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Osama Bin Laden's Elimination through the Prism of Al-Qaeda's Affiliates and Global Jihad Supporters – Follow-Up Report

General

On May 1st 2011, an American commando force eliminated Al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, in Abbottabad, Pakistan. A few days later, after an official announcement on behalf of the organization's general leadership, Al-Qaeda affiliates worldwide published official announcements containing eulogies over his death and praises for his path, alongside general calls for retribution. In total, 18 official announcements by global Jihad organizations and leaders were published on Jihadist forums and the internet, in addition to the announcements made by media institutes of global Jihad organizations, the Jihadist forums and prominent writers on these forums.

A month and a half following the assassination, on June 16th 2011, the Jihadist forums published an official announcement on behalf of "Qaidat Al-Jihad – the General Leadership", officially proclaiming Ayman Al-Zawahiri as Al-Qaeda's leader, replacing Bin Laden. The message itself was published without a specific date and without detailing the names of the leadership's members (see more details on the message later on in the document).



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

[تنظيم قاعدة الجهاد - القيادة العامة]

بيان بشأن خلافة الشيخ أسامة بن لادن في إمارة جماعة قاعدة الجهاد

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا احْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِعُوا وَاللَّهُ مُعَلِّمُ الْقَلْبِ ﴾

وقال النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم: "أما تزال طائفة من أمتي يُقاتلون على الحق طاهرين إلى يوم القيامة".

يلجوب راضية بقضاء الله وقدره مطمئنة إلى عهد الله تعالى وحسن جزائه، تلقت الأمة المسلمة والمجاهدون في جماعة قاعدة الجهاد وغيرها تياً استشهاد لإمام الجهاد الماهر الميراث الشيخ أسامة بن محمد بن لادن رحمه الله رحمة واسعة، سائلين المولى عز وجل أن يرفع درجته ويجزيه عنا وعن أمة الإسلام عبر الجهاد.

هذا ولما كان الجهاد ماثباً إلى يوم القيامة - كما جاء في الأحاديث - وقد صار في هذا العصر قرصاً عينياً ضد الكفار الغزاة المظنون لديار المسلمين وحشد الحكام المرتدين المبدلون لشرايع الإسلام - كما أجمع على ذلك علماء الإسلام - ولما كان سير وقام للشهداء الأبرار وأسيرة لشيخ الجهاد أسامة بن لادن هو الاستمرار على درب الجهاد في سبيل الله ونصرة المسلمين والمستضعفين، فإن القيادة العامة لجماعة قاعدة الجهاد - وبعد استكمال التشاور - تعلن تولى الشيخ الدكتور أي محمد كمن الظواهري وبقه الله مسؤولية إمرة الجماعة، سائلين الله سبحانه وتعالى أن يوفقه ويوفقنا وجميع المسلمين للعمل بشرعيته والنيات على الحق على الوجه الذي يرضيه عز وجل غير مبدلين ولا مغيرين.

وهذه المناسبة فإن القيادة العامة لقاعدة الجهاد يهيمها أن تؤكد على المبادئ التالية :

أولاً - إن جماعة قاعدة الجهاد بفضل الله وبنه تسمى للعمل بالكتاب والسنة ولذلك تدعو، تبع لمخ النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم وأصحابه الأبرار وآله بيته الأطهار رضوان الله عليهم أجمعين، وما أجمع عليه سلف الأمة من التابعين وتابعهم بإحسان ومن سار على دربهم وأقضى أثرهم في العلم والعمل كالأئمة الأربعة وأئمة الفقه والحديث ممن تلقىهم الأمة بالقبول وشهدت لهم بالحوية وأثت عليهم وترجمت سيولاً بعد جيل، انتمزم بما أجمعوا عليه، ولا تخرج عن أوقافهم فيما سواه، وتسمى لأن تكون بعون الله متبين لا مبتدعين، مقتدين لا مخترعين.

ثانياً - تسمى بعون الله وتوفيقه للدعوة للدين الحق، وتحريض أمتنا على الإصعاد والقتال، مع أمتنا العملي للفرقة العنيفة في جهاد الكفار المعتدين على ديار الإسلام، وعلى رأسهم أمريكا الصليبية وريبتها إسرائيل، ومن أعاقهم من الحكام المبدلون لشريعة الإسلام؛ لمجاهدكم بكل ما في طاقتنا ونحث الأمة على جهادهم باليد واللسان والجنان والمال والفعال وبكل مستطاع، حتى تخرج جميع الجيوش الغازية من أرض الإسلام وتسود فيها شريعة الله،

Al-Qaeda's leadership names Ayman Al-Zawahiri as Bin Laden's successor

It should be noted that according to Al-Qaeda's convention published as part of the Harmony project, in the event the organization's Emir is killed or captured, allegiance should be sworn to the deputy, which means that Ayman Al-Zawahiri, at least according to the organization's regulations, was indeed meant to succeed Bin Laden as Al-Qaeda's leader.¹

¹ <http://www.ctc.usma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/AFGP-2002-600178-Orig-Meta.pdf>, pages 11, 13.



حجّ ` ` ` صلاحيات المجلس القيادي:

أع تعريف المجلس القيادي:

هو مجلس يختاره الأمير للشورى يقوم بأمر التخطيط والمنابعة للعمل ككل ويسعى جاهدا لنصح الأمير وتصويبه وصريلا إلى تحقيق أهداف العمل وسياسته ويعتبر السلطة العليا في العمل بعد الأمير ونائبه.

ب صلاحيات المجلس:

1- إقرار وتعديل أهداف العمل وسياسته العامة.
2- مناقشة وتعديل اللوائح الداخلية ورفعها للأمير لإقرارها وتعديلها.
3- مناقشة وإعداد الخطة السنوية للعمل والميزانية اللازمة لها ورفعها للأمير لإقرارها أو تعديلها.

4- تعيين لجان أو أفراد لمتابعة أعمال اللجان.

5- اقتراح ترشيح أو عزل أعضاء المجلس ورفع ذلك للأمير.

6- حل اللجان القديمة أو دمج بعضها ببعض أو إستحداث غيرها.

7- عزل الأمير عند إنحرافه عن الشرع إنحرافا يقتضي عزله أو عند فقدان أهليته وإختيار أمير جديد.

8- إختيار أمير جديد حال وفاة الأمير والنائب معا أو إسرهما أسرا خلاصهما منه ميؤوس منه.

9- عقد البيعة للنائب وإختيار، أميراً حال وفاة الأمير السابق أو أسره أسرا خلاصه ميؤوس منه.

10- إختيار نائب ثاني للأمير يقوم بمهامه حال أسر الأمير ونائبه أسرا خلاصهما ميؤوس منه.

11- مراجعة الأمير عند مخالفته للأهداف والسياسات العامة ومناقشة الأمر معه وإقرارها ورفضها بأغلبية المجلس.

12- إعداد التقارير الشهرية عن العمل إجمالاً ورفعها للأمير.

