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Even If the Disbelievers Despise Such

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Indeed, all praise is due to Allah. We praise Him, seek His aid, and ask for His forgiveness. We seek refuge with Allah from the evils of our inner selves and the wickedness of our deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, then none can misguide him; and whomsoever Allah leaves astray, then none can guide him. I testify that there is no god but Allah alone, who has no partner, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and messenger. May Allah send blessings and peace upon him and upon his family and companions. As for what follows:

Allah ('azza wa jall) has obliged fighting upon us as He obliged prayer and fasting, for He (ta'ālā) said, {Fighting has been enjoined upon you while it is hateful to you} [Al-Baqarah: 216], and He (subhānah) said, {O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous} [Al-Baqarah: 183].

Allah (tabāraka wa taʾālā) also made jihād the best of deeds and the peak of Islam. He (subhānah) placed the honor of the Muslims in jihād and imposed humiliation upon them for abandoning it. Allah's Messenger (sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam) said, "If you trade in 'īnah (a usurious exchange), pursue the tails of cattle, content yourselves with agriculture, and abandon jihād, then Allah will impose upon you humiliation which He will not remove until you return to your religion" [Sahīh: Reported by Imām Ahmad and Abū Dawūd on the authority of Ibn 'Umar].

Allah ('azza wa jall) also prepared a painful torment for those who stay back from jihād. He (ta'ālā) said, {If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people, and you will not harm Him at all} [At-Tawbah: 39].

And He ordered all with jihād without making exception for anyone, for He ('azza wa jall) said, {Go forth, whether [you are] light or heavy} [At-Tawbah: 41].

He (subhānah) ordered with fighting in all conditions, even if only one mujāhid were left, for He (subhānah) said, {So fight, in the cause of Allah; you are not held responsible except for yourself. And encourage the believers} [An-Nisā': 84].

And He (subhānah) promised those who fight for His cause with victory and made triumph the outcome for the believers. He (ta'ālā) said, {Perhaps Allah will restrain the might of those who disbelieve} [An-Nisā': 84]. And He (subhānah) said, {And Our word has already preceded for Our servants, the messengers, that indeed, they would be those given victory and that indeed, Our soldiers will be those who overcome} [As-Sāffāt: 171-173]. And He (ta'ālā) said, {And incumbent upon Us was support of the believers} [Ar-Rūm: 47].

Thus, it is upon the Muslims to understand well and realize that fighting is obligatory upon each individual from amongst them, and that jihād is the best of deeds and peak of Islam. Their honor and sublimity is by it, as is their wellbeing in the Dunyā and Hereafter. Their humiliation, failure, and degradation are by abandoning it, as well as their torment in the Dunyā and Hereafter. They must also realize that Allah ('azza wa jall) will aid the mujāhidīn; this is inevitable. And thus, for this reason the soldiers of the Islamic State fight. They fight in obedience to Allah and to gain closeness to Him (subhānah). They will never abandon

fighting. Even if only one soldier of them remained, they will never abandon fighting, because they defy humiliation and injustice. They will never abandon fighting, because they did not taste honor and dignity except by fighting. They will never abandon fighting. Indeed, they are triumphant. They will be triumphant even if only one man of them is left. They are triumphant and upon certainty of Allah's support for them. So, glad tidings O Ummah of Islam and expect good, for your sons from the soldiers of the Islamic State today are tougher, stronger, and more determined – by Allah's favor. This crusade only increased their attachment to their methodology, firmness upon their path, and determination to reach their goal. All praise is due to Allah.

And despite this crusade being from the most severe and fiercest of them, it is yet but the most failing and disappointing. We see America and its allies stumbling between fear, weakness, inability, and failure. America, Europe, Australia, Canada, their apostate tails and slaves from amongst the rulers of the Muslims' lands were terrified by the Islamic State. The Jews were frightened; they feared for their economy. They feared for the Muslims' wealth and the goods of our lands, which they plunder, suck dry, enjoy themselves with, and fight us with via their agents from amongst the treacherous rulers of the Muslims' lands. They fear for their security. They fear the revolt of the Muslim peoples [against these rulers]. They fear their defeat. They fear the return of the Khilāfah and the return of Muslims to pioneering and leadership.

