

MARTYR TAPE OF ZIAD SAMIR JARRAH

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We will avenge the honor of the prophets and the honor of all Moslems who keep to their faith. Let all the infidels know that Islam and Moslems are strong and able to destroy their kingdoms and to shake the ground beneath them. They hide behind the oceans, plotting against us, while their people enjoy their lives and our people are getting killed and slaughtered. They are contemptuous of our lands. In the name of God, there is no god but one God.

Our Moslem lives are priceless, and God has promised heaven for the Moslems who give their lives, soul and money for His cause. Glory to the prophet who said that God took Moslem wealth and lives in exchange for heaven.

O Moslems, wake up from your slumber and recognize that if you fight for God, He will grant you victory. You should know that God does not change people unless they change themselves. Know that God can make His religion victorious without our help.

O Moslems, the dawn is near, God willing our victory is near. God and His prophet are witnesses to that. God never lets His people down. You have to choose one of the two paths, whether to fight for your faith and live with honor and to die for your cause, or to live under subjection and humiliation, and surrender to the infidels and atheists.

O Moslems, go back to your faith and fight all the infidels. Why wouldn't you do that when you have been ordered to do so? This religion needs the supports of its Moslem youths, who pray and pledge their lives to God.

[Jarrah recites Koranic verses that urge Moslem youths to fight the Jews and the infidels, and stating that God will punish the latter through these Moslems].

Let the Americans know that whatever punishment they will get is due to their bias towards the Jews who plot and use the American arrows to target us. When we seek revenge, we will retaliate to break the bond between the Jews and the Americans. If we are not able to do that, we will attack both of them. We are going to fight the horse and the horse's keeper, we will strike at the shield that protects the Jews, we will fight both of them until they fall down. We ask God to quell the fear in our hearts and to help the mujahideens to fight for His cause.

[Jarrah recites more Koranic verses].

II. (U) Part Two:

Jarrah: I am sorry, I made many mistakes. I repeated myself many times.

Unid Male2: All we need to do is to make a simple introduction.

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Unid Male1: Can we read again? At least, think about it and mull it over in your mind.

Unid Male2: Regarding the second question, why didn't you try a different approach? I mean another style. Do you have a will to the Moslem nation, a will for the Moslem youths, or the Moslem seculars? Something for the Moslem youths who get arrested and tortured, sometimes directly or through their puppets?

Unid Male1: Stay there for a minute or two. I am not recording; I am only taking a few snapshots. That's enough.

Unid Male2: In these last moments which we are using to congratulate you and say farewell, we want to ask you some questions and we would like your kind answer. First question: What motivated you to carry out this operation?

Jarrah: Praise to God, we only follow Him, we are ordered to do so!

Unid Male2: What motivated you to carry out this operation?

Jarrah: Praise to God. As we all know, we are now facing a new world order led by the United States, which has enslaved Moslems and dominated their land and wealth. Nothing happens in this world without its approval, and that is the crisis which has befallen all Moslems. The US is enslaving these regimes. I had at first some idea I wanted to explain, but I lost track...

Unid Male1: Don't worry.

Unid Male2: [Several unclear words].

Jarrah: Praise to God, the God of the whole universe, and peace be upon His prophet and his companions. As we all know, the United States is the great Satan, and it controls the affairs of the world behind the scene. Moslems get killed, slaughtered, tortured and starved, only because they are Moslems. [Several unclear words follow]. This is due to its ambition and that of the Zionists.

The choice of this operation is to divert the enemy and, God willing, it will have grave consequences on them. [Someone off-camera says some unclear words, then starts laughing].

Praise to God, we all know what is going on around the world today. America is killing innocent people in the Gulf region, especially in Iraq, as well as killing innocent people in Somalia...

Unid Male1: [Several unclear words] and also in Chechnya.

Jarrah: [Several unclear words] Is that enough?

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Unid Male1: No, it's not enough. Start again. Say "Praise to God, peace upon His prophet" quickly, and they why you are carrying out this operation. Why are you carrying out this operation?

Jarrah: Praise to God and peace be upon His prophet. The whole world knows the nature of America and what danger it represents to all Moslems. America has killed innocent people in Iraq during the holy month of Ramadan. Also, the US supported all wars against Moslems, especially the Zionist wars, and the wars in Bosnia.

Unid Male1: [Someone off-camera says, "Ask him a friendly question."] Another person asks: "What is your motivation for carrying out this operation?"

Jarrah: Praise God. The US supports the aggression of the Jews against Moslem lands, and it finances that. The US supports Russia against the Chechnyans, and it supports aggression against Moslems. This is well documented, and there are proofs that support that. It is also fighting the Iraqis in the holy month of Ramadan. America is a whore [TC: Literal translation of the Arabic expression, which means that it has no morals or principles]. The US is known for its bias against the Moslems.

Unid Male1: This is a good point.

Jarrah: Praise God Almighty. The role of the US is well known. It came to the land of the two shrines [Saudi Arabia] and it takes away its oil and exploits it. It is taking away the money of the Moslems. Praise God Almighty. The role of the US is also well known in supporting the Jews in the land of Mahomet's night journey [Palestine]. It supports them and gives them weapons. It supports them politically in all issues. When the Jews kill Palestinians or innocent people in southern Lebanon, you don't find any protests about that. This is legitimate. But if a Jew is killed in the noble land of Palestine, the whole world protests, the Security Council meets, and they start discussing how to fight international terrorism. However, they don't see their own terrorism. They kill Moslems whenever they feel like it, and no one has any right to protest. On the contrary, people meet with their agents, councils convene, and what for? To fight Moslems under the pretext of international terrorism.

Iraq is a case in point. Moslem people there are killed and starved in the month of Ramadan, the blessed holy month. This cannot be tolerated. You cannot leave your brothers there being killed along with the children, a million children. This cannot be accepted by God nor by humanity in general. The question of Iraq is a big issue and a deep wound within the Moslem nation. And then there is the US action in Bosnia. The Bosnians were being killed and slaughtered, and their women were being raped, while young men and children were killed, and no one protested. They left the Moslems get killed while they watched as spectators. When they saw that enough Moslems were killed to their satisfaction, when their feeling of revenge was satiated, they said they will intervene. And why did they intervene? And following whom? Following the mujahideens. Thank God, they struck the Serbs. They were scared for themselves, lest

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the mujahideen movement spills over to Europe and liberates Europe. God willing, Europe will be liberated.

As for Timor, East Timor was separated from Islam and from the Moslem world, when funding started from the United States. The United States has always been plotting to divide the Moslem land everywhere. This is an old plot that goes back to Kissinger for dividing the Moslem nation. This was the Middle East plot, similar to that of Palestine. East Timor was separated from the Moslem land under the supervision of the United States and its allies.

At this very moment, our brothers in Chechnya are getting killed and slaughtered. And where is this coming from? Where is the planning and financing coming from? It is all from the United States. The Americans sent their envoy to Russia and approved a war budget against the Moslems. It was too much. We all know that the Russians don't dare do that on their own. They lack the wherewithal to do that. Everyone knows that the Russians survive from leftovers handed to them from Europe and the US. It is not possible for them to engage in a large war that requires a huge budget like this one. The involvement of the Americans is clear and the evidence of their presence is overwhelming.

The worst crisis is that underlying the contempt shown by the infidels who are staying in the Moslem holy land, the land of the two shrines [TC: Mecca and Medina in Saudi Arabia]. This holy land, the land of the prophet and the land of all Moslems, the land that is the wellspring of all mujahideens around the world, is being desecrated by the infidels. How can we remain silent? How can we remain silent with regard to the contempt of the infidels towards Mecca, the site that 1.25 billion Moslems turn to in their daily five prayers? How can Moslems remain silent in view of all these insults and this desecration? We cannot accept that.

Unid Male1: [Unclear words].

Jarrah: I am not looking at you. I am just trying to imagine the words, to figure them out...

Unid Male1: What about the other Islamic causes? You can talk about the problem of their bias towards the Christians in Timor... How many resolutions were submitted by the United Nations?

Jarrah: Praise to God. The reasons are many and first of all, there is an old issue, the Palestinian one, the land of Mohammed's night journey. This land was desecrated by the Jews who occupy it with the support and encouragement of the Christians. [Laughter].

In the name of God, most Compassionate, most Merciful, the reasons are many... Among those reasons, there is the Palestinian problem, the land of Mohammed's night journey. The Jews occupy it with the help of the Americans, as they receive from the latter all types of aid, even food and industrial products. Palestine has a special place in

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our heart. It is an old wound that many generations have lived through. We all tried to liberate it, but we failed because we used wrong methods. Palestine is a Moslem land and its people are Moslem. The problem can only be solved by Moslems, not by nationalists or socialists.

It is well known that many resolutions were produced by the United Nations, asking the Israelis to withdraw from Palestinian lands... We all know that the resolutions that were passed are not going to solve the problem. We have seen in the past that after one, two or three martyr operations, they get together and start real negotiations. They only understand the language of power.

With regard to Iraq, this is a Moslem nation. Its people live under tyranny, but these people are Moslem and they are starved and murdered. Millions of their children are dying because of starvation and malnourishment. It is Moslem blood that is being shed with the support of the Americans. We cannot be silent about that. The US does what it pleases in Moslem lands. It comes and goes, desecrates everything, and no one objects. On the contrary, its actions are blessed. It has become the lord of the world, and no one protests against its actions.

As regard Bosnia, while the whole world watched our brothers being killed and slaughtered, only the mujahideen had the courage to go and liberate this land and save its people. The United States, despite its claims about international legitimacy and human rights, and similar talk that has no basis in truth, stood by along with its allies and did nothing while this slaughter of Moslems was occurring. On the contrary, they were happy about that. Only when they knew that the mujahideen got involved and began to liberate the land from the Serbs, did they get involved to save their Serbian friends. As you notice, the Bosnian situation is different from the situation in East Timor. In Bosnia, they just watched our brothers being slaughtered and killed, whereas in Timor, after they converted its people to Christianity, they quickly got involved so they could separate Timor from the Moslem land. All that happened with the encouragement of the Americans and their allies, and that was done in a quick manner. But in Bosnia, nothing was done until many Moslems were killed and the shedding of their blood had satisfied them. Then they came to rescue them. They want to show to the Moslems that they are the ones who can kill them and the ones who can rescue them.

The same scenario is happening again in Chechnya and in Afghanistan. It is the same plot to break the Moslem will. They cannot intervene directly. They don't have bases there nor direct routes. We all know that the Russians lack the wherewithal to handle this war. The Russians, who used to be leaders, became followers of the Americans. They execute American plans with minimal loss to the latter. The Americans give them financial, as well as political support, in the latter case simply by looking the other way. The Russians commit their massacres by bombing our brothers with tons of explosives, and the Americans look the other way and claim that it is an internal Russian affair. Wasn't Timor also an internal affair? Why did they intervene in East Timor and separate it from the Moslem land? God knows how many of our brothers are slaughtered and killed with the financial help of the infidels and the Americans.

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And the worst crisis is that of the sacred land, the land of the holy shrine [TC: Kaaba, in Mecca], the site to which all Moslems turn for their prayers. God made this House most sacred for 1.25 billion Moslems. Most of them turn to it five times a day during their prayers. This land has been desecrated. The infidels and polytheists dared even to come to the heart of the Moslem lands. It was not enough for them to remain at the periphery, they had to come to the center. Imagine if someone comes to annoy you in your own house and you cannot do anything about it. Someone is desecrating your holy land. If one Moslem is hurt, it is your duty to help him. What then of the land of the two shrines [Mecca and Medina] being desecrated?

We see Moslem clerics and Moslem youths being harassed and persecuted in the holy land as well as in other Moslem lands by agents sold to the Americans. We have seen how Moslem clerics in America are jailed, such as sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, may God free him. We all see how many Moslems live like fugitives and have no place to go except the mountains to fight. The Moslems never experienced a situation like this one, even in the days of the Tartars. We see Moslems living in the mountains, with no country to go to. May God Almighty lead us to victory against the infidels and polytheists.

Unid Malel: God willing... Very good.

Jarrah: All of the aforementioned reasons and motives are some of the most important ones, but not all of them. The wounds of our Moslem nation are deep and multiple. It makes more sense that if you want to attack someone, you should first attack the head. Now the whole world acts under America and we are harassed everywhere. We cannot simply go after everyone, because we are a minority that lacks the ability to respond in such a wide fashion. But when the opportunity arises to strike the head, we will not hesitate. God willing, we will be victorious. Although we are a minority, we are strong with the support of God. Only God can grant us victory.

End of transcription.

[Jarrah repeats the same speech, which seemed to be a rehearsal, in another setting, the latter being a room as opposed to the outdoors in the first take. Final sections of this latter speech are inaudible.]

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00:50

Praise God, We ask for His guidance and His forgiveness. We ask Him to help us on the right path and prevent us from evil. The one who deceives shall not find repose. I testify that there is no god but one God and that Mohammed is God's messenger. "O faithful, fear God; die not except as Moslems. O people, fear God who has created you from one soul, and from which He created a spouse, and from whom He created many men and women. Fear God and trust Him. God is observing you. O faithful, fear God and say good words. He will guide your actions and forgive your sins. The one who obeys God and His messenger is greatly victorious."

02:30

The holiday is once again upon the Islamic nation. It is bringing us joyful tidings today. The holiday is coming upon our nation, at a time when joy should prevail. However, the nation nowadays is torn between great sadness and joy. The holiday is coming after this holy month (TC: Al Fitr follows Ramadan, the month of fasting), the month of jihad, the month of the Koran, the month of blessed Ramadan, the month of fasting and achievement, the month of devotion. The Almighty said: "O faithful, thou shall fast as those who came before you, so that you are filled with devotion." This month was given to us by God so that we rise towards devotion and abide by the Islamic laws, so that we support this great religion and follow the right path. Religious commandments are great and significant, and God reveals them to those He loves. Some of those we dislike, but God Almighty said: "You have been ordered to fight, though you dislike that. It may be that you dislike something that is good for you. It may be that you like something that is bad for you. God knows and you do not."

Jihad is done by those God has commanded and who rose toward devotion. May God make us all devoted to Him. The holiday is returning, and in these moments it is returning to our Moslem brother in Palestine, in Lebanon, in Iraq, in Sudan and Somalia, in Bosnia and in Chechnia. And you should know how the holiday returns to our brothers in Chechnia. It is returning to them while the explosions of the artillery are destroying the land. It is returning while the planes are shooting at the oppressed people below, men, women and children who are utterly powerless.

06:00

The world infidels have united and ganged up against the Islamic people and against the Moslems in Chechnia, telling and sowing destruction, demolishing infrastructures, leveling homes, raping women, shedding blood, as the blood of Moslems has become the cheapest blood. Only God is All-Powerful. The wounds of Moslems are deep everywhere. However, our wounds today are in our most sacred shrines, in the holy



Kaaba, in the house of our prophet (PBUH), after we served the shrine of our prophet (PBUH). In Jerusalem, the Crusaders and the Jews have united and invaded the home of Islam, in our own house by God Almighty.