However, it is important to note that prior to the official announcement of Ayman Al-Zawahiri's appointment as Al-Qaeda's leader, a series of reports were made in Arab and international media on the appointment of Seif Al-Adel as Al-Qaeda's interim leader, until disagreements surrounding Bin Laden's successor are settled. On May 17th 2001, Pakistani sources reported a meeting held between several of the organization's leaders, in which Seif Al-Adel's temporary appointment as Al-Qaeda's leader was decided, after Bin Laden's sons refused to take an official role



in the organization's leadership.² According to the Pakistani political commentator, Ali Maharan, Al-Adel's temporary appointment shows a lack of agreement within the organization, as an Egyptian leadership unacceptable to some Al-Qaeda senior members. He claimed that the main contenders at the moment are the Taliban. Furthermore, he estimated that Al-Qaeda will now focus on the Arab region.³

Following the assassination, Al-Qaeda's leadership published two announcements, one on behalf of the "Al-Fajr" Center which was a relatively generalized message issued immediately after the assassination, on May 3rd 2011; the other, on behalf of the GIMF was issued on May 12th 2011 and contained more focused and detailed messages. The first eulogy was signed by the "Qaidat Al-Jihad organization – General Leadership" and contained a homage, a call to continue with Jihad and a promise of revenge. It was directed at the US and global Jihad activists in general.

The second announcement, issued on May 12th 2011, undersigned only by The General Leadership, also contained a eulogy for Bin Laden and a promise to continue with Jihad. However, it also contained messages to various target audiences, including Jihad leaders and Jihad fighters in the various theaters, Jihad devotees and supporters of the Jihadist propaganda system, Muslims in general, the youth of the popular revolutions and the US.

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<http://www.alanba.com.kw/AbsoluteNMNEW/templates/international2010.aspx?articleid=197334&zoneid=13&m=0>

³ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2011/05/17/149449.html>

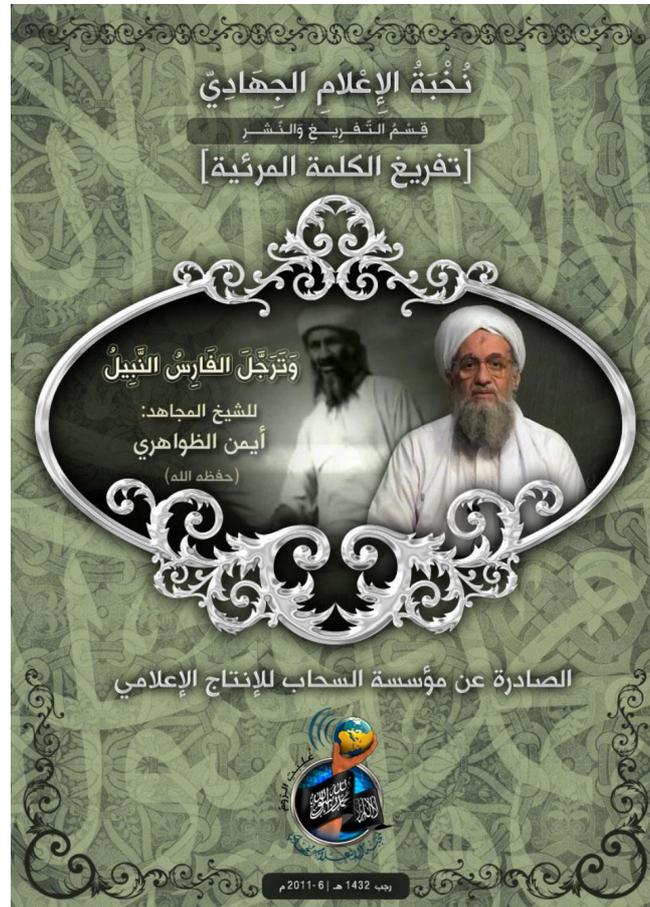


Al-Zawahiri supported the popular uprising in the Arab countries and called to the Syrian people to persevere in their struggle against the corrupt regime. As for the events in Yemen, Al-Zawahiri expressed his support of the Jihad waged against President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Al-Zawahiri also encouraged the Libyan rebels and strongly scorned Gaddafi and NATO. Furthermore, Al-Zawahiri renewed his pledge to the Taliban leader, Mulla Muhammad Omar and called upon the Pakistani people to rise against the corrupt government in the country.⁴

It is interesting to note that some commentators viewed Al-Zawahiri's eulogy, unlike his previous tapes, as an attempt to portray himself as a leader. Commentators contend that in his latest statements Al-Zawahiri addressed the Jihad branches in various places around the world, using the language of a leader, unlike his conduct in the past.⁵

⁴ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17967>

⁵ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2011/06/08/152437.html>



Ayman Al-Zawahiri eulogizes Bin Laden

In any event, the main message revealed in the announcements is that Bin Laden's death did not spell the end of Jihad but quite the contrary, the Jihad will continue to gather strength and avenge Bin Laden's death in due course. In addition to Al-Qaeda branches around the world, the prominent media institutes of global Jihad organizations, such as the "Al-Fajr" Center, the "Sariyyat Al-Somood" and others also addressed Bin Laden's elimination. The prominent forums, such as the "Shumukh Al-Islam" and the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen", as well as prominent writers in the field of Jihadist propaganda also published announcements expressing their condolences and calling for revenge.



This document is follow-up to the report dealing with the initial reports on the Jihadist forums to Bin Laden's elimination.⁶ The purpose of this document is to reflect the atmosphere among global Jihad organizations' leadership following the death of Al-Qaeda's leader, as well as to examine the popular discourse on the forums identified with Jihad organizations. Furthermore, the document will analyze the ramifications of Bin Laden's elimination on the organization's strategy and its policy, as well as the current trends as they appear in official declarations made by Jihad organizations' leaders and responses of prominent writers and surfers on Jihadist forums.

⁶ <http://www.ict.org.il/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=F1TMvaoUn2w%3d&tabid=278>



Detail

Ayman Al-Zawahiri is Appointed as Al-Qaeda's Leader

On June 16th 2011, Jihadist forums and websites identified with global Jihad published an official announcement on behalf of Al-Qaeda's leadership, declaring Ayman Al-Zawahiri as Bin Laden's successor and the organization's leader. The message stated that after completing its consultations, the leadership has decided to appoint Abu Muhammad Ayman Al-Zawahiri as the organization's leader.