We see their fear of all of this clearly and evidently. And we see their weakness. Due to their fear, they did not dare to start a campaign until after amassing with them their slaves and dogs from amongst the rulers of the Muslims' lands. Their weakness does not lie in their need for the airplanes of their slaves, which they do not give them except after it goes out of military service for them. The Jews and Crusaders are not in need of effeminate pilots from the soldiers of the Gulf rulers, nor are they in need of their planes, the story of their participation in the crusade is just a media farce. Rather, the weakness of the Crusaders and their allies lies in their need for the criminal sorcerers from amongst the scholars of the tawaghīt rulers of the Muslims' lands, so that they bewitch the peoples' eyes and deceive the general Muslims with fatāwā issued from the Jews and disseminated by the Crusaders, claiming that this war is not a crusade and that these people are khawārij and corruptive, not mujāhidīn. They do this via those sorcerers and fatāwā to stand in the way of the Muslims' return to their Khilāfah and their rallying around the mujāhidīn in support of them. This is the secret behind the fear of the Jews and Crusaders and herein lies their weakness. Therefore, understand this well, O Muslims. Allah (ta'ālā) said, {You are more fearful within their breasts than Allah. That is because they are a people who do not understand. They will not fight you all except within fortified cities or from behind walls. Their violence among themselves is severe. You think they are together, but their hearts are diverse. That is because they are a people who do not reason} [Al-Hashr: 13-14].

America and its allies are terrified, weak, and powerless. Due to their fear and weakness, the Jews covertly and stealthily participate in this crusade. They do not have the courage to announce this, out of fear of the Muslims. And due to the fear of their allies and their weakness, they are unable to prevent the Muslims from the Khilāfah. And due to their fear and weakness, they are unable to send ground forces to fight the mujāhidīn. And between this fear, weakness, and powerlessness, we see them stumbling in failure. The Jews and Crusaders – via their proxies – failed in preventing the establishment of the Khilāfah, and so they were forced into direct confrontation. The Jews, Crusaders, and their allies amassed all the palace scholars and utilized all their trumpets, satellite stations, and media in the largest campaign of forgery, falsification, distortion, and slander against the Islamic State, so that the people would disband from about it and so as to reduce its supporters and followers. But they were unable to do so and failed. Here now the patrons of the Islamic State and its supporters and soldiers are increasing with every escalation in the fierceness of their [failed media] campaign.

The leaders of the Jews, Crusaders, apostates, their devils, chiefs, and seniors gathered. They thought, calculated, planned, plotted, and schemed for war against the Islamic State. They then came out with a failing plan manifested by bombarding the positions, battalions, vehicles, and soldiers of the Islamic State with the purpose of preventing its advance and march... a plan manifested by arming, recruiting, and training the armies of the apostates, as well as striving to restructure the sahwāt so as to retake the cities

conquered by the Islamic State. Quickly the failure of their plan became apparent, by Allah's favor. And soon, the Jews and Crusaders will be forced to come down to the ground and send their ground forces to their deaths and destruction, by Allah's permission. Rather, in actuality this has already begun. Here is Obama who has ordered the deployment of 1,500 additional soldiers under the claim that they are advisors because the Crusaders' airstrikes and constant bombardment – day and night – upon the positions of the Islamic State have not prevented its advance, nor weakened its resolve. And the agents of the Jews and Crusaders, their slaves, tails, and dogs, could not hold out in the face of the Islamic State, and they will never hold out against it. And indeed the Crusaders will be defeated. By Allah's permission, they will be defeated. And indeed the Muslims will be victorious. By Allah's promise, they will be victorious. And the march of the mujāhidīn will continue until they reach Rome, by Allah's permission. Therefore, be assured, O Muslims, and glad tidings. Be assured, for the Crusaders' plan and campaign are failures. Be assured, and do not believe their lying media and their claims of killing tens of mujāhidīn each day, destroying their bases and vehicles, and anything else of their lies and fear mongering. Be assured, O Muslims, for your State is good and in the best condition. Its march will not stop and it will continue to expand, by Allah's permission, even if the disbelievers despise such.