07:24

While these are great and deep wounds, the most intense wound is that of Kaaba, and it is the most painful. This shrine is great before the eyes of God. This shrine is the first one that was offered to the people. God chose the first of the prophets, Abraham, along with his son, Ishmael, to build it. This shrine is enriched by its association with the first prophet (PBUH). This shrine has great importance. God does not want us to do our five daily prayers as part of the pillar of religion, if we do not turn to the Kaaba during our prayers. Throughout their history, ever since the mission of the prophet, Moslems have never been afflicted with such calamity. The infidels were never before able to attack this shrine. However, the Christians tried before the start of the prophet's mission (PBUH). Sixty thousand Ethiopian Christians, led by Abraha, came to plot against the Kaaba. They advanced and were met by jahilia men (TC: pre-Islamic Arabs; "jahilia" means ignorance). They had inherited, however, from Abraham's creed a deep respect for this shrine. The various Arab tribes mobilized, one after another, intent on expelling Abraha and Zeita. However, according to God's will, the tribes were defeated and Abraha continued his march. He searched for someone who could show him the way to the Kaaba. He only found Abu Righal who came forward to take him to the Kaaba. However, God Almighty brought death unto him between Taef and Mecca. But how could he have escaped from the clutches of the Arabs who glorified this shrine, even in the pre-Islamic times (jahilia)"? So they established a custom so that no one attacks the Kaaba afterward. They stoned his tomb, and this became a custom in the pre-Islamic times.

11:15

While Abrahama was on his way to Kaaba, a miracle occurred which was a sign and a lesson. The beasts understood that God Almighty has a home, and this home should be glorified along with the Lord of this home, praise God Almighty. So they stopped and lied down. As they were beaten they stood their ground without taking one step towards the holy shrine, glorifying and exalting thus the Creator, praise God Almighty. Sixty thousand men that Abd Al Motaleb wanted to keep away from the Kaaba. The people of Mecca were a few hundred, while the others were sixty thousand. He went to the Kaaba and asked for help, and he promised God Almighty to defend His home. The Kuraish tribe mobilized its men and headed for the mountains, overlooking whoever moves. There was thus another sign. God sent [inaudible] to defend the shrine. It killed sixty thousand Christians, though they are people of the Book, while Kuraish was observing all that without being harmed, since its people were protecting the shrine. This is a sign that will be told till the resurrection of the dead. The young and old shall remember it, which shows how much God cares for the Kaaba. This sign shows also that those who favor malice towards this holy shrine, their malice is simply a case of error and deception.

God said: "Did you not see what your Lord has done with the people of {inaudible}? Did He not make their malice deception?" He rendered their malice error and deception. No traces were left of them and the Kaaba was preserved, thanks to God Almighty. For the sake of this shrine God destroyed a huge army that threatened it. As in the sahih of the prophet (PBUH) it is said: "An army repairs to this shrine, and it is annihilated in its entirety. They said: 'O God's messenger, there are amongst them some [inaudible] people. He said: "They shall all be destroyed." It is an evil portent to be close to those who harbor malice towards this shrine. This is the consequence of being close to those who harbor malice towards this shrine. We ask God to protect this land.

15:55

After Abu Righal, there came to the Islamic nation another Abu Righal. Fourteen centuries have passed without Abu Righal appearing. However, God Almighty wants to test our faith. Are we going to betray His home and remain with those who refuse to fight for Him? Abu Righal and his grandchildren have appeared in our time. They showed up to desecrate the land of the two holy places (TC: Mecca and Medina), so that they are violated by American tanks, American soldiers, and even military Jewish and Christian womenfolk wandering about in the land that saw the birth of Mohammed (PBUP), a land where Gabriel came with the Koran to Mohammed (PBUH). And you should know how important the Kaaba is for God Almighty. He ordered us to worship in many Koranic verses. And he told us to worship in the name of the Kaaba. He said: "Let them worship the Lord of this house."

In another Koranic verse, He said, referring this house to Himself, praise the Lord, glorifying it, He said: "This house is sacred." This house is very important, and we cannot mention in this lecture all that has been said about it. As the prophet (PBUH) said: "There are three people that are abhorrent to God, among these an atheist in a house of worship." The one who comes with armors harbor a great sin if these are used next to God's sanctuary. Also good deeds gain more credence next to the Kaaba. Here, we ask ourselves: Till when will the Moslems refrain from supporting God Almighty, defending His house and expelling the Crusaders and the Jews from the land of the two sanctuaries? As God said: "O faithful, these people are impure." Didn't the prophet (PBUH) say on his deathbed, as described in the true sahih (recollections of the prophet's life) of Ibn Abbas: "On Thursday, the suffering of the prophet intensified. Then he cried. He said that the prophet's will, while in his deathbed, was: Expel the polytheists from the Arab Peninsula." What answer have we prepared for the day of reckoning, the day of resurrection? What answer have we prepared for God Almighty? Were we weak? God knows everything in our hearts. The Islamic nation has reached a low point. It has been ten year since the Americans have entered the land of the two sanctuaries (Mecca and Medina). And it has been more than seven decades since the fall of the prophet's [inaudible] in the hands of the Jews.

22:00

We have to look into the Book of God in order to find the right path and to see the causes of the disease which befell us so that we forsake the Kaaba. We have forsaken the

Kaaba, contrary to God's will. When examining and meditating over the Book of God, this Book which is a guide and revelation to us, we notice that the abhorrence of fighting and the attachment to this world, which have overtaken so many people, is the main reason for all these catastrophes and this disgrace. God Almighty, may He protect us from the accursed devil, said: "Prepare for battle, pray and practice zakat (alms), when they were ordered to fight, some of them feared people as much as God, if not more. They said: 'God, why did you order us to fight? Let us live a little longer.' Say: 'The pleasures of life are few, and the afterlife is better for the devout. Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you were hiding in fortresses'." God is a great, this is His great, perfect and comprehensive message. Reflect on these verses. They said: "Why did you order us to fight? Let us live a little longer." What could happen after the delay? These excuses cannot be justified. God is not pleased with these excuses. He shows the reason for these endless excuses. The answer was: "Say: 'The pleasures of life are few.'" These excuses are for those attached to the world. God knows best what is in our hearts. He reminds us that the pleasures of life are few. Shall we be cheap with our souls, which he created, and with our money, which God gave us to begin with? Say: "The pleasures of life are few, and the afterlife is better for the devout."

26:06

Pay attention to the Koranic verse that follows it, which shows that the choice is between two things, between attachment to this world and fighting till death. The answer came very clearly and revealingly: "Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you were hiding in fortresses." The one who follows God's orders and the prophet's message will offer his soul, which God created. How would you be cheap with something that is not yours? God created you and gave you your livelihood. The faithful should give their lives and money, for they will inherit paradise. They fight for the sake of God. They kill and are killed, in accordance with the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran. Praise the Lord. This covenant is in the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran. This is a covenant between the Creator of heaven and earth, and this small creature. However, the one who has faith in his heart will not lose what God has prepared for the mujahideens (holy warriors). We ask God Almighty to embellish our hearts with faith and to make atheism and disobedience abhorrent to us.

This message is revealed by God in many Koranic verses. Among these, He says, while blaming the faithful, blaming the prophet's companions, may God bless them: "What is the matter with you? What is the matter with you? O you who believe, what is the matter with you? If you are told to fight for God, you lie down on the ground? Do you prefer life on this earth to the afterlife? The pleasures of life are nothing compared to those of the afterlife." Similarly, those who tarry behind instead of joining the battle, whatever excuses they will come up with, whatever excuses about how busy you are, will not matter. Those men were better than us and they were busy with the same things we are busy with nowadays. However, when they are called to serve God, they leave everything and mobilize for God. For the one who tarries behind, the Koranic verses are here to blame him, and the Koranic verses are here to reveal his punishment. "O you who believe, what is the matter with you? If you are told: 'Mobilize for the sake of God'

you lie down on the ground? Do you prefer the life of this world to the afterlife? The pleasures of this life are nothing compared to those of the afterlife."

The issue is clear and obvious. There is no room for hesitancy here and for waiting around. If you do not mobilize, you will be replaced by other people. O Lord, as you called us to jihad for Your sake in Afghanistan, where we are now, and to jihad against the Americans and their allies, we ask You to make us steadfast along this path so that when the time comes You will be pleased with us when we meet You. It is clear from the Koranic verses what are the reasons for tarrying behind instead of fighting for God. Love of the world and dislike of death, as per the hadith of Tawban, may God bless him, recollecting the prophet's (PBUH) life. He wrote: "You have illusions in your heart. They asked him: 'What are these illusions, O messenger of God?' He said: 'Love of this world and your dislike of death.'" Love of the world and dislike of death. Error follows from that. Here we see some of the important reasons which have led us to our situation today. God Almighty shows His rule regarding the error, regarding punishing the error of those who disgrace their religion and those who disgrace the holy land. This error is that of those who disgrace God and His prophet. This estrangement and confusion which betook the Islamic nation, and this division amongst us, these are the result of our leaving the religion of God and jihad for His sake.

32:51

In the hadith about the prophet (PBUH), it is said: "If you accept the humiliation and abandon jihad for the sake of God, you will be disgraced by God. He will not forgive you until you return to your religion." This is a clear and obvious hadith. The Arabs have more responsibility in this matter than others. This is the hadith of our prophet (PBUH). "You will be disgraced by God. He will not forgive you until you return to your religion." So we have to return to religion. We have to free ourselves from our chains. And we have to do jihad for the sake of God. As for the error, God showed it to us in the exchange that occurred between Musa (Moses) and his people. When they were ordered to go on jihad, they stayed behind. God Almighty said: "O my people, here is the holy land which was given to you by God. Do not deny your [inaudible] and return to fighting. They said: 'Moses, this land is inhabited by powerful people. We will not enter it until they leave it. If they leave it, then we will enter it.'" Two men who fear God (God is great), God is greater than a strong and large nation. God picked two men who feared Him. Fear is linked to this jihad. Fear and awe are both linked with this jihad.

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:00 Koranic saying

2:50 This is Palestine full of grief and wounded in a way that cannot be concealed; and Moslems cannot but share this wound which the catastrophe has exasperated; however despite this wound, they are certain to return to the glory of the Islam Caliphate; they swore by God, they swore by God, that their jihad will go on even if they have to fight the likes of Caesar.

[Mishabi Media Production presents a Conference on the Hadith [sayings and deeds of Mohammed] of Kaab Bin Malek on Tabuk's raid, by Sheik Usama Mohammed Bin Laden]

3:36 Praise the Lord and we ask God to guide our actions and to forgive us. I testify there is no God but one God and that Mohammed is the servant of God. O you who believe, repent to God and do not die except as Moslems. Our talk in this meeting is about the situation of the great Islamic nation and what befell it, as you know, in terms of having the infidels ruling it, of being governed by what God did not authorize, and of having its holy places desecrated. It has been more than eight decades that Palestine has been occupied by the Christians and then by the Jews. And it has been ten years since the Crusaders under the leadership of the Americans have been occupying the land of the two holy places (Mecca and Medina). Despite these great disasters, people haven't lifted a finger to support the Islamic cry of "there is no God but one God" (La ilah illa Allah). To God we shall return, only God is all Powerful.

5:45 Interpreters came along with many excuses. However what is going on is that Moslems are humiliated, and the law of God is not governing people anymore. God's law was pushed aside and people, as I said before, are distracted and have distracted themselves from the teaching of Mohammed (peace be upon him: PBUH), as a solution to free themselves from the shame and disgrace that befell them. Among the ways to show what is right is to witness the era of the early Moslems, how the noble companions of the prophet lived. We can see then clearly right from wrong. Right became clear, with God's permission. What I saw most clearly on this subject is the hadith (sayings and deeds of prophet Mohammed) of Kaab Bin Malek, may God be pleased with him, as in the two recollections (Sahih) of the prophet.

7:30 In this great and long hadith, the noble companion of the prophet spoke clearly about human nature and about the weakness of human nature. He did not argue or lie as others lied and were destroyed by God. Witness with me this sincerity, this openness and clarity so that we understand the psychology of those who refrained from this Jihad, and so that we help ourselves and advise yourselves and our brothers and Islamic scholars (ulamas). Kaab Bin Malek talks about the raid of

Tabuk in which he did not take part, even though he was amongst those who were present, witnessed and pledged their allegiance at Qaaba's pledge of allegiance, this great pledge on which was founded, thanks be to God, the Islamic nation. The Islamic nation came about at the enlightened city. And we are merely one fruit among these blessed fruits. He says: "I did not refrain from any raid led by the prophet (PBUH), except for the battle of Badr." And the prophet did not blame him for that. He is among the early witnesses. He saw all the battles, with the prophet (PBUH), except Badr.

- 9:38 He participated in the tumult of wars. He offered his body to the Islamic cry of "there's no God but one God." But a human being remains human. The devil can tempt him, his nature can betray him. And this is what, may God bless him, he described. He says: "The prophet (PBUH) called for the battle when the weather became hot. People were resting under the palm trees, which at that time were blooming." He says: "I wanted to rest under the trees and eat their fruits." This is the nature of human beings. We see it even in these great people, may God bless them. If these great people refrain from battle, it is not surprising to see noble people nowadays avoid battle too. The best amongst us and them have stayed away from the frontline, as we can see in this hadith. "I wanted to rest under these trees and eat their fruits."
- 11:22 He said: "People started to get ready. I said that I will get prepared. The first day passed and I didn't do anything. I used to say that I will be ready tomorrow. But I didn't do anything." Watch out, this is what he is saying. "I said to myself that I am able to go with them." The mind betrays itself. And he is someone who became familiar with Jihad. "I said to myself, I can go out and I am able to do that." He said: "I remained in this state of mind until the battle march started." There went this terrifying convoy, this magnificent convoy, led by Mohammed (PBUH) and accompanied by Abu Bakr and his noble companions. It was said that they were thirty thousand fighters, may God bless them. Here, the Moslem should watch out for people's self deception. Of the people who refrain from "there is no god but one God," how many are deceived by themselves?
- 13:15 If he wanted to take part in the battle, he would have. If his father, his chief, or whomever advises him told him to go out to take part in battle, he would have done so. However he does not leave his home. This is clear self-deception. He was thus deceived by himself, after he had tested himself in battles. The just people are the children of wars. They know them inside out. What then of those who never left home to battle for the sake of God? There is only one All Powerful God.
- 14:00 Wouldn't they be deceived by themselves? Those have lived through life's hardships. No electricity, no a/c, nothing. Pride appeared and grounded him. What then of those who abused what is permissible, wallowing in luxury without any restraint? People left their homes to be part of the battle, while Kaab stayed behind and fell in the throes of this grave and repugnant sin. He stayed behind

instead of supporting "there is no god but no God." He stayed behind instead of supporting monotheism (tawhid), support the doctrine, and he leaned onto life's enjoyment, however little they were in those days.