In its message, the leadership stressed several principles, including its commitment to act in accordance with the Quran and with the Prophet's way; a call to continue with the Jihad against the heretics invading Islamic lands and especially the US and Israel, as well as the rulers which aid them; a promise to support anyone carrying out Jihad and defending Islam and the Muslims' rights wherever they are; an undertaking not to abandon any part of Palestine and not to recognize Israel, even if every resident around the world recognizes it, as well as any agreement that takes from the Muslims any part of Palestine. Furthermore, the leadership promised to continue exposing traitors collaborating with the CIA in giving up Palestine and to liberate all of Palestine by any means necessary; to help the activists in Afghanistan under Mulla Omar, the Mujahideen in Iraq, Somalia, the Arabian Peninsula, the Maghreb and Chechnya and to continue united on the same path; to release Muslim prisoners everywhere, including Sheikh Omar Abd Al-Rahman; to support popular revolutions against the tyrants in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Yemen, Syria and Morocco in order to bring down the corrupt governments forced upon the people by the West and to bring



back the nation to the bosom of Islamic Sharia; and to support and collaborate with anyone promoting Islam within Islamic organizations or individually.⁷

Prior to Al-Zawahiri's appointment there were numerous reports in the Arab media on the round of appointments to Al-Qaeda's leadership following Bin Laden's elimination. Al-Jazeera's reporter in Islamabad, Ahmad Zeidan, provided the following details from Pakistani sources: Muhammad Mustafa Al-Yamani was appointed chief of operations; the Egyptian Adnan Al-Khairi was appointed to be in charge of the general leadership; Muhammad Nasser Al-Wahishi⁸ was appointed the organization's commander in Africa; Muhammad Adam Khan was appointed the organization's commander in Pakistan and Afghanistan; and Fahd Al-Iraqi was appointed the organization's commander in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. According to the report, these appointments were made during a meeting held on May 10th 2011 near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. Noman Benotman, who today serves as a researcher at the "Quilliam" Institute in London, noted that this round of appointments was not made at an official meeting of the Shura Council as such a meeting is not possible for fear of an attack.⁹

The Kuwaiti "Al-Rai" newspaper reported on disagreements which arose within Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's leadership, following Nasser Al-Wahishi's appointment as Al-Qaeda's Emir in Africa, a report that has no corroboration from any source within Al-Qaeda. According to sources familiar with the ongoing

⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=246183>

⁸ According to another source, as detailed later on, this refers to Al-Wahishi, Al-Qaeda's leader in the Arabian Peninsula.

⁹ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/6CB1EF2C-B3B2-4D3B-8360-57F2C2152824.htm>



events inside the organization's leadership in Yemen, Al-Wahishi suggested that Anwar Al-Awlaki replace him as Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's leader.¹⁰

Another newspaper provided additional details on the new appointments within the organization's leadership: Adnan Shukri Jum'a, known as Adnan Al-Qashiri, will be the intelligence commander, Muhammad Nasser Al-Wahishi will continue to be Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's leader, the Afghan Muhammad Adm will be the organization's commander in Waziristan and Fahd Al-Qa'afa will be the emergency operations commander.¹¹

Responses to Al-Zawahiri's Appointment as Al-Qaeda's Leader

As of the beginning of July 2011, the Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen movement was the first to make any reference to Ayman Al-Zawahiri's appointment as Bin Laden's successor. The movement's spokesperson, Sheikh Ali Muhammad Raghe, declared on Somali local radio that the Mujahideen in his movement are an integral part of the nation's Jihad against the Zionist-crusader invasion to Islamic countries. He stressed that the movement awaits Al-Zawahiri's orders and pledged his allegiance by saying: "At your command, at your command – we await your instructions".¹²

On July 8th 2011, the "Al-Andalus" Jihadist media institute, acting on behalf of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, published an interview with sheikh Abu Ubeida Yusuf Al-Annabi, a member of the organization's Shura Council, in which he swears allegiance to Al-Zawahiri on behalf of the organization. One should note that the oath taking was not made by the organization's Emir, Abdelmalek Droukdal, whose disputed leadership status has received numerous reports in

¹⁰ <http://www.alraimedia.com/Alrai/Article.aspx?id=276384&date=19052011>,
<http://www.alraimedia.com/Alrai/Article.aspx?id=274533&date=10052011>

¹¹ <http://www.sabq.org/sabq/user/news.do?section=4&id=1902>

¹² <http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?t=440614>



both the Jihadist forums and the North African media. In the interview, Al-Annabi referred to the situation in Libya and NATO's activities in the country and warned of the West's true intentions while imploring the Libyan people to prepare for a possible confrontation with NATO forces. In addition, he warned coalition forces of the possibility they will have to face the Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb organization as it will not tolerate Western or Jewish presence on Libyan soil. He also prompted the Tunisian people to take action and promote the foundation of an Islamic state as it is the only way to secure the revolution's success.

It is likely that in the coming weeks more Jihad groups and leaders will swear allegiance to Al-Zawahiri as Al-Qaeda's new leader. In this regard it should be noted that before the appointment, the Islamic State of Iraq organization published an announcement eulogizing Bin Laden and expressing its support of Ayman Al-Zawahiri as his successor, as detailed later on in this document.

Unsurprisingly, Al-Zawahiri's appointment as Al-Qaeda's leader generated a wave of responses from those participating in the Jihadist discourse, who welcomed the decision. However, the number of responses was rather small and the level of discourse was superficial. It can be assumed that in the upcoming weeks, more references will be made by Jihad branches, Jihad leaders and the media institutes of the various organizations.

A surfer on the "Hanein" forum quoted an editorial from the "Al-Quds Al-Arabi" newspaper stating that Al-Zawahiri's appointment was not surprising, but rather a predictable and conventional step, as he was the organization's second in command and one of the people closest to Bin Laden. The article stated that Al-Zawahiri spoke like a leader outlining policy and strategy in his recent tape two weeks ago, dispensing instructions to Al-Qaeda's various branches, the organization's leaders and its activists around the world. It was further stated



that the delay in publishing the decision on his appointment by several weeks does not reflect any disagreements or controversy between the organization's departments, but rather points first and foremost to logistical problems. The article noted that Al-Zawahiri lacks Bin Laden's charisma, but also mentions several of his strong suits: he has true strategic reasoning, exceptional rhetorical skills, an extensive religious and political background and was the author of many of Bin Laden's speeches while they stayed together in Khartoum and Afghanistan. The article stated that Al-Qaeda may be even more dangerous under Al-Zawahiri's leadership as he has a more deep-seated operational reasoning. He is the one who planned the attacks on the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998, the terrorist attack against the USS Cole on 2000 and was the one who supervised the planning and execution of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Al-Zawahiri fulfilled a major role in transforming Al-Qaeda from a small local organization whose goal is to push the American forces out of the Arabian Peninsula following Kuwait's liberation in 1991, into a global organization whose top priority is waging war against the US and the West. Furthermore, the article pointed to his boundless hostility towards Israel and claimed it would not be surprising if in the future Al-Zawahiri will prioritize attacks on Israeli targets in response to allegations that Al-Qaeda does not carry out operations against Israel, except for the terrorist attack in Mombasa and the attempt to bring down an aircraft transporting Israeli tourists.

