that we all have discussed. The next phase is very important and dangerous and cannot tolerate any contradiction in our instructions. In principle, it seems to me that the most important steps to take during the next phase are:

1- To hold the hand of the people and encourage them to revolt against the tyrants. We should touch on the fact that this is a religious obligation. We should talk about toppling the tyrants without talking about issues related to the Caliphate.

2- The phase after the toppling of the regimes; it is the phase for building awareness and correcting understandings.

3- .....

Due to our effort to fill the gap and to prepare a plan to guide the nation, we should deploy all capabilities and skills in literature (normal text, poetry), audio and print. We should dedicate these capabilities to guiding the youth of the nation. We should leave the management of the work in Afghanistan and

Waziristan to individuals who have administrative and field capabilities but do not have writing skills.

Based on this, receiving this letter will mark the end of your administrative work in Afghanistan and you should appoint ..... to replace you. You should work as soon as possible on arranging a safe route for getting out on a cloudy day in the area to Peshawar and the surrounding areas until we find you a house in the area that I am in.

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In your previous letter, you wrote that the unstable situation and the commotion can reduce the brain's ability to think and can reduce productivity. This will allow you to monitor the media better and will facilitate correspondence between us to exchange opinions and to increase our speeches to the nation. It will also allow us to exchange visits to verbally discuss our thoughts on these great events. Before I finish talking about this issue, I would to say that my words are contradictory to what I said in previous letters, but the magnetude of the events dictates that we implement a full mobilization.

Please let ((Abu-Yahya)) know about what I said in the letter above and ask him to go out of the spying area in order to be able to closely monitor the events of the nation. Also, please convey my words on this issue to the rest of the brothers who can write; ask them to do the same thing that I asked Shaykh Abu-Yahya to do. Do not exclude any one of them, for each voice counts at this phase; the work is going to be a joint effort.

Regarding what you mentioned in your previous letter about the general motto of the brothers is that martyrdom is better than detention, and based on that, one should not go out of the secured area. My response to that is that if the foundation is true, that does not necessarily mean that what was built on it is true. The facts prove that the American technology and advanced systems cannot capture a mujahid if he does not make a security violation that will lead them to him. Commitment to operational security makes his technological advancement a waste. Security procedures in our circumstances should be practiced at all times and there is no room for mistakes. Some people are not disciplined and cannot do this, and these people should be treated differently - perhaps a job in the field might be best for them.

As for those who are disciplined, you arrange houses for them at the edge of a neighborhood due to their relative distance from people. This reduces many security risks. They should be kept with trustworthy companions. These companions should have a cover, especially those who have neighbors watching them.

One of the most important security issues in the cities is children. They should not be allowed to go out unless it is necessary (medical treatment). They should be taught the local language.

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They should not be allowed to be in the yard unless they have an adult with them to control their noise.

General points:

- 1- Regarding the eruption of revolutions .....brothers, Yemen, Algeria, Iraq ..... keep them unallied through awareness for them and for the Mujahidin. This means that operations by us against the army and police should stop in all areas, especially Yemen.
  - 2- Regarding what you mentioned about al-Ilham magazine, please send a reminder to the brother and ask them not to repeat this.
  - 3- Enclosed is a statement.
  - 4- Somehow, please issue a statement on the matter.
  - 5- Please let me know if Tunis (TN: sic) can come and live in one of the cities in the province of Sarhad to help with the work plan and in correcting understandings among the children of this nation. I also need your opinion about him leaving his work that I tasked him with and appointing a qualified brother to do it.
- Regarding the Shura, I am sure you know the importance of this. Please send me your opinion on the issue. Also, I am waiting for Abu-Yahya's research on the matter. If hearts and intentions are pure, all disagreements will be resolved.

- Regarding Hamzah, thank you for your assessment of the situation. If you can send him with his mother, then I want to emphasize what I said before. Perhaps what you said about arrangements for getting him out to him has been done. In any case, please tell him not to leave the house unless it is absolutely necessary. Guests going to him (TN: sic).

We should not be just an aiding factor in the issues of our nation; we should take ownership of these issues. This is the most important point in our history, so we need to focus on it and pay attention to it.

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- Please follow up on the file of targeting the French that was previously mentioned.

- Please ask the brothers in the media to send the living will statements of the 19 brothers - that were not broadcast and that we did not receive - so as to get them to us before the 10th anniversary of our blessed attacks.

- Regarding what you said about the file that I sent to brother ((Abu-al-Nur)), you were correct and for that reason I did not ask everyone to do what he mentioned. I just wanted to encourage anyone who provides advice in a gentle manner.

- Regarding the letter from Khaled to ((Abu-al-Harith)), you did a good job. As for the Khaled's call to brother 'Abdallah al-((Sindi)), it will not happen and Khaled is with us. That would have happened if he went to live with his brother.

- Regarding the warning that you sent in the "Dangerous Warning" file, such important issues should be sent inside the file that contains your letter to me to guarantee that I receive it and review it.

- Regarding your efforts with the Taliban, praise to God for what you were able to accomplish. Regarding the statement that I asked you to publish, it is good that you did not mention Tehrik. I also think that you should publish it in Arabic because we want all the Arab Mujahidin in all the fields to benefit from it. As you know, there are lots of operations that were attributed to our brothers in Iraq in which civilians got harmed.

Regarding the companion, please expedite the arrangements for him. On 15 January 2011, we agreed in writing with our companions that we would arrange to have them replaced within six months. You know that the issue of arranging a safe place after selecting the appropriate individual requires time. Please update me on the companion in each letter that you send to me.

- Regarding your meeting with the brother to arrange for the companion, you should not meet with him at all. Arrangements can be arranged in a generic manner by letters. In your previous letter, you talked about the incident in which Brother Riyad became a martyr. I do not know what happened, but this incident shows that the security precautions that I asked you to implement were not implemented. Please pay attention to implementing the precautions that I mentioned, including meeting only two people and reducing your movements to the minimum.

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- Regarding the operation in which Taliban targeted one of the tribes, this operation is unjustifiable because it killed innocents and it contradicted the general policy.

- Regarding the France statement, Al Jazeera has published it.

- Regarding the letter of my son Sa'd (may God rest his soul), I think that you should delete the copies of it that you have. Next time, I will send you a copy and I will delete from it what needs to be deleted, and this copy should be kept in the archives of al-Sahab due to its content that can expose the truth about the Iranian regime.

- Regarding what you mentioned about the picture of Sa'd (may God rest his soul), his after-death picture should be deleted, and it is okay to keep other pictures in the archive.

- Regarding the poem, may God bless you for it, but I do not think that you should send it to the brothers.