- 15:04 The weather was hot, Omar, may God bless him, said: "If one of us went to his riding camel, he would feel exhausted from the oppressive heat." What did the people say? They said: "He followed the spirit of justice. Hell is hotter for those who avoid the holy war." They witnessed the actions and deeds of the prophet (PBUH). They attended Friday sermons. They know what he said. They heard what he uttered. However the understanding is the understanding of the heart, it is the feeling of reverence and fear. They would not have shirked from their battle duties. If they understood, they would have known that hell fire is much hotter.
- 16:26 Today, what do they tell our brothers? They tell them that when you return jails await you. And jail bars are hot. They tell them that the secret police and the security forces are following them. They answer: "Hell fire is hotter, God guides us." Life is short. Shall we leave the paradise of God, praise the Lord, because of human threats? No, by God. The one who recognizes that the moment of death is fated and does not change and the one who recognizes that one's life does not expand or shrink, then there is no doubt about it. As per the recollections of the prophet's deed and action (hadith), the prophet told Al Gholam Abdallah Ben Abbas: "O Gholam, follow God, God will protect you. If you have questions, ask God. If you need help, seek God's assistance. You should know that when the Islamic nation unites to benefit you, it will benefit you, it will benefit you only in that which God fated. And if it unites to harm you, it will harm you only in what God fated. The pens have stopped writing, and the ink has dried." This hadith is taught to Moslems. This is one of God's graces to us. However, Moslem youths need to learn, along with these teachings, how to put into practice what they have learned. They have to affirm justice publicly for the sake of "there is no god but one God." If you learn but do not apply what you have learned, there is no excuse. The two must go hand in hand, learning and applying what you have learned. The fruit of learning is the reverence of God. Also, the fruit of learning is to follow the path shown to us by the prophet Mohammed.
- 19:11 Once the raid was underway, Kaab said: "I wanted to follow them, but did not do that." He said: "I wish I did that." This great and blessed battle was the last one that the prophet (PBUH) undertook. So he missed a great opportunity, besides his committing this grave sin. "I wished I did that." So, o servants of God, take advantage of your health, of your youth. The fields of paradise have opened their doors. As the prophet (PBUH) said: "The doors of heaven [inaudible]." Abu Mussa Al Ashari, may God bless him, recounted this hadith (prophet's deeds and sayings): "A man said: O Abu Mussa, you heard that from the prophet (PBUH)." Look at his comprehension. He wants to know so he can act on that. Knowledge is not sufficient, there need to be learning and action. "You heard that from the prophet (pbuh)." He wanted to know if the hadith was true. He said: "Yes." He

went to his tribe. He greeted the tribespeople. He then took his sword's sheath and broke it. This is the message of the prophet's companions. He said: "I wish I did that." The opportunity is there for you, before the day arrives when you will say: "I wish I did that." One of the good scholars was close to death. He was in his deathbed and his eyes were tearing up. He was among the noble people through his learning and teaching. They asked him why he was crying. While he was looking at his feet, he said, "I am crying because I did not cover my feet with dust for the sake of God."

- 22:06 You know the true hadith of the prophet (PBUH). "The one whose feet get covered with dust for the sake of God, will have God's blessings." God is great. Worshipping God, something as simple as that, would protect you from hellfire. What then if you battle by sacrificing your life and assets without any earthly returns? This action is the best action. As in the "sahih" (recollections of prophet's deeds and sayings) of Bukhari, when asked what is the most noble action, the prophet (PBUH) said: "A man who leaves home and endangers his life and risks his money for the sake of God."
- 22:50 Many of our brothers try to scare us about the dangers. The real danger is the tomb, may God make it into a garden for our peace. The real danger is the day of reckoning, the day of resurrection, the day when death overtakes you. Death comes suddenly and surprises you. Your life has passed, buffeted by what people say while you stayed behind instead of shoring up "there is no god but one God." God Almighty warned the believers not to get close to the hypocrites, because one of his distinguishing feature of the hypocrites is to refrain from supporting God. There came some bedouins with some excuses so that they be forgiven, and those people who lied to God and his prophet stayed behind. May God help us not to refrain from supporting Him and from supporting his prophet (PBUH).
- 24:05 Look at those early Moslems. In his hadith, the prophet (PBUH) said, "I was out in Medina. What saddened me is that I did not see in the town except people steeped in hypocrisy and excuses." These were some of the early Moslems, may God bless them. When the news came that the eastern Christians were thinking about harming the Moslems (they did not enter the Islamic lands; the fact is that they were just thinking about assembling their troops) our leader and paragon, Mohammed (PBUH), came out and called upon the people to follow him, saying that only the hypocrites will stay behind. Look, O servants of God, if you want success, follow the example of those noble people, may God bless them, Mohammed (PBUH) and his companions. Mohammed, the messenger of God, and those who accompany him, have no mercy on the infidels, and they are compassionate with each other. So to follow the message is something that is complete and applies to what you like and dislike. As in the hadith of Ubada, may God bless him, it is said: "The prophet expects obedience and a receptive ear under hardship and comfortable conditions." To be ready for battle, you have to fulfill the trust that was given to you. That was the situation then. He did not see but people who were hypocrites or who found all kinds of excuses. When the



prophet (PBUH) reached Tabuk, he said: "What did Kaab Bin Malek do?" He remembered him. A man from Bani Salama said: "He hesitated." He talked about him because he stayed away instead of supporting religion, and he put himself in a position that is unworthy of faithful people, which is to support religion. He then said: "O God's messenger, we have so far known him for his good deeds." Ibn Hajar said, after he listened to the man from Bani Salama, "what I told you is that the one who refrains from jihad by giving pretexts will be maligned by people, because supporting religion is one of the greatest duties." We ask God to give us success while we are fulfilling the trust he placed in us for supporting the religion of our God.

27:50 At that moment, he saw a pale man who was coming from far. The prophet (PBUH) said, "This is Abu Kaitham Al Ansari." He came on his own without waiting for the company of those who chose to stay behind. The devil wanted to disturb him, and he was one of the prophet's companions. Ibn Hajar recounted a story about Abu Kaitham. He said: "I entered a home and I saw a groom who had been sprinkled with water. How nice to have a groom sprinkled with water in the summer! I looked at my wife and said, 'Look at the believers. Look at the people who follow the true creed and harbor deep-rooted conviction'." I said: "This is not, by God, the way to support God. The prophet (PBUH) gives of himself in the hot wind and I am enjoying this comfortable life?" He then took his riding camel and followed God's messenger.

29:45 And why did Mohammed (PBUH) go to battle? Didn't he go to battle for the sake of "there is no god but one God"? What are we doing staying behind instead of supporting "there is not god but one God," while thinking that we have supported it and that it has stopped from ruling people? Praise the Lord Almighty.

30:00 We shall focus on some excerpts from Kaab's hadith, and we will not stop at everything. The hadith authors dwelled profusely on many topics. He said: "When God's messenger (PBUH) came back, I was overtaken by grief and worries. I went to see him and he smiled at me." Ibn Hjar talks also about these sources. Kaab said: "The prophet shunned me." I asked God's messenger: "Why do you avoid me? By God, I did not lie, I did not doubt, and I did not change my religion." To stop supporting religion is a very grave thing. He said: "Why do you avoid me? By God, I did not lie, I did not doubt, and I did not change my religion." The answer came in a strong and decisive tone. God's messenger (PBUH) said: "what prevented you.....?" It's a question that people will be asked about. "What prevented you from supporting God? What prevented you?" We ask God to guide our ulamas (Islamic scholars) so that they pay attention to the messages of the early Moslems, and to guide the Islamic nation towards jihad on which early Moslems agreed, saying that jihad is indicated in certain situations, such as the following: if the enemy enters Islamic land. And it has been decades that the Islamic land has been violated. God only is All-Powerful. So who is responsible for "there is no god but one God"? If each one of us hides behind

excuses, who is responsible? The religion of God is under attack and we are not responsible? We have to reflect on that so that we can reinstate justice. Praise the Lord.

Here is a clear confession from Kaab which can give us a good lesson. Kaab says: "O God's messenger, if I sat next to some other human being, I would have seen that I could escape his wrath with some excuse." Pay attention, O servant of God! Kaab continues and says: "I was thrown into a heated argument."

- 33:45 Many today are thrown into heated arguments. There are clear texts in God's Book and in the sayings of God's messenger (PBUH), which they dismiss with excuses that do not exempt one from making the necessary efforts.

My brothers, they say that now is not the right time. Then, when is the right time? Andalusia, the land of Islam, fell more than five hundred years ago, five centuries. When is the right time? Each time someone comes with an excuse, saying it's not the right time yet. Were these Koranic verses and rules revealed to us so that we dismiss them and ignore them? This great faith by which we worship God, as was mentioned in the two sahihs (recollection of the prophet's deeds and sayings), is that for which we have to fight others so that we testify that "there is no god but one God and that Mohammed is God's messenger" and for which we have to pray and provide zakat (aid to the needy; alms). He has been ordered to fight for the sake of his devotion to God. So how do we want to inspire people without the message of Mohammed (PBUH)? Atheism then appeared in all Moslem lands. God and his messenger (PBUH) are denied in the pages of newspapers. God alone is All-Powerful.

- 35:25 So here you should avoid polemics. Follow the example of the early Moslems, may God bless them, under the guidance and leadership of Mohammed (PBUH). He says: "I was tempted to argue but I have talked to you, and whatever displeases you will displease God." So, servant of God, you are asked: "Why don't you fight for God?" You are self-deceived; however, God would punish you for that, given His anger at those who have forsaken their religion. This is a true hadith that is transmitted to you and warns of God's punishment.

- 36:40 Some twenty years ago, I was visiting some of our religious scholars (ulama) and sheiks, asking them to go and undertake jihad, when the first jihad started against the Russians. Many of them came with a lot of excuses. Few were close to the message of Kaab, may God bless him. I still remember the words of some of them, who used to say: "Usama, go with God's blessings. What you are doing is right and the right path. We are with a destructive war but we are not used to it, and are afraid of it." Man is the enemy of what he ignores. This attitude has gone on for several decades, without those religiously devoted marching with the people.

He then says: "By God, I did not have any excuse." He swore to God that he had no excuses. And many today have no excuses if they follow the message of Kaab, may God bless him. "By God, I did not have any excuse. By God, I did

not have any reason for staying behind.” God’s messenger (PBUH) said: “This person is sincere.” Before God Almighty forgives him for telling the truth to God’s messenger (PBUH), he said: “I remember the lies.” This is a very important confession that shows the nature of people’s minds. Many people today deal with other people as if they were infallible. They say that if jihad is now necessary they would have gone. This is one of the prophet’s companions who testifies to the truth of the two sahihs (recollection of Mohammed’s deeds and sayings). He says: “I remember the lies.” The mind has many courses. The devil flows in these courses like blood. However, God’s forgiveness was based on the fact that he relied on truth. So he was rewarded by God Almighty.

39:37 He said: “When I left, men from Abu Salm (my tribe) came to blame me. (They were blaming him). Why did you say these words? If you had repented, it would have been enough for you to get the forgiveness of the Messenger of God (PBUH: Peace be upon him).” He said (Watch out here for the psychology of human beings, even of noble people): “They kept blaming me until I was almost ready to get back on my words and lie to myself.” Social pressure, the pressure of parents and relatives, pressure from the social environment, these pressures are very strong, even for those noble people. What of today, now that things have turned upside down? Now the majority of people are refusing to join jihad (holy war). And only a minority – may God give them success; we ask God to make us steadfast and preserve His grace on us – joins jihad.

40:55 He says: “I asked them, ‘Did anyone else share my position?’ They said, ‘Yes, two men. They have been told what you have been told.’” He mentioned the two men, who were Marara Ibn (Son of) Rabiha and Hilal Ibn Umayyah, who had witnessed Badr. Then the question of banishment came up, migration, the migration of those people who refrain from allying themselves with God. He said: “I was treated with contempt. And I was contemptuous of myself.” And who will shun you, O servant of God? The one who shuns you is the lord of Adam’s children (Prophet Mohammed), the one whose anger is the reflection of God’s anger. This is a very serious issue. What in fact does it mean that three people refrained from battle, among thirty thousand? This is not some number that will affect the strength of the army. However, it is something that is in one’s heart. Why did this heart refrain from allying itself with “there is no god but one God”? The important point is not if one will have much influence or not in the battle. You were entrusted with a mission, you had a duty that you needed to fulfill. So he was shunned until his own heart held him in contempt.

He said: “When things started weighing on me because of my being ostracized by the Moslems, a messenger from king Ghassan showed up.” You know that the Ghassanites are of Bani Kaila tribe, and they are related to [inaudible] tribe. The news reached the Ghassanites. Their king sent him a messenger, telling him: “Join us, we will help you with our money. Don’t remain in this ignominy.” Kaab then said: “Even the infidels sought me out! The polytheists wanted me!” This is what happens nowadays. The one who refrains from jihad is sought after

by those rulers who are traitors and agents of foreign powers. They are sought after by those rulers who try to entice them away from supporting "there is no god but one God." "Do not rely on those who are unjust, for hellfire will await you." May God help us all.

43:54 He said: "I took the letter that was handed to me and put it in the furnace." He said: "When things became difficult for me, I thought about a wall that belonged to my cousin, Ibn Katada, and he was among the closest people to me. He said: 'O Aba Katada, I implore you by God...' Pay attention, O servants of God, how faith and jihad are linked together, and vice versa; things became difficult for him; and his own conscience was oppressing him; the prophet himself shunned him, how would he feel good after that?... He said: 'O Aba Katada...' Because of the intensity of his distress, he went to be reassured about what is most important in people's hearts, faith. He wanted to be reassured about the love of God and the love of his prophet, peace be upon him. 'I implore you by God, O Abu Katada, do you know that I love God and His messenger?' It is a great crime to deny 'there is no god but one God.' Does anything bring light into our hearts besides 'there is no god but one God?' How can you let down this great expression and refrain from battle, while claiming that you love God and His messenger?

45:44 He said: "He did not answer me." He shunned him. "I greeted him and he did not answer my greeting, the most beloved friend I have." This was in compliance with God's order to punish those who refrain from allying themselves with God. He said: "I implored him once more. 'Do you know that I love God and His messenger?' He did not reply. I implored him a third time. 'Do you know that I love God and His messenger?' God and His messenger know best." Kaab then says: "I turned away and my eyes welled up with tears." He was crying, because the most important thing in life is faith in God. He could not prove to his most beloved person this important thing. What is the worth of life? He could not prove this to him, so he said "God and His messenger know best."