Finally, the article stated that experts believe Al-Zawahiri's mission to manage the organization will be difficult as it is no longer centralized but rather comprised of several branches. Al-Zawahiri will be busy ensuring his personal safety; however, one should remember that most of the branch leaders in Somalia, Yemen, Iraq and the Maghreb are his past students and were educated in his ideology. The



organization's decentralization may prove to be an advantage rather than a weakness, as it may award the leaders in the field with extensive leeway without the need to constantly consult with the supreme leadership.¹³

Eulogies and Calls for Vengeance

Official Statements by Al-Qaeda's Branches: Central Motifs and Prominent Messages

Main Points

All of Al-Qaeda's branches published, in the days following the confirmation of Bin Laden's elimination, condolence messages glorifying Bin Laden, promising that the path of Jihad will continue and threatening to carry out terrorist attacks in retaliation, especially against Americans but also against the West and the Jews. The various statements were signed by the branch's respective Emir or its leadership and were made in writing and published on Jihadist forums and websites. The Emir of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, also published an audio tape three weeks after the organization's eulogy was published. In fact, the statements made by the Jihad leaders, including Al-Zawahiri's, did not refer to Bin Laden's successor. However, in its statement, the Islamic State of Iraq organization expressed its support of Ayman Al-Zawahiri as Bin Laden's successor.

All in all, 18 eulogies were published by various global Jihad organizations. Following is a list of the organizations and leaders who published such statements according to their date of publication:

1. The "Qaidat Al-Jihad – the General Leadership" organization, May 3rd 2011.
2. The Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan – the leadership's Shura Council, May 6th 2011.

¹³ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=246435>



3. The "Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad – Bayt Al-Maqdis", May 6th 2011. The organization operates in the Gaza Strip.
4. The "Jama'at Jund Allah fi Filastin", May 6th 2011. The organization operates in the Gaza Strip.
5. The "Masadat Al-Mujahideen fi Filastin", May 6th 2011. The organization operates in the Gaza Strip.
6. The "Army of Islam - General Leadership", May 7th 2011. The organization operates in the Gaza Strip.
7. The Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb Organization (AQIM), May 7th 2011.
8. The "Fatah Al-Islam" organization, May 7th 2011. The organization operates in Lebanon.
9. The "Jama'at Ansar Al-Sunnah – Aknaf Bayt Al-Maqdis", May 8th 2011. The organization operates in the Gaza Strip.
10. The "Abdullah Azzam Brigades", May 9th 2011.
11. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), May 11th 2011.
12. The "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen - General Leadership", no specific date was mentioned.
13. The Emir of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) organization, no specific date was mentioned.
14. The Emir of the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus, Dokka Abu Usman, May 17th 2011.
15. The deputy Emir of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), no specific date was mentioned.
16. The Emir of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, May 26th 2011.
17. The "Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan" movement, June 6th 2011.



18. Ayman Al-Zawahiri, June 8th 2011.

It should be noted that the Palestinian Jihadist organizations were the first after Al-Qaeda's general leadership and the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan to publish condolences. It is possible this stems from their wish to receive official recognition from Al-Qaeda and its branches or alternately this was following the difference of opinion and the discord over prestige within the Jihadist Theater in the Gaza Strip.

The Qaidat Al-Jihad organization – the General Leadership

The “Qaidat Al-Jihad organization – the General Leadership” published on May 3rd 2011 a eulogy without mentioning the names of leadership members, in which it emphasized that the path of Jihad will continue and the Americans and their agents will be punished both in their countries and abroad. The organization reiterates Bin Laden's oath that the US and its citizens will not enjoy security as long as “our people” in Palestine do not have it. The organization called upon the people of Pakistan to rebel against the traitors and to bring about the expulsion of the American occupation from their land. Finally, it warned the Americans against the desecration of Bin Laden's body and called them to surrender it, the bodies of the others, and those captured alive, to their families. There is no indication or mention of other leaders in the message, or as to the identity of his successor.¹⁴

Al-Qaeda's general leadership

The GIMF's media center, “Sada Al-Jihad”, published a statement by the general leadership on May 12th 2011, eulogizing Bin Laden and commending his Jihad

¹⁴ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?p=80931>



operation against the “Cross and the Americans”, who waged a campaign against Islam and the Muslims. The statement included several messages:¹⁵

- a. Condolences were sent to **“our brothers’ leadership and the soldiers in Khorasan”** along with a message of encouragement.
- b. Words of encouragement to **“our Mujahideen brothers in all the Jihad theaters in Khorasan, Pakistan, Somalia, the Arabian Peninsula, the Caucasus, the Islamic Maghreb, Al-Sham, Ard Al-Ribat (the Muslim name for Jerusalem and Palestine), Indonesia, Kashmir and the Philippines”** to continue in Bin Laden's footsteps with determination and to avenge his death.
- c. Words of encouragement to **“followers of Jihad and soldiers of Propaganda Jihad”** to continue their devoted work and defend the Mujahideen's honor as they have done thus far, in the face of the enemies' attempts to distort Bin Laden's persona. They are also asked to take precautions against the enemies' ruses.
- d. **The Muslims** are called upon to rally behind Bin Laden's legacy.
- e. A promise to the **“White House Slave and the American people”** that a special message will arrive which “will be seen and not only heard” from millions of Muslims, given by Rakan Ben Williams. **It should be noted that this is not the first time the GIMF published threats in his name.**
- f. A message to the **“generation's youth and fuel of the revolutions”** that they must continue to bear arms as Bin Laden would have wanted.

The Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan

¹⁵ <http://www.atahadi.net/vb/showthread.php?p=82612>



The Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan leadership's Shura Council eulogized Bin Laden on May 6th 2011 and extended its condolences to the Islamic nation, his family, his followers and all the Mujahideen. It reviewed his contribution to Jihad since its beginning, stressed that if the Americans and their allies believe that Bin Laden's death will hinder the Mujahideen's motivation, they do not understand the meaning of Jihad and of Istishhad. It promised that "any blow given by the occupiers in Afghanistan will lead to a more powerful retaliation" and predicted that Bin Laden's death "will breathe a new spirit of Jihad against the occupiers and will arouse more and more the waves of Jihad".¹⁶

Tehrek-e Taliban Pakistan

The Al-Qadasiyyah media institute published a eulogy in Urdu and in English on behalf of the Taliban–Pakistan movement. The message, signed by the movement's Emir, Omar Khalid Khorasani, emphasized that the ideology Bin Laden preached has only been reinforced after his elimination. Furthermore, the message stated that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Al-Qaeda and the Taliban–Pakistan have common goals and that Taliban fighters will seek to avenge Bin Laden's death by attacking Americans and the Pakistani authorities.¹⁷

The Islamic State of Iraq Organization

The Emir of the Islamic State of Iraq, Abu Bakr Al-Husseini Al-Baghdadi, also called "the Servant of Islam and the Muslims", eulogized Bin Laden on May 9th 2011, commending him for being the path's guide. He promised the US that retaliation will come and encouraged the Mujahideen who are concerned with the

¹⁶ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17628>

¹⁷ <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=244600>



future, as it transpires from his words. He implicitly expressed his loyalty to Ayman Al-Zawahiri as Bin Laden's successor by stating that “[He told his] brothers in Al-Qaeda, headed by Sheikh Mujahid Ayman Al-Zawahiri, may Allah guard him, and to his brothers in the organization's leadership: [...] you have loyal men in the Islamic State of Iraq who continue in the path of justice [...]”.¹⁸

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published a message on behalf of its leader, Abu Basir Nasser Al-Wahishi. The message eulogized Bin Laden and stressed that even though the Americans killed him, they did not eliminate his religion and his path nor the fighting spirit he has awakened within the nation. The message clearly threatened the Americans stating they will suffer an extremely painful retaliation. It also expressed a commitment to continuing on the path of Jihad and of expelling the Americans from Muslim land. Those who congratulated Bin Laden's elimination received a barrage of expletives.¹⁹

¹⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=109019>

¹⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=109408>






(في رثاء شيخ المجاهدين أسامة بن لادن - رحمه الله)

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله، وبعد:

يايها وأمي ونفسي أيها عبد الله أما الفتنة التي كتبت عليك فقد ذقتها، ولأن تذوق غيرها، وطالما انتظرتها في شوق عجيب لها، وكانت أظنى وأحب غائب تنتظره.