Glad tidings, O Muslims, for we give you good news by announcing the expansion of the Islamic State to new lands, to the lands of al-Haramayn and Yemen... to Egypt, Libya, and Algeria. We announce the acceptance of the bay'ah of those who gave us bay'ah in those lands, the nullification of the groups therein, the announcement of new wilāyāt for the Islamic State, and the appointment of wulāt for them. We also announce the acceptance of bay'āt given by the groups and individuals in all of those mentioned wilāyāt and others. We ask every individual amongst them to join the closest wilāyah to him, and to hear and obey the wālī appointed by us for it.

So O sons of al-Haramayn... O people of tawhīd... O people of walā' and barā'... the serpent's head and the stronghold of the disease are beside you. Thus, draw your swords and break their sheaths. Divorce the Dunyā, for there will be no security nor rest for Āl Salūl and their soldiers after today. There is no place for the mushrikīn in the peninsula of Muhammad (sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam). Draw your swords. Deal with the rāfidah first, wherever you find them, then Āl Salūl and their soldiers before the Crusaders and their bases. Deal with the rāfidah, Āl Salūl, and their soldiers. Dismember their limbs. Snatch them as groups and individuals. Embitter their lives and make them occupied with themselves instead of us. Be patient and do not hasten. Soon – in shā'allah – the vanguards of the Islamic State will reach you.

And O soldiers of Yemen... O people of support and aid... O people of wisdom and faith... be harsh against the Houthi rāfidah, for they are kuffār apostates. Fight them and overcome them. Be certain that their turn is coming and it will be in your favor, for the rāfidah are a forsaken nation. If they had found muwahhidīn to fight them, their evil would not have festered. Thus, seek Allah's aid, for you can handle them, in shā'allah. Strike their shirk with your tawhīd, and Allah will break their strength. Allah will transfer their wealth and arms to you. You will seize it from their hands as war booty through which you will support Allah's religion and continue to be the people of support.

And O sons of creed in beloved Sinai, congratulations and glad tidings. Congratulations to you, O men. Congratulations to you for you have carried out the obligation of jihād against the tawāghīt of Egypt. Congratulations to you for you have supported Bayt al-Maqdis. Congratulations to you for you have terrified the Jews. What can we say to you, as you have broken your sheaths, burnt your ships, and advanced, paving your path through stone, while being patient in the face of bitterness and holding onto coals. Be patient and have glad tidings, for Allah will support you.

And O lions of tawhīd in Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco... O heroes of jihād... O descendants of 'Uqbah, Tāriq, and Ibn Tāshifīn... there is no good in you if you surrender the lands to the sons of secularism as long as you have a blinking eye. There is no good in you if they are secure and happy while you have a pulsing vein. There is no good in you if you incline towards the Dunyā and desert or turn back. No, rather you were made for good and good was made for you. You are the fuel and support of every jihād

battleground, and from amongst its leaders. We ask Allah to honor you, bless you, and grant you victory.

O soldiers of the Islamic State, continue to harvest the soldiers. Erupt volcanoes of jihād everywhere. Light the earth with fire upon all the tawāghīt, their soldiers, and supporters. Carry on in your path, as you are the strong by Allah's permission. Carry on, as you are the honorable. Carry on, as you are the superior. Carry on, as you are the victorious – in shā'allah.

O Allah, there is no god but You, O Bestower... Originator of the heavens and the earth... Possessor of Majesty and Honor... we fight for Your cause, fearing Your anger and seeking Your approval. We did not go forth arrogantly, haughtily, flauntingly, or seeking fame. O Allah, all the armies of kufr from amongst the Jews, Crusaders, atheists, and apostates gathered against us. They did so in opposition to Your religion, wishing to put out Your light. O Allah, we have no might nor strength except by You. Therefore, O Allah, support Your soldiers and bring Your religion triumph. O Allah, deal with America and its allies. O Allah, harshen Your grip on them, support us against them with seven years like that of Yūsuf. Defeat them with the worst of defeats they will ever suffer. Divide their gatherings, split their body, dismember them completely, and make us raid them and not them raid us. There is no god but You. You are exalted. We ask your forgiveness and repent to you. And all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of creation.