Then Kaab, may God bless him, says afterward: "When forty days passed, a messenger from God's messenger (PBUH) came to me. He said, God's messenger orders you..." Pay attention, O servants of God. The most personal things for men are their homes and their wives. The order came to avoid your wife, the mother of your children. He said, "God's messenger orders you to avoid your wife." If living hearts are careful, they will remember and return to prayer. They will feel the oppression coming from deserting "there is no god but one God." He said that he is ordering you to avoid your wife. He said: "I will even divorce her." Imagine, he was ready to divorce her so that God will be pleased with him. He said, "No, but don't get close to her." He said to his wife: "Return to your parents, until God decides upon your fate."

48:50 With this religion, we have [inaudible] women leaving the Book of God and the teachings of His messenger (PBUH). God Almighty is the One who created us. Among His Koranic verses, He says: "I have created women from you, so that

you rely on them and trust them.” With God’s favor woman was created, a home with compassion and friendliness. So how would you forsake this religion which was the cause of all the favors you received? And how would you forsake the religion of God Almighty who created you from nothingness, without your having any power? He said: “My two companions became quiet and started to cry.” The living hearts, once reminded, will remember. They cried for forty days. They were told also to avoid their wives. The wife of Hilal Ibn Umayyah, may God bless him, came by and said: “O messenger of God...” Pay attention, O servants of God. “O messenger of God, Hilal is an old man who is lost. Are you against my serving him?” He is an old man who is lost. However, when he refrained from going to jihad, he received [inaudible]. He could have gone along and would have guarded the supplies. “Hilal is an old man who is lost. Are you against my serving him?” He said: “No, but he should not get close to you.” She said: “By God, there is no [inaudible].”

- 51:15 So what is your excuse, O servant of God, for not joining “there is no god but one God,” especially that God has provided you with health, good vision, a strong heart, and money with which you can go to all parts of the world? So how can you refrain from joining your Creator and your Lord? Take advantage of your youth, your health, your wealth and your life before death overtakes you suddenly, and no regret will then be of any use.

He said afterward, may God bless him, continuing this great story which shows the nature of the human mind in its relationship with this worship regarding jihad, he said: “His wife said, ‘O messenger of God, he is still crying at home since that time.’” The souls that are free, proud and faithful are tortured by the performance of sins. Their sins are washed by tears. Those people, may God bless them, during the raid of Tabuk, came to the messenger of God (PBUH) so that he takes them with him on jihad. He did not have anything to carry them along. When he apologized to them, what did God say about them in His holy Book? “They turned away and their eyes were welling up with tears, as they were overcome by sadness for not being able to join.” What then of those people whose death becomes near and who have never battled for the sake of God? They don’t shed a tear, they don’t feel, and their faces remain unperturbed with the calamities of the Moslem people and the calamity that is befalling their religion. Only God is All-Powerful.

- 53:51 He says: “While I was sitting and hurting from what has happened to me, a voice came calling me, bringing me good tidings, saying that God’s messenger accepted his repentance. I prostrated myself, crying of joy for God’s forgiveness.” Forsaking “there is no god but one God” is among the greatest sins. He was told about the concern of the prophet’s companions regarding God’s forgiveness of their brother who committed such grave sin. He said: “When the person whose voice I heard came to me, I gave him [inaudible], then he went to God’s messenger (PBUH).” Pay attention, O servants of God, about the situation of the early Moslems, may God bless them. He said: “People started to congratulate me

for God's forgiveness of me, and bringing me the good tidings for the forgiveness given such serious offense I have committed."

55:32 He said: "I greeted the messenger of God (PBUH), and his face was beaming with joy for God's forgiveness. I said, 'O messenger of God, is that you or is it God who is forgiving me?' He replied, 'No, it is God Almighty.' He said (Watch how the prophet's companions deal with the prophet): 'O messenger of God (He had refrained one time from battle, and participated in many others), it is part of my contrition that I give up all my money.'" The prophet told him that it will be enough if he gives up one-third of his fortune. Today, you are not asked to give up all your money, although this money belongs to God Almighty. Go and seize the opportunity before the time comes when it is too late and you would have wasted your life away in trifles and you would have wronged yourself in all the hours and years that have passed. As in the "sahih" [TC: recollections of prophet Mohammed's life and teachings], the prophet (PBUH) says: "Standing one hour on the battlefield to fight for the sake of God is better than worshipping for sixty years." With one hour in the battlefield, you will be able to ally yourself with "there is no god but one God" against the Jews, the Christians and their allies. The opportunity, thanks to God, is here and the field is open for getting ready, getting trained and for joining hands with "there is no god but one God," and you are staying away? This is in the case of collective duty. Standing one hour on the battlefield to fight for the sake of God is better than worshipping for sixty years. In another hadith (Prophet's teachings), it is said that to be ready for battle for one month for the sake of God is better than fasting for God. This is great news and great magnanimous gesture from the most magnanimous Being, praise God.

58:00 He said: "O messenger of God, God saved me for my honesty, for my contrition I should say nothing but the truth." The prophet said that honesty saved him so that he will not perish like others have perished. He said that God said to those who lied things that are worse than He said to anyone else. Those who stayed away from joining "there is no god but one God" were identified, described and disgraced by God in the Koranic chapter of "Fatiha," in the chapter of "Bara'a" (Innocence), in the chapter of "Tawba" (Repentance). The hypocrites were exposed and disgraced. Read these chapters carefully. Let each one of you retire with Koranic verses, with the verses of fighting, with the verses of jihad, to see where he is. Is he in harmony with the message of Mohammed (PBUH) or is he away from this message and close to the description of those who stay behind, may God help us? God Almighty warned: "If a Koranic chapter is revealed to believe in God and undertake jihad with His messenger, those who have power excused themselves..." You have power in money, in health, in physical strength, in your ability to think, in your eyesight, in everything. God gave them all kinds of favors. Who are the ones who excused themselves? Those who have been granted wealth by God Almighty. "If a Koranic verse is revealed to believe in God and undertake jihad with His messenger..." This great revelation came from God to His messenger (PBUH). "If a Koranic verse is revealed to believe in God and undertake jihad with His messenger, those who have power excused

themselves and said, 'Let us remain with those who stay behind.'" They accepted to remain with those who stayed behind. They accepted to remain with the women, the women about whom I spoke earlier. Women don't have to undertake jihad, only to undertake [inaudible]. Those women had to pledge allegiance to Islam. Women and slaves were to pledge allegiance to Islam, while free men had to pledge allegiance to Islam and jihad.

1:01:20 What then if you become like them? We bring the Christians, but also Christian and Jewish females, to defend the land of the two holy shrines (Saudi Arabia), to defend the descendants of Saad and Muthanna? Are there no men left? By God, this is unacceptable to our pre-Islamic ancestors. What then when God has given us this great religion and this straight path? Only God is All-Powerful.

1:02:00 We have mentioned the situation of the hypocrites as a warning to avoid them. It is forbidden to be accepting of them. "They accepted to be with the hypocrites. Their hearts were imprinted, they do not understand. However, the prophet and those who believed with him, undertook jihad with their money and their lives. Rewards and success await these people." This is a revelation from God Almighty about their success and their rightness. If you are among the followers of Mohammed (PBUH), and among the followers of the first Moslems, may God bless them, this is then the right path. This is clear. Those people accepted to stay with [inaudible] as a warning for the believers to avoid following the path of the hypocrites.

1:02:54 If you are the followers of Mohammed, this is the path, to do jihad with your money and your lives. Those who stayed behind and were deceived by themselves, they lied to God and His messenger (PBUH). Kaab said, "I am glad I did not get what they did get, if I had lied and stayed behind." Earlier he said, when he was told [inaudible], he said: "I don't put together staying behind and lying to God's messenger (PBUH)."

1:04:00 Pay attention, O servants of God. Who got rich from remaining behind? There is no pairing between staying behind and the believers forsaking worshipping God. So why are you cheap and order people to be cheap? This is an abominable characteristic. God condemned those who are cheap and order others to be likewise. Cheapness with regard to money is a calamity. God afflicted you with stinginess, repent for your sin. Why do you have to order others? What is your interest in having others refrain from spending their money for the sake of God? What is your interest in people forsaking their religion? This is what the devil spreads over people, scaring his allies. If a few people join together, the collective duty would be fulfilled, God willing. I am saying the truth, thanks to God, because I have been privy to such things for about twenty years. How will people leave to do battle, when they come with trivial excuses which are adorned and amplified in their minds by the devil? There remain other people, and the banner of "there is no god but one God" is reinforced. Watch out, O servant of God, about shirking battle (staying behind) and forsaking religion while spouting

excuses. God knows all those excuses. He can read your hearts. Examine yourself, perhaps you are deceiving yourself, as Kaab, may God bless him, was deceived.

1:06:10Kaab said, "Thank God for granting me this honesty and for giving me this blessing. The greatest blessing that God gave me, following Islam, is that I did not lie, for I would have perished as they did. God gave the direst warnings to those who lied." He said: "They will swear by God to you... Avoid them, because they are evil people, and their dwelling is hellfire. They swear to you so that you are pleased with them. If you are pleased with them, God is not."

What is the use of life if you abstain from defending "there is no god but one God" and God Almighty is not pleased with you? "If you are pleased with them, God is not pleased with the dissolute people." These are the characteristics he described them with in some of the Koranic verses, as unjust in some verses and as dissolute in others. This great hadith (recollections of Mohammed's life and teachings) which was revealed by Kaab, may God bless him, is an example for people so that they examine themselves, they repent and return to prayer. These are the first Moslems. However, the prophet and those who believed with him took to jihad. Those who stayed behind were the Bedouins who did not understand religion. Despite that, they thought they were believers. When they came to the prophet (PBUH) and told him that they were believers, they were told to say "We submit to the will of God" (TC: "Islam" means "submission") and faith will enter their souls. They were shown the characteristics of the faithful. They were shown the situation of the faithful. Heed that, O servants of God. "The faithful who believed in God and His messenger did not have doubts and they undertook jihad with their money and their own lives for the sake of God." God is great. The nature of faith was revealed to them. The most eminent quality is to believe in God and His messenger, without a doubt, and undertaking jihad with money and one's life. Then there is this great and beloved quality, that of sincerity. This is the quality which guided this great man. Sincerity leads to devotion. And devotion leads to heaven. A man tells the truth until it is written before God that he is honest. You have thus to be sincere. The faithful who have believed in God and His messenger and did not have doubts, and who have undertaken jihad with their money and their lives for the sake of God, those people are sincere. O Lord, give us the grace of sincerity and make us honest people, O Compassionate God.

1:10:27So I would like to tell my Moslem brothers everywhere, if people do good then they do good, if they do evil then they do evil, but on the day of reckoning you will be asked about your deeds. What will you say when you are asked about forsaking "there is no god but one God?" What will you say if you are asked this question: "What is the reason for staying behind, when God gave you so many assets?" The issue is with those who excused themselves while they were wealthy. They accepted to remain behind with the women. God imprinted their hearts, but they do not know.



1:11:25 The calamity of the Moslem nation nowadays is widespread. Inactivity has lingered for many decades. So leave your home, O servant of God, perform your duties. Seize the day. Take advantage of heaven's doors opening up for you. As God's messenger (PBUH) said: "The sword erases our sins." The martyr is forgiven everything, everything except debt. "The sword erases our sins." And follow the one who came to free us from darkness. Our science is that of all Moslems, that of our prophet (PBUH). Archangel Gabriel came to him to bring him revelations. What did he say? He talked in a clear Arabic language. So what is your excuse when God made you among those who understand Arabic?

1:12:55 It is said in the genuine "sahih" (recollections of prophet's life and teachings): "The one who has Mohammed's message in his heart would not refuse to join a detachment battling for the sake of God." Don't you understand Arabic speech? This is the most pious man who swears by God that he never refused to join a detachment going to battle for the sake of God. Your situation is as if you think there are better deeds than that. There is no battlefield that appears without the ulamas (Islamic scholars) issuing fatwas (religious or legal opinions). A great number of Islamic scholars met and issued religious opinions stating that jihad was an individual duty when the Russians invaded. What was your excuse for not joining the battle? What is the excuse? It is self-deception. "The one who has Mohammed's message in his heart would not refuse to join a detachment battling for the sake of God."

1:14:37 What then of a man who claims that he loves Mohammed (PBUH), and who claims that he follows the message of Mohammed (PBUH) without going to battle for the sake of God at a time when jihad has become an individual duty? How can we learn from this person who stays behind the understanding of jihad? However, the understanding of jihad is, as the sheikh of Islam Al Mutayya, this mujahid religious scholar, who went to battle the Tatars, said: "The duty with regard to jihad is to take the opinion of the people of true religion who have knowledge of the affairs of the world, among which is jihad, not the opinion of those who know religion superficially or those religious people who have no knowledge of the affairs of the world." Let me give you a simple example. Among the excuses we hear from those people who spout excuses, we hear that we have no power against the United States and its soldiers. This is because they are giving opinions without having the requisite conditions for giving the opinion of a mufti. He has to have a solid understanding of the situation.

1:16:36 The ruler and mufti, in order to issue a legal or religious opinion, have to be privy to the real situation, to the events that have occurred, to examine them and infer from their significance. The other kind is that one must understand the duty that derives from the given situation, and that is the rule of God that applies to that situation in order to issue the legal and religious opinion. You did not wage modern warfare and you don't know how to undermine the power of the infidels, and how a minority of the faithful who believed in God and in the good that is

derived from God, defeated with simple weapons the Soviet Union. They act without having all the wherewithal. They don't say that they don't have enough manpower or weapons. This question is not for you to decide, O servants of God. The question of fatwa is a very serious thing.

In one of the "sahih" Mohammed (PBUH) talks about this man whose head was fractured and who went to his people, after committing a major ritual impurity. He asked them what he should do. They told him that he should perform a major ritual ablution. They issued a fatwa without having the requisite legal and religious understanding of similar situations, and they did not take into consideration the situation of the patient. After he performed the ablution, he died. Then God's messenger (PBUH) said: "They killed him. May God kill them."

- 1:19 What about today's fatwas, while thousands of our people are being killed in Bosnia, and the blood of thousands is flowing as they were mowed down by tanks and armored vehicles in Chechnia, while our brothers are burned in mosques in Tunisia, and our children and families in Palestine are subject to the harshest punishments in the hands of the Jews. Wherever you look at Moslems in any country, you notice that they are like a bird whose wings have been clipped. Disaster is everywhere. Isn't that enough? And until now, we say it is a collective duty? And the one who speaks of individual duty has lied in so many ways? The one who has strong faith in his heart follows Mohammed (PBUH) and his noble companions.