خليبي لو نفس قدمت نفس ميتة ... فبينك مسرورا بنفسي ومالي
وقد كنت أرجو أن تعيش وإن أمت ... فحال قضاء الله دون رجائنا

فبشر لك أيها الشهيد السعيد كما تحسبك، ثم قرير العين هادي الابل بعد طول سفر في طلب الشهادة التي قضيت حياتك في الدنيا وأنت سحورا أنك عشت أطول مما تريد، وظللت تطاردها في ربوع الأرض هائبا كالوليها، فألق عصبي الترحال فقد بلغت منك وثلث رضاك، ومنازل الشهداء ساورك - إن شاء الله - {ولئن قُتلتُ في سبيل الله أو مئمتُ لمعفرة من الله ورحمة خير مما يحضنون} [آل عمران: 157]

وكأنني بك تتمنى اليوم أن ترجع إلى الدنيا لتقتل مرة أخرى وأخرى، كما كنت تحدثنا في الدنيا عن حبيبك صلى الله عليه وسلم، ويقسم أنه ود أن يقتل في سبيل الله ثم يحيا فيقتل ثم يحيا فيقتل.

لا تخفي الحزن فو الله أنه لم يخطر ببالي أن أرتبك، وكنت أتمنى أن أسيفك إلى الله، وقر الله أن يصطفيك، وأتركك للأحزان.

ما بعد يومك ما يسئلو به السائل ... ومثل يومك لم يخطر على بالي
وكيف يسئلو فؤاد هاض جانيه ... فوارع من جوى هم ولبيل
يا قلب صبرا، فإن الصبر منزلة ... بعد الغلو إليها يرجع الغالي
ولا تقل سابق لم يعد غايته ... فما المقدم بالساجي، ولا الثاني
دهر يؤثر في جنسي نوانيه ... فما اهتمامي إذا أودى بسريلي
مضى الذي كنت في الإيام أملة ... من الرجال فبا بعدا لآمالي
ما بالي اليوم لم الحق به كمدا ... أو أنزع الصبر والسلوان من بالي

لكن لا نقول إلا ما يرضى ربنا، اللهم اجرنا في مصيبتنا، واخلفنا خيرا منها، وإنا لله وإنا إليه راجعون.

قتل أبو عبد الله ولا ضير فيكنا بقتل الأبطال في ميدان الزال، مقبلين على الموت، فرحين به لم يتفقروا أو يستلموا كما يفعل الذين يحبون الحياة، قتل الشيخ ويده على الزناد، فأزع أعداء الله لأبلين ولا يستكين، قتل وهو ثابت لم يعبر أو يبذل ما ضاع على عهد المؤمنين {...فمنهم من قضى نحبه ومنهم من ينتظر وما بدلوا تبديلا} [الأحزاب: 23] وإنا لنفخر والله أن قادتنا يشهدون غير مغربين تحيا على أجدانهم الأمم، وتعيش على مصارعهم الهمم، ومن ذا الذي لا يحب لحبيبه أن يقتل شهيدا؟

لم يتخلف الشيخ كمثل الذين تخلفوا في بروج القعدة، وقعدوا عن آلام أسهمهم، ورضوا بديناهم وقالوا هذا معتسل بارد وشراب.

هذه هي المصارع التي تهز عروش الطغاة والظالمين ويرتج لها أركان العالم ليست كمية الكثير ممن يعيش على هامش الحياة.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb

On May 7th 2011, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb published a eulogy following Bin Laden's elimination. The organization attacked the Americans over Bin Laden's burial which was not in accordance with Islamic Sharia and mocked them for fearing him even after death. It mentioned the ousting of the Tunisian and Egyptian presidents and the struggle for the survival of the regime of the Libyan, Syrian and Yemeni leaders, stressing that Bin Laden witnessed this before his death and viewed the events in the Arab world as the fruit of Jihad in which he played a major role. The organization viewed his elimination as a test from Allah and emphasized that now is the time for vengeance, not mourning. It stressed



that the US is at war with the Muslim nation and called Muslims to rally against them, the West and the Jews.²⁰

Several days later, the "Al-Andalus" Jihadist media institute published an audio file by Sheikh Abu Musab Abd Al-Wadud, Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb's Emir. According to Al-Wadud, Bin Laden will live on as a symbol for all Muslims. Although Bin Laden and other Jihad leaders were killed, Jihad itself will continue to exist and the Islamic religion most certainly will. Just as Jihad has continued after Abdullah Azzam's death, it will continue after Bin Laden's death. Therefore, the rejoicing demonstrated by the Crusaders, the Jews and their collaborators is premature as the campaign still continues. Al-Wadud further promised to exact revenge on the Americans and their collaborators.²¹

Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen – Somalia

The Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen general leadership eulogized Bin Laden, declared it will continue in the path of Jihad and promised it will avenge his death²²

It should also be noted that the movement held a Jihadist convention titled "We are all Osama". The convention was attended by senior members of the movement, tribal leaders, doctors and representatives from all walks of life. The convention was held in memory of Osama Bin Laden.²³

²⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108765>

²¹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?p=84542>

²² <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17953>

²³ <http://202.149.72.131/~shamikh/vb/showthread.php?t=109629>



The Abdullah Azzam Brigades

The Abdullah Azzam Brigades published on May 9th 2011 a message eulogizing Bin Laden in which it described him as the renovator of Jihad and sent their condolences to Mullah Omar, Ayman Al-Zawahiri, Abu Yahya Al-Libi, Attiya Allah Al-Misrati and the leaders of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb. The message stressed that the organization will continue in the path of Jihad and stated that Bin Laden's death will only enhance their determination in the Jihad against the Jews and the Americans.²⁴

The Emir of the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus

In an interview given by the Emir of the Islamic Emirate in the Caucasus to the Kavkaz Center, considered to be its mouthpiece, he briefly referred to Bin Laden's death, predicting that his death will not affect the continued struggle against the heretics.²⁵

The Uzbekistan Islamic Movement

²⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=109161>

²⁵ <http://www.kavkazcenter.com/arab/content/2011/05/17/8475.shtml>



The deputy Emir of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Abd Al-Fatah Ahmadi, published a memorandum on Bin Laden's death. According to him, Bin Laden fulfilled an important role with his Mujahideen in defeating the Soviets and later "hoisted the flag of Jihad against the Pharaoh of these times, the US" and has severely impaired the American and Western economies.