- 1:20:20 I conclude this talk about this great hadith by a description of the prophet's companions, transmitted by God, while some of them refrain from jihad, after they had asked to fight while staying in Mecca. They know they had to confront the infidels, for otherwise they would be crushed. The prophet (PBUH) told them to prepare for battle. They said: "We have not been ordered to fight yet." When they were ordered to fight, they retreated. God said: "Behold those to whom it was ordered to desist, to pray and to provide zakat (alms; aid to the needy). When they were ordered to go to battle, some of them feared people as they fear God, if not more." Servants of God, this is the case with some of the prophet's companions, may God bless them. Fear God and examine yourself. This is the case with the noble people, how then would you vouch for yourself when you support "there is no god but one God"? "Behold those to whom it was ordered to desist, to pray and to provide zakat (alms; aid to the needy). When they were ordered to go to battle, some of them feared people as they fear God, if not more." They said: "Lord, why do you order us to fight? We wish you would extend our life a bit." This is what self-deception is all about, an attachment to life on this earth. Why do you tarry behind? For a short lease on life. What will happen? Excuses are endless in this world, and your expectations are longer than your life. If you extend our life a bit! Say: "The pleasures of life are few, and the

afterlife is better for the devout one. You will not be mistreated." God Almighty revealed that self-deception is to get attached to life's few pleasures. He revealed to them that these pleasures are limited. He guided them to the good. The afterlife is better than the few pleasures of life. The afterlife is better for the devout one, and you shall not be mistreated. Then in the Al Kasima (Koranic) verse, he warned them: "Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you are hiding in fortresses."

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The devil is a deceiver. He scares his supporters. He tells them: "If you go to battle, you will get killed." Then this message was revealed: "Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you are hiding in fortresses." We ask God Almighty to fill the hearts of the believers with jihad for His sake, and to make us steadfast in following the message of Mohammed (PBUH) and to abide by his example and his sayings. I would like to motivate myself with some of these words, and to motivate Moslems so that we continue on this path by remembering the message of the early Moslems, may God bless them. Epics were written about their battles and raids. Among these we find what Jaafar, God bless him, said, when people were exhausted by the fighting, when the sounds of swords rose from the ground, and when dust covered their bodies, he thus said: "Where is the conviction? His heart sees, as Anas Ibn Nasr said to Saad according to Bukhari: "O Saad, Ibn Moat, I smell the scent of heaven, I am finding it at last." He was in Medina and smelling the scent of heaven, thanks to the power of his conviction, may God bless him. Jaafar says: "How lovely is heaven! Its closeness is comforting, and its water is cold." Akha, may God bless him, says, when they went to Bani Lihian people: "There were a hundred people, while they were ten. They said: "Come to our faith." He said: "I will not join the faith of an infidel." They tried to convince him. He said: "What is my failing? (Why should he join the faith of the infidels?) What is my failing, now that I am a steadfast archer, with the bowstring stretched, and death is right while life is wrong, and I shall fight you till the end!" May God bless them.

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The disasters that befell our holy places are great. The Moslems cannot make decisions. Look at the situation in Jerusalem and at the holy Kaaba (most important Islamic shrine in the City of Mecca) in the Hijaz (region of Saudi Arabia comprising Mecca and Medina) of our prophet (PBUH). The people of Palestine are drinking from a cup full of grief, and the wounds of Hijaz cannot be concealed, and the highborn Moslem faithful are covered with the wounds of the catastrophe. Yet, despite their wounds, they are convinced about the return to the glorious Caliphate. They swear by God that their jihad will go on even if challenged by Caesar. We ask God Almighty that He accept our martyrdom for His sake and that He inspire us to kill for His sake, so that Gods' message becomes the final arbiter, and that he stamp onto this (Islamic) nation His wisdom,

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so that He shall be glorified and thanked. He is All-Powerful. O Lord, we ask for Your guidance, for leading us to purity and happiness. O Lord, lead us to the good in this life and prevent us from hellfire in the afterlife. Praise the Lord and peace be upon Mohammed. Our last request is to thank God, the Lord of the Universe.

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Praise God, We ask for His guidance and His forgiveness. We ask Him to help us on the right path and prevent us from evil. The one who deceives shall not find repose. I testify that there is no god but one God and that Mohammed is God's messenger. "O faithful, fear God; die not except as Moslems. O people, fear God who has created you from one soul, and from which He created a spouse, and from whom He created many men and women. Fear God and trust Him. God is observing you. O faithful, fear God and say good words. He will guide your actions and forgive your sins. The one who obeys God and His messenger is greatly victorious."

The holiday is once again upon the Islamic nation. It is bringing us joyful tidings today. The holiday is coming upon our nation, at a time when joy should prevail. However, the nation nowadays is torn between great sadness and joy. The holiday is coming after this holy month (TC: Al Fitr follows Ramadan, the month of fasting), the month of jihad, the month of the Koran, the month of blessed Ramadan, the month of fasting and achievement, the month of devotion. The Almighty said: "O faithful, thou shall fast as those who came before you, so that you are filled with devotion." This month was given to us by God so that we rise towards devotion and abide by the Islamic laws, so that we support this great religion and follow the right path. Religious commandments are great and significant, and God reveals them to those He loves. Some of those we dislike, but God Almighty said: "You have been ordered to fight, though you dislike that. It may be that you dislike something that is good for you. It may be that you like something that is bad for you. God knows and you do not."

1:33:45-Jihad is done by those God has commanded and who rose toward devotion. May God make us all devoted to Him. The holiday is returning, and in these moments it is returning to our Moslem brother in Palestine, in Lebanon, in Iraq, in Sudan and Somalia, in Bosnia and in Chechnia. And you should know how the holiday returns to our brothers in Chechnia. It is returning to them while the explosions of the artillery are destroying the land. It is returning while the planes are shooting at the oppressed people below, men, women and children who are utterly powerless.

The world infidels have united and ganged up against the Islamic people and against the Moslems in Chechnya, telling and sowing destruction, demolishing infrastructures, leveling homes, raping women, shedding blood, as the blood of Moslems has become the cheapest blood. Only God is All-Powerful. The wounds of Moslems are deep everywhere. However, our wounds today are in our most sacred shrines, in the holy Kaaba, in the house of our prophet (PBUH), after we served the shrine of our prophet (PBUH). In Jerusalem, the Crusaders and the Jews have united and invaded the home of Islam, in our own house by God Almighty.

1:36:30-While these are great and deep wounds, the most intense wound is that of Kaaba, and it is the most painful. This shrine is great before the eyes of God. This shrine is the first one that was offered to the people. God chose the first of the prophets, Abraham, along with his son, Ishmael, to build it. This shrine is enriched by its association with the first prophet (PBUH). This shrine has great importance. God does not want us to do our five daily prayers as part of the pillar of religion, if we do not turn to the Kaaba during our prayers. Throughout their history, ever since the mission of the prophet, Moslems have never been afflicted with such calamity. The infidels were never before able to attack this shrine. However, the Christians tried before the start of the prophet's mission (PBUH). Sixty thousand Ethiopian Christians, led by Abraha, came to plot against the Kaaba. They advanced and were met by jahilia men (TC: pre-Islamic Arabs; "jahilia" means ignorance). They had inherited, however, from Abraham's creed a deep respect for this shrine. The various Arab tribes mobilized, one after another, intent on expelling Abraha and Zeita. However, according to God's will, the tribes were defeated and Abraha continued his march. He searched for someone who could show him the way to the Kaaba. He only found Abu Righal who came forward to take him to the Kaaba. However, God Almighty brought death unto him between Taef and Mecca. But how could he have escaped from the clutches of the Arabs who glorified this shrine, even in the pre-Islamic times (jahilia)"? So they established a custom so that no one attacks the Kaaba afterward. They stoned his tomb, and this became a custom in the pre-Islamic times.

While Abrahama was on his way to Kaaba, a miracle occurred which was a sign and a lesson. The beasts understood that God Almighty has a home, and this home should be glorified along with the Lord of this home, praise God Almighty. So they stopped and lied down. As they were beaten they stood their ground without taking one step towards the holy shrine, glorifying and exalting thus the Creator, praise God Almighty. Sixty thousand men that Abd Al Motaleb wanted to keep away from the Kaaba. The people of Mecca were a few hundred, while the others were sixty thousand. He went to the Kaaba and asked for help, and he promised God Almighty to defend His home. The Kuraish tribe mobilized its men and headed for the mountains, overlooking whoever moves. There was thus another sign. God sent [inaudible] to defend the shrine. It killed sixty thousand Christians, though they are people of the Book, while Kuraish was observing all that without being harmed, since its people were protecting the shrine. This is a sign that will be told till the resurrection of the dead. The young and old shall remember it, which shows how much God cares for the Kaaba. This sign shows also that those who favor malice towards this holy shrine, their malice is simply a case of error and deception.

1:42:45-God said: "Did you not see what your Lord has done with the people of {inaudible]? Did He not make their malice error and deception. No traces were left of them and the Kaaba was preserved, thanks to God Almighty. For the sake of this shrine God destroyed a huge army that threatened it. As in the salih of the prophet (PBUH) it is said: "An army repairs to this shrine, and it is annihilated in its entirety. They said: 'O God's messenger, there are amongst them some

[inaudible] people. He said: "They shall all be destroyed." It is an evil portent to be close to those who harbor malice towards this shrine. This is the consequence of being close to those who harbor malice towards this shrine. We ask God to protect this land.

1:45:00-After Abu Righal, there came to the Islamic nation another Abu Righal. Fourteen centuries have passed without Abu Righal appearing. However, God Almighty wants to test our faith. Are we going to betray His home and remain with those who refuse to fight for Him? Abu Righal and his grandchildren have appeared in our time. They showed up to desecrate the land of the two holy places (TC: Mecca and Medina), so that they are violated by American tanks, American soldiers, and even military Jewish and Christian womenfolk wandering about in the land that saw the birth of Mohammed (PBUP), a land where Gabriel came with the Koran to Mohammed (PBUH). And you should know how important the Kaaba is for God Almighty. He ordered us to worship in many Koranic verses. And he told us to worship in the name of the Kaaba. He said: "Let them worship the Lord of this house."

1:47:23-In another Koranic verse, He said, referring this house to Himself, praise the Lord, glorifying it, He said: "This house is sacred." This house is very important, and we cannot mention in this lecture all that has been said about it. As the prophet (PBUH) said: "There are three people that are abhorrent to God, among these an atheist in a house of worship." The one who comes with armors harbor a great sin if these are used next to God's sanctuary. Also good deeds gain more credence next to the Kaaba.

Here, we ask ourselves: Till when will the Moslems refrain from supporting God Almighty, defending His house and expelling the Crusaders and the Jews from the land of the two sanctuaries? As God said: "O faithful, these people are impure." Didn't the prophet (PBUH) say on his deathbed, as described in the true sahih (recollections of the prophet's life) of Ibn Abbas: "On Thursday, the suffering of the prophet intensified. Then he cried. He said that the prophet's will, while in his deathbed, was: Expel the polytheists from the Arab Peninsula." What answer have we prepared for the day of reckoning, the day of resurrection? What answer have we prepared for God Almighty? Were we weak? God knows everything in our hearts. The Islamic nation has reached a low point. It has been ten year since the Americans have entered the land of the two sanctuaries (Mecca and Medina). And it has been more than seven decades since the fall of the prophet's [inaudible] in the hands of the Jews.

We have to look into the Book of God in order to find the right path and to see the causes of the disease which befell us so that we forsake the Kaaba. We have forsaken the Kaaba, contrary to God's will. When examining and meditating over the Book of God, this Book which is a guide and revelation to us, we notice that the abhorrence of fighting and the attachment to this world, which have overtaken so many people, is the main reason for all these catastrophes and this disgrace. God Almighty, may He protect us from the accursed devil, said: "Prepare for battle, pray and practice zakat (alms), when they were ordered to fight, some of them feared people as much as God, if not more. They said: 'God, why did you order us to fight? Let us live a little longer.' Say: 'The pleasures of life are few, and the afterlife is better for the devout. Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you were hiding in fortresses'." God is a great, this is His great,

perfect and comprehensive message. Reflect on these verses. They said: "Why did you order us to fight? Let us live a little longer." What could happen after the delay? These excuses cannot be justified. God is not pleased with these excuses. He shows the reason for these endless excuses. The answer was: "Say: 'The pleasures of life are few.'" These excuses are for those attached to the world. God knows best what is in our hearts. He reminds us that the pleasures of life are few. Shall we be cheap with our souls, which he created, and with our money, which God gave us to begin with? Say: "The pleasures of life are few, and the afterlife is better for the devout."

Pay attention to the Koranic verse that follows it, which shows that the choice is between two things, between attachment to this world and fighting till death. The answer came very clearly and revealingly: "Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you were hiding in fortresses." The one who follows God's orders and the prophet's message will offer his soul, which God created. How would you be cheap with something that is not yours? God created you and gave you your livelihood. The faithful

1:56:00 should give their lives and money, for they will inherit paradise. They fight for the sake of God. They kill and are killed, in accordance with the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran. Praise the Lord. This covenant is in the Torah, the Gospel and the Koran. This is a covenant between the Creator of heaven and earth, and this small creature. However, the one who has faith in his heart will not lose what God has prepared for the mujahideens (holy warriors). We ask God Almighty to embellish our hearts with faith and to make atheism and disobedience abhorrent to us.

1:57:00-This message is revealed by God in many Koranic verses. Among these, He says, while blaming the faithful, blaming the prophet's companions, may God bless them: "What is the matter with you? What is the matter with you? O you who believe, what is the matter with you? If you are told to fight for God, you lie down on the ground? Do you prefer life on this earth to the afterlife? The pleasures of life are nothing compared to those of the afterlife." Similarly, those who tarry behind instead of joining the battle, whatever excuses they will come up with, whatever excuses about how busy you are, will not matter. Those men were better than us and they were busy with the same things we are busy with nowadays. However, when they are called to serve God, they leave everything and mobilize for God. For the one who tarries behind, the Koranic verses are here to blame him, and the Koranic verses are here to reveal his punishment. "O you who believe, what is the matter with you? If you are told: 'Mobilize for the sake of God' you lie down on the ground? Do you prefer the life of this world to the afterlife? The pleasures of this life are nothing compared to those of the afterlife."

The issue is clear and obvious. There is no room for hesitancy here and for waiting around. If you do not mobilize, you will be replaced by other people. O Lord, as you called us to jihad for Your sake in Afghanistan, where we are now, and to jihad against the Americans and their allies, we ask You to make us steadfast along this path so that when the time comes You will be pleased with us when we meet You. It is clear from the Koranic verses what are the reasons for tarrying behind instead of fighting for God. Love of the world and dislike of death, as per the hadith of Tawban, may God bless him,



recollecting the prophet's (PBUH) life. He wrote: "You have illusions in your heart. They asked him: 'What are these illusions, O messenger of God?' He said: 'Love of this world and your dislike of death.'" Love of the world and dislike of death. Error follows from that. Here we see some of the important reasons which have led us to our situation today. God Almighty shows His rule regarding the error, regarding punishing the error of those who disgrace their religion and those who disgrace the holy land. This error is that of those who disgrace God and His prophet. This estrangement and confusion which betook the Islamic nation, and this division amongst us, these are the result of our leaving the religion of God and jihad for His sake.