He contended that recent reports on the assassination were made in the media and the organization's top leadership confirmed he has been killed. However, he claimed that members of the Uzbekistan Islamic Movement believe that Bin Laden has not been living long in Islamabad, contrary to popular belief and that he was killed in battle and not at his home. According to him, the last announcement published by Al-Qaeda's leadership did not mention the date of his death nor the manner in which he was killed. Overall, it seems that the US exploited his death at an earlier date and took advantage of the opportunity to take credit for its supposed success in eliminating him.

However, Al-Fatah stressed that the Uzbekistan Islamic Movement honors Al-Qaeda's announcement and if it is true that Bin Laden was killed in Pakistan, the US could not have carried it out on Pakistani soil without Pakistan's help. He stated that Bin Laden's death only reinforces the fighting spirit of the Mujahideen in acting against the US, Israel, NATO and Pakistan's and Afghanistan's military. He further called upon his brothers in Pakistan, in the region and around the world to go on Jihad against the US and the Pakistani government, which has fulfilled a significant role in destroying the Islamic Emirate and which sheds a great amount of Muslim blood, as it has done in the massacre at the Red Mosque.



Al-Fatah further emphasized that his movement congratulates all Jihad groups joining the Jihad against Pakistan, and confirmed his support.²⁶

The Fatah Al-Islam Organization

The "Fatah Al-Islam" organization addressed Bin Laden's death in its message dated May 7th 2011 and expressed its condolences to Al-Qaeda, to Mullah Omar, to the emirs of Jihad and to the believers in the Oneness of God. The organization eulogized him and stressed that although he is indeed dead, his legacy will continue until victory or Shahada (martyrdom).²⁷

Palestinian Organizations

1. The Shura Council of the "Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal Jihad - Bayt Al-Maqdis" organization eulogized Bin Laden on May 6th 2011 and promised to continue on the path of Jihad rather than surrender and obey totalitarian rulers.²⁸
2. On May 6th 2011, the "Al-Riyah" Jihadist media institute, operating on behalf of the "Ma'asadat Al-Mujahideen fi Filastin" organization (the Lions' Den of the Mujahideen in Palestine), a Jihadist-Salafist group operating in the Gaza Strip, published a eulogy in memory of Bin Laden.²⁹
3. On May 7th 2011, the "Al-Nur" media institute published an announcement made by the general leadership of the Army of Islam, stressing that Bin Laden's path has not reached its end with his death and that his heritage has passed on to his followers. It stated that "anyone deviating from the path or reconsidering the way of his group is a bad heir". It explained that the

²⁶ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=18176>

²⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108555>

²⁸ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38614>

²⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?p=80967>



campaign has not ended as it is comprised of several rounds and therefore one has to be patient and consistent and lend a hand.³⁰

4. On May 8th 2011, the “Jama'at Ansar Al-Sunna – Aknaf Bayt Al-Maqdis” organization eulogized Bin Laden and promised to Jihad followers on the one hand and to the heretic countries on the other that the Jihad will not be impaired by Bin Laden's death and that his elimination is not the victory Obama claimed it to be. The organization wished that Allah will reward him for his efforts on behalf of Palestine and thanked the “Salafist brothers” in Rafah who prayed for his soul. In conclusion, the group undertook to continue in Bin Laden's footsteps until Allah's law is implemented and thanked the “honest people” in HAMAS who identified with the group and went prayed for Bin Laden's soul, despite the danger it entailed.³¹
5. The “Jama'at Jund Allah in Palestine” organization praised bin Laden's path and the Jihadist heritage which he left for future generations. It expressed its confidence that the masses will follow in his path and that the US, Israel and their allies will reap what they sowed. It called for attacks on American and Jewish targets worldwide.³²

Announcements Made by the Jihadist Forums and the Media Institutes of Global Jihad Organizations

Main Points

Alongside Al-Qaeda's branches, parts of the media institutes serving global Jihad organizations and prominent Jihadist forums also published eulogies on their behalf following Bin Laden's elimination. The messages in these announcements are similar in content to those made by the various Al-Qaeda branches. The

³⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108634>

³¹ <http://snam-s.net/vb/showthread.php?t=6317>

³² <http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=239943&page=1>



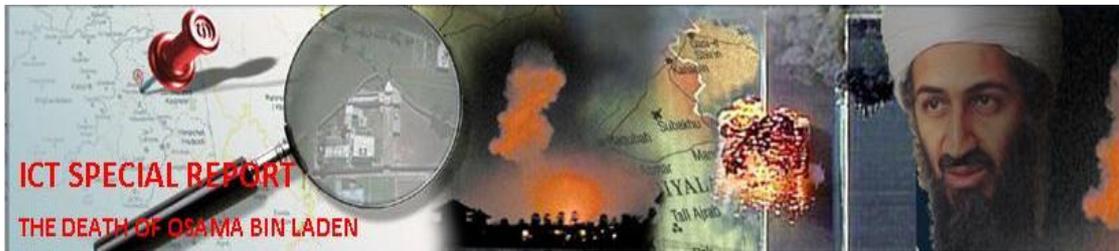
media institutes and forums expressed their condolences over Bin Laden's death, stressed that his death will not bring an end to Jihad and threatened to carry out terrorist attacks in retaliation.

The "Al-Fajr" Center

The "Al-Fajr" Jihadist media institute published an obituary and numbered the lessons that should be learned from Bin Laden's death *e.g.*- that killing a leader or his death are a test to the nation and the Mujahideen. The message expressed hope that the extinction of the US will follow Bin Laden's death, much like the extinction of the Soviet Union followed Abdulla Azzam's death. The message also addressed Muslim religious clerics, asking them to join the Jihad, especially in view of the current weakness of the despotic rulers. It also called them to eulogize Bin Laden.

To those maligning, the message promised that the path of Jihad will continue, tried to convince Muslims to join the Jihad physically, financially and ideologically and to rally around the Mujahideen leadership. The American people were told that Bin Laden's elimination was a grave error, that president Obama is no different than previous presidents and that vengeance will come and the people will be the ones paying the price. To the Mujahideen, it called to leverage Bin Laden's death for the benefit of continuing the Jihad, not to succumb to the enemy's psychological warfare against them and to avenge Bin Laden's death with quality operations, including "acts of terrorism carried out individually".

To Jihad followers everywhere, the "Al-Fajr" Center stressed that "The internet is a theater for Jihad, Da'awa and confrontation with the enemies of Allah", and called them to become Mujahideen in the field of propaganda and to perfect themselves in this field. It explained that the Jihadist forums are not places of



amusement and leisure, but rather places for “training, acquiring knowledge and Da’awa” and whoever can contribute to this goal, must join this front. It called to spread the Mujahideen’s publications to all strata of society via the internet and by messengers in the field.³³

The “Shumukh Al-Islam” Jihadist Forum and the Ansar Al-Mujahideen Jihadist Forum

The “Shumukh Al-Islam” and the “Ansar Al-Mujahideen” Jihadist forums published a joint announcement following Bin Laden’s death. In addition to the eulogies and expressions of commitment to continue in his footsteps, the forums stressed that the US and its allies will soon be punished and that “the loud voices of delight over the honorable sheikh’s death will be silenced with the help of God”.³⁴

The “Sariyyat Al-Somood” Media Institute

The “Sariyyat Al-Somood” media center eulogized bin Laden and promised to continue in his footsteps, stressing that the death of Jihad leaders is proof of the righteousness of the path of Jihad.³⁵

The “Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya” Media Group

The “Al-Ansar Al-Baridiya” Jihadist media group published a eulogy in memory of Bin Laden and stressed that his path will not die out and will continue.³⁶

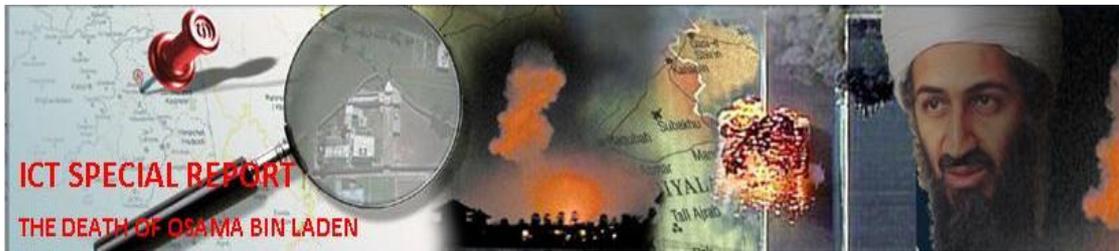
The “Al-Ma’asada” Media Institute

³³ <http://www.muslim.net/vb/showthread.php?t=435694>

³⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108771>

³⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108439>

³⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108329>



The "Al-Ma'asada" Jihadist media institute published a Qasida in memory of Bin Laden titled "We shed tears and we will spill blood" by Abu Al-Hassan Al-Azdi.³⁷

The "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" Website

A message on behalf of Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi's "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website eulogized Bin Laden and declared him a shahid who earned life in paradise. The message expressed hope that his death will result in a wave of new converts to Islam and predicted with certainty that Allah will punish the US for its deeds.³⁸



The message from the "Minbar Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad" website was published on Jihadist forums

³⁷ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38596>

³⁸ <http://www.tawhed.ws/r?i=06051101>





The "Al-Waqi" Magazine

The "Al-Waqi" electronic Jihadist magazine published an announcement following Bin Laden's death. The writers of the magazine expressed their hope that Bin Laden will be received as a Shahid in Paradise and wished to console the Islamic nation and particularly the Mujahideen.³⁹

Reference Made by Prominent Writers

Main Points

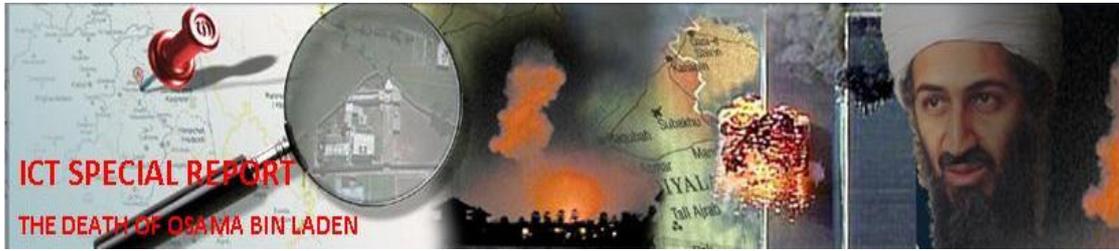
In the days following Bin Laden's elimination, the discourse on Jihadist websites and forums focused on the assassination. Here too, much like in the announcements published by Jihad organizations and media institutes, the various writers praised the path outlined by Bin Laden, called to adhere to it and threatened NATO countries and the US.

Omar Bin Laden published a letter on behalf of the family. Other writers of note are "Asad Al-Jihad2", Abu Saed Al-Amili and Abu Suleiman Al-Nasirare which are considered prominent writers in the field of Jihad propaganda, as well as other senior forum members.

Omar Bin Laden

The "Mafa Asia" website published a letter by Omar Bin Osama Bin Laden on behalf of the Bin Laden family on May 8th 2011. In the letter he expressed his family's displeasure and disgust at the announcement made by the US president, that American forces have eliminated his father, killing him and dumping his body in the sea in such a demeaning manner, offending the religious feelings of hundreds of millions of Muslims. He further stressed that Bin Laden's children

³⁹ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17754>



reserve their right to “deal with this crime via the American and international legal systems in order to determine the true fate of our missing father”.⁴⁰



“Asad Al-Jihad2”

“Asad Al-Jihad2”, sometimes referred to as the “Mujahideen's spearhead” and known to be a senior writer in Jihadist forums for years, praised Bin Laden and his path and thanked Allah for “letting him see the glory of the Muslim nation revealed in the eyes of the sheikh Imam Osama Bin Laden”. He reviewed events and statements made by Bin Laden over the years, hinting to the possibility that he knew him personally. Among other things, he testified as to the interest shown by Al-Qaeda's leader in developing nuclear weapons, his concern over the Palestinian issue, his life in Afghanistan, his plans for the September 11 terrorist attacks, his close relationship with the Mujahideen, his modesty and generosity,

⁴⁰ http://www.mafa.asia/ar/temp.php?K_Mafa=1061&id1=6&detail=572&cnl=1



his judgment and wisdom, his support of the institute of marriage, his ties with the Taliban, his being an arbitrator and a military architect.⁴¹

Abu Saed Al-Amili

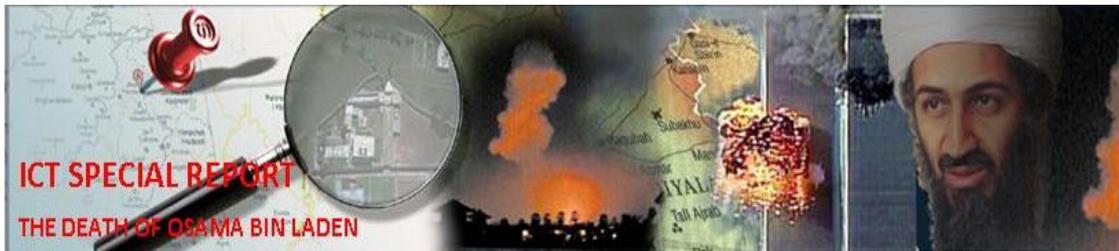
Abu Saed Al-Amili, considered one of the most prominent and prolific writers on Jihadist forums, stressed that many have made it their goal to fight Al-Qaeda and that they do it in various ways, but this organization came from the loins of the Muslim nation. He recognized that there are defeats, but these defeats contain an element of victory. That is, an incentive to overcome the weakness and overcome defeat.

He stated that the nation of Islam is a victorious one. According to him, the enemies have failed for years to cause real damage, except for physical and in bodily damages. Despite everything, the path of Da'awa and Jihad continues and even the extremely painful killing of Bin Laden is an event that contains grace and many virtues, unlike the expectations of those who believe that Al-Qaeda has suffered a great blow which will cause its disintegration.