In the hadith about the prophet (PBUH), it is said: "If you accept the humiliation and abandon jihad for the sake of God, you will be disgraced by God. He will not forgive you until you return to your religion." This is a clear and obvious hadith. The Arabs have more responsibility in this matter than others. This is the hadith of our prophet (PBUH). "You will be disgraced by God. He will not forgive you until you return to your religion." So we have to return to religion. We have to free ourselves from our chains. And we have to do jihad for the sake of God. As for the error, God showed it to us in the exchange that occurred between Musa (Moses) and his people. When they were ordered to go on jihad, they stayed behind. God Almighty said: "O my people, here is the holy land which was given to you by God. Do not deny your [inaudible] and return to fighting. They said: 'Moses, this land is inhabited by powerful people. We will not enter it until they leave it. If they leave it, then we will enter it.'" Two men who fear God (God is great), God is greater than a strong and large nation. God picked two men who feared Him. Fear is linked to this jihad. Fear and awe are both linked with this jihad. The one who stays away from jihad is the one who fears people. And the one who leaves his home and its comforts is the one who fears God. We saw in the earlier Koranic verses, where it is said that some of them fear people as much as God, if not more. These people do not want to fight. Let us live a little longer, they say. So here, we have two men full of fear, but of God Almighty. The one who fears God Almighty, the one who fears the day of reckoning, this one pleases God. Two men who fear God, and they were blessed by God. Ibn Shahir says this Koranic verse shows that the grace of God was bestowed upon them and blessed them. God blessed them. Don't you want to be among the people who are blessed by God? God blessed them to enter heaven's door. When you enter it, you will be conquerors. Trust in God if you are believers. However, the deserter is not repelled by anything. And the coward is not lacking of anything. There is no happiness for cowards. Thanks to God and his grace, it has been twenty years we are here and we have been pursued by Russian rockets for more than ten years. And then we have the American Cruise missiles which have been hunting us in these ten years. The believer, however, knows that one's life and one's end do not expand nor shrink. Wherever you are, death will overtake you, even if you are hiding in fortresses. The believer knows that life does not end until its prescribed term. The discussion continued, and Moses' people said: "Moses, we will not enter this land as long as these people are there. Go with your God and fight. We are staying behind. Only God is All-Powerful. Then Moses (PBUH) said: 'O God, I have only myself and my brother. Separate us from the dissolute people.'" He called them "dissolute." Then God Almighty confirmed in many Koranic verses what He said: "This land will be prohibited to them for forty years.

They will wander about and there will be no mercy on the dissolute people.” This is a clear message for those who deny their religion. The Islamic nation is living today in great error. We have not yet escaped this error which has befallen us, because of our forsaking the Al Aksa mosque, the place from which our prophet (PBUH) ascended to the heavens. And now we have fallen into greater error. The path is that of jihad and leaving our homes for the sake of God. Religion will not be righted except through the Koran and the Sunna (prophet’s or traditional Islamic rules).

2:09:05-The prophet (PBUH) announced the words of God, undertook jihad, did good deeds and showed us true faith. May God reward him and reward our Islamic nation. Now, the followers of the prophet should carry his message and follow him. Religion will not be righted while the ulamas (Islamic scholars) are under the occupation of the atheists and the oppressors. They cannot say the truth. For thirteen years, Mohammed (PBUH), the one who received the divine message and the best person that came to the Arab nation, kept inciting people until a few hundred of them followed him. And with God’s help, he was followed by many more and the Islamic nation was created. Today, we speak of his migration, for the great effect it had on the expansion of this religion. Today, we are in the first day of the holiday in the year 1420 of the Hegira, and it has been ten years since the Crusaders invaded the land of Mecca and Medina.

Now that we know what the disease is, the cure is relying on the Book of God. Migration and jihad are the greatest qualities in the Book of God. Faith, migration and jihad. When God praises the best of people, the prophet’s companions, he praises them with these three qualities. Reflect on the Book of God. In the Anfal chapter of the Koran, he praises the prophet’s companions after he praises the prophet (PBUH) for these qualities, and He bestows His praise in this passage: “Those who believe, migrate and do jihad for the sake of God, those who have roused themselves to battle, those are the true believers. They will be rewarded handsomely.” Those who believe, migrate and undertake jihad are in the true path of God. Religion will not be righted if the followers of Mohammed do not migrate. You will be in the true path, as were the prophet’s companions when they left their homes to do battle, and when the prophet did the same. This is the rule of God. In the sahih (recollections of the prophet’s life), of Anaash, may God bless her, while recounting a story about the prophet (PBUH), with [inaudible] who had become Christian in the jahilia (pre-Islamic era), he told her: “This code is the one revealed to Moses. I wish I could find in it [inaudible] if your people expel you.” Pay attention, servants of God. The prophet said: “There is no man who came with what I came with without being shunned by his people. The day will come when I will be victorious.” Anyone who comes with the truth will create enmity in others. The one who does not incite enmity among those who ally themselves with the infidels, and does not follow God’s law, let him know that he is not doing good and not following the right path. “There is no man who came with what I came with without being shunned by his people.” They will not accept the right people unless they are flattered by the latter. You want to drink and eat with them, and worship in ways that do not contradict their ways? If you want that the whole of religion be turned to God, then there is no other way than migration and jihad, as was done by the most noble of people.

The prophet's companions left their homes to do battle, when calamity struck. Abu Bakr went to battle too, and he was a high member of the Kuraish tribe. He was asked: "Where to, Abu Bakr?" He said: "I am leaving to do battle for the sake of God." He was told: "People like you don't leave." However, they still had good values, nobility and good qualities. He was told: "People like you don't leave. You are to greet the visitor, help the wretched and assist people. Return to your home." So he returned. When the right time came, they pleaded with him, and he was inspired by God to leave and accompany Mohammed (PBUH). God supported him as he left to combat the infidels. They told him: "Do not despair. God is with us."

The prophet's companions went to Ethiopia, accompanied by the prophet's daughter, may God bless her, and with her husband Othman. With this migration, religion expanded, truth was revealed and fought for. This small convoy went to Ethiopia. The mother of God's servant, [inaudible] Fatma, may God bless her, said: "We were ready to migrate to Ethiopia, and Amer (the father of God's servant) went to get us some provisions. Omar came and asked: 'Is it for the migration, o God's servant?' She said: 'Yes.' Omar was taken aback to see the weak people among men, women and children leaving the land where they were born, leaving their tribe and parents; he could not stand that. He was torn between [inaudible] the right and the tenacity of these people, this sight which breaks the heart. Where are they going? They are going to sail without having any previous experience. Where are they going to those foreign peoples in foreign lands? There is neither kinship nor religious affinity between them. However, the good people were able to convince him at last. He said then something nice: 'May God accompany you. God is great.' Omar's heart, a flinty heart, was filled with emotion by the sight of the children, the sight of these little children, the sight of the wretched men, women and children who left their land, their money, their uncles for the sake of their religion, for God and his prophet (PBUH). Omar could not stand such a sight. He said: 'May God accompany you.' When Amer returned, she said: 'Amer, you should have seen Omar, when he came a little while ago, and said: 'Have you heard about my submission (TC: submission to the will of God, or Islam in Arabic)?' She said: 'Yes.' He said: 'The one you see will not submit (to the will of God) until Omar Bin Khattab will submit.'" A heart which used to be described as a donkey's heart for its sluggishness, yet it was touched by the sight of the wretched. "Where are they going?" (May God bless them). However, Kuraish then did not yet have a change of heart with regard to Mohammed's message.

2:22:15-I swear to God that people are prisoners in the Arabic Peninsula, while the Americans are wandering as they please in the land of God's messenger (PBUH). Don't people have any faith? Don't they have any zeal for the religion of God's messenger? O Lord, I wash my hands from what Abu Righal and his likes have done, and I send You my apologies for the negligence of the believers who are not going to battle for your great shrine. O Lord, return us to our religion. O Lord, bring wisdom to this nation so that it obeys you and those who follow you are rewarded, so that sinners are disgraced and abomination defeated. O Lord, adorn the hearts of our Moslem youth with faith, and make them abhor atheism, dissipation and disobedience. O Lord, we pledge that we will stay the course for the glory of "there is no god but one God" and that Mohammed is the

messenger of God, until this becomes clear by God's will. Accept our pledge, o God, you are beneficent and munificent.

This is the right course, o servants of God. Migration and jihad, migration and jihad, following faith. This is what the prophet (PBUH) bequeathed to us. This is the message to abide by and act upon. In the actions and sayings of the prophet, as recounted in the hadith to Omar [inaudible], may God bless him, the prophet says: "Don't you know that Islam destroys what came before it, and that our migration replaces all previous migrations? May those who migrate be happy!" With migration, people leave their previous sins and open a new blank, pure page, which records their new deeds. It was said in a sahih (recollections of Mohammed's life) that our prophet (PBUH) said: "One hour in the frontline, fighting for the sake of God, is better than sixty years without." God is great. This is great generosity: One hour in the frontline is better than sixty years without. Those in the Islamic nation who are living close to these years, between sixty and seventy, if they stayed away from God's message, let them hear God's words on the day of reckoning, the day when sixty years will be seen like an hour. For the mujahid, one hour in the frontline is better than sixty years without. God is great. Praise the Lord for this great generosity.

2:26:28-In the hadith of Abu Fatima, the latter went to the prophet to ask him about a task he could perform, the prophet (PBUH) told him: "You have to migrate, there is no work that equals it in value." The one who wants to fight falsehood while living under falsehood is acting contrary to God's orders. The one who migrates will be purified in all his body by the fact that he left to free the Kaaba. Each of his waking moments is full of this admonishment: Beware your forgetting the Kaaba. He remains a migrant until the banner of monotheism is restored in the land of Mecca and Medina. The mujahidin should know that on the day of reckoning, the Lord of all creatures, the Merciful, on the day when people will not be able to speak, the day when the words of the prophets will be: "God, we submit, we submit," his sins will be forgiven. According to the two sahihs it is said: "If I want to battle for the sake of God I will do so even if I should be defeated, and even if I should be killed." This is the right path, o followers of Mohammed. Do not be too inquisitive, you have to act, to act in the same vein as the actions of Mohammed (PBUH). Do not be inquisitive. Actions, even if good, may not be the duties of the present time; but if called upon for jihad and the Islamic land has been aggressed, then they become the duty of the present time. Mohammed (PBUH), when the Christians were approaching, did not leave any learned man or scholar or eminent religious person without calling them to jihad. Everyone responded to his call, except three persons. Those who stayed behind, you learned already from Kaab's hadith, received their just punishment. They were ostracized by the whole Islamic community. We cannot delve into the whole hadith under present circumstances.

2:30:00-In another sahih, the prophet (PBUH) reveals that the best martyrs are those who fight on the frontline and who do not retreat until they are killed. Those people will reside in the higher tiers of heaven, and God will be pleased with them. What do we want? What do we want? Isn't to please God? Isn't to enter paradise? Don't we want to avoid these things which prevent us from supporting God Almighty? We ask our Lord to

return us to our religion, and to lift this catastrophe which befell us because of our neglect of his holy places, and we ask Him to guide us in our jihad, to help us from committing sins and to be martyrs for His sake, so that He becomes pleased with us. Every duty, according to religious scholars, is bound by action. Abu Musa, regarding this man who was in the battle, said: "Paradise harbors the swords." God is great. Follow the message of the early Moslems. A man came and asked: "Abu Musa, did you hear that from God's messenger (PBUH)?" He said: "Yes." The man left, broke the sheaths of his swords, and fought until he was killed. He wanted to act upon what he learned. He wanted to make sure that the hadith was true, not to inquire about all the hadiths (prophet's deeds and sayings) and not act upon them by finding all sorts of excuses. "Abu Musa, did you hear that from God's messenger (PBUH)?" He said: "Yes." How many true hadiths there are discussing jihad, and how many Koranic verses incite to its duty? We ask God Almighty to forgive us our sins, and to give wisdom to our Islamic nation, to save us from sins and abominations. O Lord, make us steadfast and guide our steps, and give us victory over the infidels. O Lord, let our religious scholars be free everywhere. Let Sheikh Abdel Rahman be free from the American jails. O Lord, liberate our religious scholars in the Arabic Peninsula and in other countries. O Lord, free Saeed Bin Jair and his brothers from the land of Mecca and Medina. O Lord, liberate all Moslem youths everywhere. You are All-Powerful. O Lord, strengthen our muhahideen brothers in Chechnia. O Lord, give them victory and shake the earth under the feet of their enemies. O Lord, help our brothers in Afghanistan. Help the Taliban who have implemented God's law on this land. Help the mujahidin become stronger and more numerous in this land, after having countries being governed by other than what God revealed. Finally, we ask God to accept our fast and our zakat and to hear our pleadings. Peace be upon Mohammed and his companions.

I hereby certify this is a true and accurate English translation of the second, separate lecture by Usama Bin Laden found on videotape #AFGP 2002-001457.

  
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[REDACTED] born [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was interviewed at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. The interview was conducted in the presence of [REDACTED] attorneys. Also present during this interview were AUSA [REDACTED] and DOJ Trial Attorney [REDACTED] (Terrorism and Violent Crimes Section). After being advised of the identity of the interviewing personnel, [REDACTED] provided the following information.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he met a subject named KAMAL DERWISH in 1998, while residing at [REDACTED]. DERWISH had just moved to the City of [REDACTED] and they had met at the [REDACTED], where both spent a considerable amount of time. As their friendship developed, DERWISH began to share his past with [REDACTED]. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that he had fought for "the cause" in Bosnia in 1996 and 1997, and prior to that he had attended a "training camp" in Afghanistan. DERWISH stated that the camp was near Jalalabad and Khost but was destroyed after the Embassy bombings took place. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that after that camp was destroyed, the only effective terrorist groups that remained were AL-QAEDA and the ISLAMIC JIHAD. DERWISH advised that he attended a second "basic" camp, also located in Afghanistan, and run by IBN AL-SHAYKH and ABDULLAH BIN OMAR.

While fighting in Bosnia, DERWISH stated that he was affiliated with a group headed by ABU AL-MA'ALY and the camp he was at was known as MA'SADA SHUHADA. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that after fighting in Bosnia, he went to Saudi Arabia (where he was raised since early childhood) and was arrested for associating with other former Bosnian fighters. DERWISH reported that when released from the AL-RUYAS prison (presumably because he was a U.S. citizen), he was deported to Yemen and then moved to [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] stated that in the summer of 1999, DERWISH returned to Yemen and got married while [REDACTED] remained in the apartment they shared at [REDACTED]. DERWISH moved out of the apartment upon his return because he could no longer stay there with his wife. They remained friends and [REDACTED] believes that because of this, DERWISH continued to share the stories of his past with him. DERWISH told [REDACTED] of the training that he received in Afghanistan, specifically regarding weapons and explosives, and that he once saw USAMA BIN LADIN at the camp. DERWISH stated that he was impressed with BIN LADIN, found him to be humble and calm, but never made a "pledge" or "oath" to him. DERWISH stated that he never took this "oath" because that would have required that he stay in Afghanistan and train with BIN LADIN. Although DERWISH did not talk about AL-QAEDA, he seemed pleased to hear about the bombings at the U.S. Embassies in Africa. [REDACTED] stated that he and DERWISH were still living together when those bombings took place and that [REDACTED] did not personally understand why they occurred, or who was responsible for them.

[REDACTED] stated that he went to Yemen in the fall of 1999 and returned to [REDACTED] in the summer of 2000. During that time he stayed at his father's house in [REDACTED] and helped run the farm that was located there. Since DERWISH did not leave Yemen until the spring of 2000, he and [REDACTED] were there for some of the same time period. DERWISH and [REDACTED] would see each other on a weekly basis, usually in Sanaa where DERWISH lived with his uncle. The uncle was named ABDUL HAMEED AL-DERWISH who was the head of the Central Bank of Yemen. [REDACTED] said he knew of no illegal activities that DERWISH was involved in while they were in Yemen but that DERWISH would visit with the mujahadeen that he had been in prison with. While in Yemen together, DERWISH continued to tell [REDACTED] about his "training" and how it was [REDACTED] duty to also train for Jihad. DERWISH repeatedly told [REDACTED] that many scholars stated the Koran required this "training". [REDACTED] stated that everyone had weapons in Yemen; he himself had an AK-47 and a Makarov pistol. DERWISH told [REDACTED] the training was much better in the "camps" that he had attended. [REDACTED] was at a dinner with DERWISH and two subjects who also fought in BOSNIA. DERWISH introduced the two men as USAID and WATHAH. All of the discussions that DERWISH and [REDACTED] were involved in took place in Arabic because [REDACTED] was fluent in that language. [REDACTED] often translated for DERWISH, from Arabic to English, when the discussions involved others who were not as well versed.

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When [REDACTED] returned from Yemen in the summer of 2000, he moved into the upper-rear apartment of a residence located at [REDACTED]. DERWISH was living at [REDACTED] at that time and they both worked at a plastics manufacturer in [REDACTED]. DERWISH, and another defendant in this case [REDACTED] began to teach and speak at the mosque. The classes at the mosque included young males, mostly in their twenties, and [REDACTED] taught basic religion. DERWISH read stories from the "Companions" and [REDACTED] told stories from the "Prophets". [REDACTED] did not share the extremist beliefs of DERWISH. [REDACTED] was involved with teaching the faith while DERWISH was concerned with becoming involved in direct acts.

When the attack on the USS Cole took place in October 2000, [REDACTED] stated that DERWISH was amazed that so much damage could be caused by so few. DERWISH believed that USAMA BIN LADIN was responsible for the attack [REDACTED] also believed that to be true) and was very supportive of it. DERWISH seemed surprised by the attack and apparently had no prior knowledge of it. He claimed that he knew the people that were being sought for carrying it out, but never mentioned their names. DERWISH praised the speeches being given by USAMA BIN LADIN and claimed that he did not like the United States because of their support of the Jews and their presence in Somalia and Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] said that he eventually came to share those beliefs

Beginning around Ramadan in 2000, [REDACTED] began to have nightly meetings at his residence located at [REDACTED]. The youth from the mosque would attend the meetings and DERWISH would speak and read "stories" to them. In February of 2001, [REDACTED] moved to [REDACTED] from New York City and began to attend these meetings. Shortly thereafter, [REDACTED] and his brother moved to [REDACTED] and continued the meetings at that location. It was during these meetings that "training" for Jihad was first brought up by DERWISH. [REDACTED] stated that some of the subjects that attended the meetings besides himself, MOZAHAM, and DERWISH, were HEZAAM FADEL (and 2 of his sons), MUKHTAR AL-BAKRI (and one of his brothers), RIYADH NAGI, AREF AHMED (ABDELLATIF), RAMSEY NAGI, FAYSAL GALAB, SHAFAL MOSED, [REDACTED], ABDO ABDULLAH, GALEB ALI, MOSES GALAB, ABDELKADER ALMADRAHI, DABWAN ABDUMALIK, JAMAL AZIZ, MOTIA THABET, and GABRI THABET (when visiting from Yemen). GABRI THABET is the brother of MOTIA THABET who once told [REDACTED] that GABRI was studying with JOHN WALKER LINDH at the AL-IMAN University.

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DERWISH began to discuss the need to train for Jihad on a one-to-one basis. He never discussed going to the "training camp" while in the group setting. He told [REDACTED] that going to Jihad is the best way to cleanse the soul and go to Allah. DERWISH stated that the best death was that of a martyr and that the greatest rewards went to the martyrs. During February of 2001, [REDACTED] made his decision to attend the camp to receive training for Jihad. In March of 2001, [REDACTED] learned that others would also attend the camp but he never learned who the others would be until just before he went to obtain the visas. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that he had arranged for the group to attend the AL FAROOQ camp that was being run by AL-QAEDA in Afghanistan. DERWISH stated that he would attend an "advanced" camp while [REDACTED] and the others would attend the "basic" camp.

[REDACTED] was shown a photograph of JUM'A AL DOSARI and he identified him as a friend of DERWISH. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that he and AL DOSARI were in Bosnia together for Jihad and that he was in Chechnya and the Afghanistan war with the Soviets. [REDACTED] was told that AL DOSARI was an Imam at a mosque in Indiana prior to his arrival. DERWISH asked [REDACTED] to let AL DOSARI stay with him while he made plans to return to Saudi Arabia. AL DOSARI stayed with [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] address for approximately a week, during mid-April 2001, during which time he spoke at the nightly meetings of the importance of Jihad and the rewards bestowed upon martyrs. AL DOSARI gave a speech at a gathering that took place at the Tift Farm prior to the Afghanistan trips. All of the subjects that eventually attended the training at AL-FAROOQ were in attendance with many others. AL DOSARI didn't speak English so translation was done by RAMSEY NAGI. When he left, AL DOSARI said that he was returning to Saudi Arabia to get married. [REDACTED] asked DERWISH if they were going to see AL DOSARI at the "training camp". DERWISH stated that AL DOSARI was going to Afghanistan but that he was not going to train, he was going to fight with the Taliban.

DERWISH told [REDACTED] that he would be making the trip to Afghanistan with SHAFAL MOSED, MUKHTAR AL-BAKRI, FAYSAL GALAB, and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] went to New York City with GALAB and [REDACTED] to get visas for all five of the travelers. GALAB and [REDACTED] went into the consulate and asked for TABLIGHI JAMAAT (TJ) visas for themselves and MOSED but were unable to obtain them because a four to six-week stay for missionary work was required. [REDACTED] obtained the regular visas for AL-BAKRI and himself. [REDACTED] eventually made a second trip to obtain similar visas for [REDACTED] and JABOR ELBANEH after they had been included in the trip. [REDACTED] had learned of the

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trip from DERWISH, when he drove him to the airport and then went to \_\_\_\_\_ and asked to join the group.

After the addition of \_\_\_\_\_ and ELBANEH, it was decided that MOSED, GALAB, and T \_\_\_\_\_ would leave first and travel to Lahore, Pakistan. At a later date \_\_\_\_\_, AL-BAKRI, \_\_\_\_\_, and ELBANEH would leave together and travel to Karachi, Pakistan. When \_\_\_\_\_ was questioned as to the source of funding for this trip, he advised that DERWISH gave him \$1900 and that he was also given an additional \$1900 for AL-BAKRI. \_\_\_\_\_ understood that the money he was given by DERWISH was not a loan and it would not have to be paid back. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that as far as he knew, ALWAN and ELBANEH used their own money for the trip and he had no direct information about MOSED, GALAB, and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised that prior to his group leaving for the "training", DERWISH told them to fly into Karachi, Pakistan and get rooms at the Faran Hotel. DERWISH gave \_\_\_\_\_ a telephone number to contact him at and instructed \_\_\_\_\_ to use a pay telephone when he made any calls. DERWISH told all of the travelers to take heavy clothing, thinsulate gear, and batteries because of the weather they could expect at the camp. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that prior to leaving for Afghanistan, he called DERWISH at that contact number on three or four occasions, and that he used various pay phones in conjunction with a calling card that he had previously purchased through Sam's Club. The purpose of the calls was to discuss the upcoming trip and also to advise DERWISH that the first group of travelers (MOSED, GALAB, and \_\_\_\_\_) had left as scheduled. The pay phone he used was on \_\_\_\_\_. He also possibly used other pay phones on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that DERWISH told him to use the pay phones because they were safer and he did not want the government to find out about the planned trips to Afghanistan. \_\_\_\_\_ was present at some of the calls that were made from \_\_\_\_\_ to DERWISH and had full knowledge of the trip to Afghanistan prior to it taking place.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that he had been elected the "Emir" of the group by \_\_\_\_\_, ELBANEH, and AL-BAKRI. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that whenever a group of Muslims travel together, an "Emir" (leader) is required by their religion. When the group left \_\_\_\_\_ for Pearson Airport in Toronto, they were accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_, HASSAN HASSAN, \_\_\_\_\_, MOTIA THABET, and ABDO ABDULLAH. \_\_\_\_\_ is of the belief that they all knew about the Afghanistan trip, with the

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possible exception of \_\_\_\_\_. On the way to the airport, the entire group stopped for lunch at the Niagara Falls, NY home of AREF AHMED (ABDELLATIF).

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that from Toronto, the group flew to Heathrow Airport in London, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and then on to Karachi, Pakistan. After landing in Karachi, the group took taxis to the Faran Hotel and got two rooms. \_\_\_\_\_ and ELBANEH had been delayed for approximately 45 minutes at the airport while the authorities did a more thorough check of their travel documents. \_\_\_\_\_ said that both rooms were paid for in cash and that one of the rooms was in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ but was not sure about the other. After they checked into their rooms, \_\_\_\_\_ went to a street phone and called DERWISH at the prearranged cell phone number to notify him that they had arrived. When \_\_\_\_\_ made the call he used a calling card that was purchased through Sam's Club by ELBANEH.

DERWISH came to the Faran Hotel after receiving the call and was surprised to see that \_\_\_\_\_ and ELBANEH had made the trip. On that first visit DERWISH came alone. In the visits that took place during the next several days, DERWISH came with two other men that \_\_\_\_\_ described as a Pakistani and a Saudi. The Saudi had a broken arm and DERWISH advised that he was a mujahadeen who had just come from fighting at the front. DERWISH stated that he and this Saudi had fought together in Bosnia. After three or four days, \_\_\_\_\_ and AL-BAKRI were told by DERWISH that they would be leaving for the training camp in Afghanistan together. \_\_\_\_\_ believed that DERWISH had an assignment for ELBANEH and \_\_\_\_\_ to complete before they left for the camp. DERWISH brought all of the groups luggage to \_\_\_\_\_ and AL-BAKRI, collected \$50 from both of them for the airline ticket to Quetta, Pakistan, and sent them off in taxis with two other Saudis who were also leaving the Faran Hotel for the camp. DERWISH advised that the group involving \_\_\_\_\_ AL-BAKRI, \_\_\_\_\_ and ELBANEH should tell everyone that they are from Yemen. He told \_\_\_\_\_ that the other group, which involved MOSED, GALAB, and \_\_\_\_\_ had told everyone that they were from Canada (because they had to speak English since their Arabic was not good). \_\_\_\_\_ was told by DERWISH that none of the group should admit being Americans.

After arriving at the airport in Quetta, Pakistan, a red truck picked up the group and took them to a guest house called DAFTER TALIBAN. This guest house was run by the TALIBAN and was about a 15-20 minute drive from the airport. After being at the house for about three hours, an Afghani named ABDULLAH took \_\_\_\_\_

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[REDACTED] and AL-BAKRI to his residence where they slept that night. ABDULLAH collected their passports, money, and IDs and gave them to the taxi driver that picked them up the next morning. [REDACTED] and AL-BAKRI took separate taxis, each with a different Saudi.

When they arrived at the Afghanistan border in the taxis, they got onto motorcycles and took a circuitous route to keep from causing suspicion at the border checkpoints. The luggage remained in the taxis, which they then met up with at a tea shop. The taxi driver paid a sum of money to the motorcycle operator and they were then taken to a location where many taxi drivers congregated. The travelers were then put into other taxis and sent to a guest house in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

[REDACTED] stated that when he arrived at the Kandahar guest house he filled out an application for the training camp and listed ABU AHMED ALHAJAZEE (aka of DERWISH) as his reference. They turned their passports, ID, and money over to a person who was associated with the outgoing guest house and were issued camp uniforms the day before they left.

[REDACTED] advised that they stayed at the Kandahar guest house for approximately four to five days. They heard speeches while at the house and an individual named ABU ZUBAIR talked to them about the need for patience to complete the training they were about to undertake. [REDACTED] stated they were shown a videotape of the bombing of the USS Cole that also contained speeches by USAMA BIN LADIN who spoke of the great victory achieved with the attack on the USS Cole. Other individuals came to the guest house and offered speeches about the justification for suicide bombings in Jihad.

[REDACTED] advised that he left his guest house with approximately 25 others and picked up people at a second guest house in Kandahar. The size of the group was approximately 35 and they were taken on a three to four hour ride to the training camp. When they arrived at the camp, they were all placed in a staging area where they remained for approximately five days. [REDACTED] stated that he and AL-BAKRI were together during this indoctrination period. During this indoctrination period, the people from the camp came on two of the nights, firing weapons and detonating explosives. [REDACTED] believed that these actions were designed to convince the trainees of the seriousness of the upcoming training, and to prepare them for anticipated attacks that might occur at the camp. They were told that if an attack did occur, they should jump into the trenches that had been dug around the area. [REDACTED] stated

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that on one occasion he went into the camp for water and saw MOSED, GALAB, and [REDACTED], who told him they were still in weapons training. [REDACTED] stated that during this period of time he was able to see a sign that identified the camp as the AL-FAROOQ camp.

The group of 35 that entered the indoctrination together were divided into groups of six and then assigned to tents. They began training on a Saturday and the first phase of training involved the use of weapons. This phase lasted between two and three weeks and included use of the Kalishnikov (AK-47), AKM (sniper rifle), FN (German assault rifle), RPK, Makarov pistol, PK (machine-gun), and RPG (grenade launcher). The M-16 and Uzi were demonstrated but they did not have actual hands-on training with them. Towards the end of this weapons training, USAMA BIN LADIN came to the camp with the Egyptian AL-ZAWARI and ABU HAFS, and made a speech about how the EGYPTIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD had aligned itself with AL-QAEDA against Israel and the West. BIN LADIN also stressed that they had to remain unified and prepare for the Jihad against these enemies. He stated that the Americans must be driven out of Saudi Arabia and that he had 40 men willing to become martyrs for the cause.