Bin Laden was a leader in a chain of great leaders who shaped the victory of the nation and acted for the reinstatement of the caliphate. Every one of them is a brick in a building that will soon be completed. Later on, he conveyed several messages:⁴²

⁴¹ <http://ansar-dawlat-aliraq-alislamyah.net/vb/showthread.php?t=9910>

⁴² <http://www.snam-s.net/vb/showthread.php?p=11575#post11575>



- a. To “the leaders of Jihad and its soldiers” he explained that this is Allah's test and called upon them to come out stronger for it, as was at the beginning of Islam, when the great leaders died. He stressed that they must continue in his path, organize the Mujahideen everywhere and guide them. He urged them to open additional fronts which the enemy does not expect.
- b. He called upon “the Al-Qaeda and Jihad followers” to continue believing in the path of Jihad, as it has not ended with Bin Laden's death. They must increase their efforts and prepare for the upcoming campaigns with greater determination. He commended those contributing to Jihad with their funds and their lives and the thousands of young people who joined the ranks of the Mujahideen, those who are fighting and those who wait in great secrecy to fulfill their role. He also mentioned the masses supporting Jihad in Islamic countries under the rule of the dissenters from the religion. Those directly supporting Da'awa, propaganda, economy and security and are at the same time preparing for a defensive Jihad within their country “occupied” by those who seceded from the religion, must understand that their governments do no different from the heretics and the struggle against the seceding government should be given priority. He emphasized, in conclusion, that Bin Laden's heritage should live on.
- c. He threatened “the enemies of Allah” that the conflict has only increased and mocked them for wanting to kill Bin Laden, while Allah has given him the privilege of dying as a Shahid (martyr). He explained that the enemies have accelerated the conflict with Al-Qaeda and promised that the retaliation will be more severe than the September 11 terrorist attacks, as “this time there are many fronts far away from each other and the blows will come as a surprise [...]”. He stressed that Bin Laden's elimination will not weaken Al-Qaeda and



taunted the research organizations that do not understand the secrets of Islam and Al-Qaeda. In conclusion, he determined that Islam will continue to grow stronger.

- d. Finally, he addressed the group he views as taking a middle ground between the followers of truth and the group of hypocrisy. According to him, this is a group that has to be reminded of its duty to Islam as if it is left alone it joins the misguided, shirks responsibility and serves as a weapon used by the enemy against the Mujahideen. He emphasized that Bin Laden's elimination is a source of power and inspiration for continuing in the path he outlined for pushing back the occupation from Islamic regions, just as it strives and operates for the abandonment of the religion by any means possible. He called upon this group not to serve as pawns and not to heed the enemies' rumors.

Abu Suleiman Al-Nasser

A message from Abu Suleiman Al-Nasser, who identifies himself as a follower of global Jihad, called upon the followers of global Jihad to declare a state of utmost alertness and prepare for the execution of "Jihad activities against the Zionist-crusader alliance". He urged for immediate and serious action regarding the organization and preparation of terrorist attacks, first and foremost against the US and its NATO allies. According to him, all US and NATO targets everywhere are legitimate for the Mujahideen. He called upon Muslims around the world and especially in the US and Europe, to take part in terrorist attacks and warned



those in Muslim countries to stay clear of institutions, embassies and any target belonging to the countries on the Mujahideen's target list.⁴³

Yaman Mukhaddab

Yaman Mukhaddab, known for some time as a senior writer on Jihadist forums, admitted that the Islamic nation and Al-Qaeda are going through rough times in their struggle against the Zionist-crusader alliance and those seceding from the religion. He addressed his statements to Jihad followers who are not “experts in combat, explosives, booby-traps, abductions and slaughter” and stressed the Americans' version of Bin Laden's death is false. He contended that their false account only increased solidarity with Bin Laden and his path and called to rouse the people against the US and its actions. He encouraged the use of entities that do not support Jihad in order to fulfill the goal of causing harm to the Americans and exerting public pressure on them and on their agents.

He stressed that if one wishes to arouse the people, as the Jihad leaders wished to do, one should address the broadest possible common denominator, as otherwise the goal will fail miserably. He noted that Al-Qaeda's leaders and its underground activists have invested great efforts in enlisting the Arab people during the recent uprisings against the tyrants and claimed they still do so today in countries where revolutions have yet to occur. He also stated that no revolutionary proclaimed he is a member of the organization, but rather chose to blend in with the public “wearing jeans and without a beard, motivating and inflaming from within”. He bemoaned the fact that many Jihad followers are impractical and that the nation needs Muslims with a pragmatic Salafist faith similar to that of the Muslim Brotherhood.

⁴³ <http://www.snam-s.net/vb/showthread.php?t=6239>



In conclusion he called upon Jihad followers no inflame the public against the US while deriving value from its lies. Not to outwardly demonstrate that they wish to help Al-Qaeda, but rather act against the US' wrongdoings. The public should be motivated in demonstrations against American embassies and against its agents, the tyrannical rulers. Jihad followers must speak in accordance with the feelings of the locals wherever they are and use the internet; Facebook, Twitter and the forums. They must distribute to the public videos of the Mujahideen and especially of Bin Laden. Anyone who does not wish to contribute his share even in this must trust Allah and not claim that he wishes to help Jihad and the Mujahideen.⁴⁴

Senior Members on the "Atahadi" Forum

The "Atahadi" forum manager, Salman bin Muhannad, expressed his sorrow over Bin Laden's death. According to him, the death of Bin Laden and of other leaders of Jihad only instills motivation within the Mujahideen and their followers to continue in their path and avenge their death.⁴⁵

A member of the "Atahadi" Jihadi forum's Shura Council, Muhammad Al-Makki, published an announcement calling upon the members of the forum to eulogize Bin Laden.⁴⁶

Writers on the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Forum

A member of the "Shumukh Al-Islam" Jihadist forum published a post titled "How can we move the campaign to the United States?" The writer proposed that

⁴⁴ <http://atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?p=82573>

⁴⁵ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?t=17603>

⁴⁶ <http://www.atahadi.com/vb/showthread.php?p=80937>



Mujahideen infiltrate the US through its northern or southern borders, “to transform it into another Iraq”.⁴⁷

Another member of the “Shumukh Al-Islam” forum wrote that with Bin Laden's death, lessons on how to prepare explosives should once again be circulated. He also asked whether it was possible to blow up a building with a vehicle laden with petroleum.⁴⁸

Another member of the “Shumukh Al-Islam” forum, Abu Ja'afar Al-Irhabi, published a list of books and films, some in English, to be downloaded for the Mujahideen. These materials deal with the various aspects of warfare such as sharpshooting manuals, technical explanations regarding the manufacturing of explosives, a first aid manual, stealing identities *etc.* The reference is to manuals which were published in the past on various Jihadist forums but are being republished, according to the surfer, as revenge for Bin Laden's death.⁴⁹

⁴⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108026>

⁴⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108432>

⁴⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.net/vb/showthread.php?t=108417>