The second phase of training was called Tactics and involved digging trenches, crawling, camouflage, and troop battle movements. Topography was the next phase and involved the use of maps and a compass. The last phase of training for [REDACTED] involved Explosives and he stated that they were familiarized with C4, hand-grenades, TNT, C3, land mines, and Molotov Cocktails. During this week AL-BAKRI was sent back for additional training.

During the training, DERWISH visited with [REDACTED] and on one occasion stated that he was in an advanced camp learning artillery operations. DERWISH was known to some of the instructors from previous camps and fighting together in Bosnia. [REDACTED] stated that DERWISH was known to many of the mujahadeen and AL-QAEDA members because he was famous as being the American formerly imprisoned in Saudi Arabia. There was no doubt in [REDACTED] mind that the camp was run by AL-QAEDA and that they supplied the instructors.

USAMA BIN LADIN visited the AL-FAROOQ camp the last week that [REDACTED] was there. He spoke about the importance of patience and preparation and about how it took only two people and a small boat with explosives to cause the explosion of the USS Cole. BIN LADIN then told the trainees that they would also be able to contribute, and that with small amounts of money and explosives they could do a

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[REDACTED] lot of damage to the enemy. BIN LADIN told them that ABU AZAM was just one man but was able to carry out the Embassy bombings. He said that in comparison to the Russians that fought in Afghanistan, the Americans fighting in Somalia were weak and could not compare. GOBA stated that AL JAZEERA television was present and taped both of the speeches that BIN LADIN made while he was at AL-FAROOQ.

[REDACTED] stated that he had attended the AL FAROOQ camp for the military training to go to Jihad because it was required by the Islamic faith. He said that he wanted to be prepared to fight for his religion if necessary, but did not anticipate using that training against the United States. [REDACTED] claimed that while he was at the camp, he agreed with the principles that BIN LADIN had been speaking about, but that after the destruction that occurred on 9/11 those feelings changed. After one of the speeches, a Saudi asked BIN LADIN if he was in his car and came upon an American, should he run him over. BIN LADIN told the Saudi that if there were more than seven, he should run them over.

[REDACTED] stated that during his time at AL FAROOQ, he saw AL-BAKRI, actually training with an AK-47, and that he also saw MOSED, GALAB, and [REDACTED] going through the Tactics phase while in the possession of AK-47's. [REDACTED] stated that he saw ELBANEH firing the RPG. [REDACTED] stated that of all the subjects he saw training at the camp, he saw a few Europeans but the majority were of Yemeni or Saudi descent.

[REDACTED] and ELBANEH were taken to an outgoing guest house in Kandahar when they completed training. [REDACTED] had already left the camp because of an injury and AL-BAKRI was still there to receive additional training (he had been caught slacking off and this was his punishment). [REDACTED] and ELBANEH met DERWISH at this guest house and determined that he was upset because [REDACTED] MOSED, GALAB, and [REDACTED] had left the training prior to completing it. Since they had to wait for AL-BAKRI to finish the training, [REDACTED] ELBANEH, and DERWISH spent four or five days together in Kabul, Afghanistan. [REDACTED] also spent time in the United Arab Emirates with ELBANEH after the camp while ELBANEH ran up the balances on all of his credit cards.

When [REDACTED] returned from the trip, he found that AL DOSARI had also returned from Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] stated that AL DOSARI had flown into JFK and that his brother MOZAHM bought the ticket that would bring him from there to [REDACTED]. AL DOSARI had expressed an interest in becoming an Imam at the [REDACTED] mosque

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\_\_\_\_\_ and earning enough to pay off a monetary debt before returning to the war in Afghanistan. Because \_\_\_\_\_ was not married, AL DOSARI stayed with him and MOZAHAM for between six and eight weeks. AL DOSARI also spoke about getting married and staying in \_\_\_\_\_ if he could get the job as Imam.

\_\_\_\_\_ tried to tell AL DOSARI about the training he went through at AL FAROOQ but AL DOSARI did not seem interested. \_\_\_\_\_ spoke with DERWISH about this and was told that AL DOSARI had been involved in the actual fighting and was not impressed with those who have only trained to fight. AL DOSARI had disagreements with the Imam at the \_\_\_\_\_ mosque and realized that he would not be offered a job to teach there. Since he could not earn the money he needed to pay off his debt, he decided to return to Saudi Arabia. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that RAMSEY NAGI bought an airline ticket that would take AL DOSARI to JFK and he already had a return ticket from JFK to Saudi Arabia. \_\_\_\_\_ gave AL DOSARI some money for his trip. \_\_\_\_\_ thought it was \$100 of his own and \$500 that he borrowed from NABEIL ELOUDI. AL DOSARI arrived in NYC but was too late for his connecting flight so he returned to \_\_\_\_\_. AL DOSARI was there when the World Trade Center attacks occurred on 9/11/01. He then stated that he wanted to return to Afghanistan to fight with the TALIBAN against the Americans. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that AL DOSARI became close friends with ARAFAT NAGI while he was here, but that NAGI never made any threats against the United States. NAGI did tell \_\_\_\_\_ that he wanted to send money and medicine to DERWISH so that it could be given to the poor people in Yemen.

\_\_\_\_\_ advised that in the spring of 2002, he used a cell phone that AL-BAKRI had to call DERWISH in Yemen. \_\_\_\_\_ said that he made a few calls to DERWISH after the camp, just to stay in touch. In one of those telephone calls, DERWISH told \_\_\_\_\_ to tell MOSED, GALAB, and \_\_\_\_\_ that they should pay the \$10,000 they were given to attend the camp because they didn't complete the training. \_\_\_\_\_ did not know where DERWISH obtained the money to give to the people going to the training camp, but the day that GALAB was leaving, he gave \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000 to return to DERWISH. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that ELBANEH took out bank loans to pay for his trip. ELBANEH also told \_\_\_\_\_ that he was permanently moving his family to Yemen and that he planned to max-out all his credit cards with no intention of paying the money back. \_\_\_\_\_ supposedly told him that it was against his religion to steal the money that way.

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\_\_\_\_\_ stated that he communicated with DERWISH after the training camp through e-mail, and that DERWISH used \_\_\_\_\_ as his e-mail address. \_\_\_\_\_ told him that the FBI was asking questions of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that while he was in the United Arab Emirates with AL-BAKRI and ELBANEH after the camp, \_\_\_\_\_ called him on the telephone to advise that the FBI had been out to see him.

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[REDACTED], was interviewed at the I.N.S. Detention Center. The interview was conducted in the presence of [REDACTED] attorneys. Also present during this interview were AUSA [REDACTED] and DOJ Trial Attorney [REDACTED] (Terrorism and Violent Crimes Section). After being advised of the identity of the interviewing personnel, [REDACTED] provided the following information.

Serious discussions about Jihad began at the [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] around February of 2001. KAMAL DERWISH would do most of the speaking at the almost nightly meetings and continuously spoke of a Muslims duty to prepare for Jihad. Although DERWISH spoke generally about this duty with the 12 to 15 people that would attend these meetings, he only spoke on a one-to-one basis with the individuals that he convinced to go to the training camp in Afghanistan. [REDACTED] stated that most of his personal talks about the training camp took place at his place of employment [REDACTED] and that DERWISH told him the trip would cost about \$3000. Some of the people that attended the speeches that were given by DERWISH and JUM'A AL DOSARI, an associate of DERWISH who fought with him in Bosnia, were NABEIL ELOUDI, [REDACTED] ABDO ABDULLA, ABDELKADER ALMADRAHI, MUKHTAR AL-BAKRI, AMEEN AL-BAKRI, GHALEB ALI, RIYADH NAGI, RAMSEY NAGI, ARAFAT NAGI, [REDACTED] and AREF AHMED (ABDELLATIF).

[REDACTED] advised that while at the AL-FAROOQ camp, his training group of 34 individuals was chosen to have a personal meeting with USAMA BIN LADIN. [REDACTED] stated that while waiting in line for his turn to go in, it started to get dark. [REDACTED] stated that he was afraid of meeting with BIN LADIN and that he would be put in a position where he would have to make a "pledge" to him. Since it was dark, he took the opportunity to leave the line and eventually return to his tent before any meeting was accomplished. [REDACTED] also stated that while at the camp, one of the other "trainees" showed him a sign-up sheet for suicide missions, but [REDACTED] did not sign it.

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\_\_\_\_\_ advised that a second group of individuals had begun to make plans to attend the training camp in Afghanistan after he and the others had left. That group included \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, HAFIL ELOUDI, ABDULWAHAB AHMED, and ABDO NAGI SALEH. \_\_\_\_\_ believed that this group had already begun the process of obtaining passports for the trip to Afghanistan. This trip was canceled when \_\_\_\_\_ returned and told them that the camp was very hard and that the FBI had begun to ask questions about those that were then attending the camp. This second group had also been influenced by DERWISH, who was a very charismatic person with knowledge of their religion, and AL DOSARI. When \_\_\_\_\_ met with DERWISH in Pakistan on the way to the training camp, DERWISH specifically asked if HAFIL ELOUDI and \_\_\_\_\_ were still planning on attending the camp.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that after DERWISH and the first group of travelers (MOSED, GALAB, and \_\_\_\_\_) had gone, \_\_\_\_\_ started to make speeches to keep up the spirits of the second group (GOBA, ELBANEH, and AL-BAKRI). ALWAN spoke about the requirement to prepare for Jihad and at one of these meetings, ABDO ABDULLA argued that this was a personal decision that could not be based on fear.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that when they stopped for lunch at the house of AREF AHMED (ABDELLATIF) on their way to Toronto and eventually Afghanistan, AREF called \_\_\_\_\_ into a back room for a private talk. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that AREF told him to inquire if any of the travelers needed money for the trip. AREF had been told by DERWISH that if he could not attend the camp himself, he would receive credit if he funded the trips of those that did attend. AREF gave \_\_\_\_\_ \$1900 for AL-BAKRI's ticket, which \_\_\_\_\_ had already paid for with money he previously received from DERWISH. \_\_\_\_\_ kept \$1000 and gave the other \$900 to AL-BAKRI.

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that in February of 2002, well after they had returned from the trip to Afghanistan, AREF came to his residence. AREF claimed that DERWISH had asked him to provide money to the individuals that attended the training camps but that he would get the money back if they did not finish the training. AREF asked \_\_\_\_\_ to collect \$10,000 from MOSED, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because they had all left the camp early. AREF asked \_\_\_\_\_ to tell these individuals that DERWISH wanted the money back because he did not want them to know where the money really came from. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that these individuals agreed to pay the money back but he never collected any of it. GALAB and \_\_\_\_\_ did not question the amount

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owed, while MOSED advised that he only received \$1000 from DERWISH.

[REDACTED] was asked if any of the groups possessed firearms after they returned from the camp. He stated that AL-BAKRI would carry a small pistol for protection while he made deliveries for Unity Wholesale. [REDACTED] also stated that in the Spring of 2002, he heard that AL-BAKRI went to an indoor range located in Amherst, NY with MOTIA THABET, rented shot-guns, and purchased ammunition for use at that range.

[REDACTED] stated that DERWISH praised AL-QAEDA and claimed to have many friends that were members of that group, including those that were responsible for the USS Cole attack. DERWISH claimed he supported AL-QAEDA but never gave an oath to it, because that would require him to remain in Afghanistan to fight for the TALIBAN.

After returning from Afghanistan, [REDACTED] kept in contact with DERWISH by telephone and through e-mail. DERWISH asked for money and medical supplies to be sent to him in Yemen but [REDACTED] never sent either. DERWISH said that the money was needed for the families of the prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and those that were killed in Jihad. After the acts of 9/11, [REDACTED] began to disagree with USAMA BIN-LADEN and the tactics he was using. [REDACTED] felt that AL-QAEDA was not adhering to the teachings of Islam. The last communication that [REDACTED] had with DERWISH was in July of 2002. [REDACTED] was asked by DERWISH if he would be moving to Yemen and when asked what he would do there, DERWISH cut off the contact. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED] and that he wanted to do that in the United States.

[REDACTED] stated that in the Spring of 2002, NABEIL ELOUDI took children's clothes and medicine to DERWISH in Yemen. Some of those items were purchased from \$50 that [REDACTED] was directed by DERWISH to take from the tax refund that [REDACTED] had arranged for him. [REDACTED] took DERWISH's tax information to the father of NABEIL AHMED and asked that he complete the tax forms. A refund of approximately \$1000 was put into a NABEIL AHMED bank account by direct deposit and then given to [REDACTED] by AHMED. [REDACTED] took this money to ALI ELBANEH, who runs a Hawala (illegal money transferring operation) out of his residence on [REDACTED] and had the money sent to DERWISH in Yemen. ELBANEH provides this service for a fee of \$40 per \$1000 and does this for many others. [REDACTED] believed that ELBANEH was licensed by the City of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] believed that ELBANEH sent the money to DERWISH via an "agent"

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[REDACTED] in Sana'a, Yemen named ABDUL JABBER. [REDACTED] advised that he may have a yellow business card with JABBER's information somewhere in his personal belongings.

MOTIA THABET made a recent trip to Yemen and told [REDACTED] that he saw DERWISH while there. MOTIA also told [REDACTED] that his brother GABRI THABET is a student at AL-IMAN University, which is run by Sheik ZINDANI. [REDACTED] stated that when all of the publicity involving JOHN WALKER LINDH started, MOTIA called him and told that LINDH was a room-mate of GABRI THABET and that GABRI had introduced MOTIA to LINDH on a previous occasion.

[REDACTED] was asked about the warning that he received from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he received a telephone call from [REDACTED] while he was in the United Arab Emirates after completing the training at the AL FAROOQ camp, and was told that the FBI came to see him after he returned and asked a lot of questions. [REDACTED] also stated that on two or three other occasions, [REDACTED] called and said that the FBI was asking about him and that he should stick with the TABLIGHI JAMAAT (religious training) story that they had planned. MOSED and [REDACTED] also warned [REDACTED] after the FBI approached them.

[REDACTED] provided the following information about AL DOSARI. He said that when AL DOSARI realized he would not find a job, he decided to return to Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED] stated that he had already made up his mind that AL DOSARI was trouble and that they should try to get him out of the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] collected some money from people in the community, including those that attended AL FAROOQ, and helped AL DOSARI arrange for the trip out. When AL DOSARI missed his flight and was stuck in [REDACTED] when the 9/11 attacks took place, he became very afraid. [REDACTED] said that the money was collected when he believed that AL DOSARI was going to Bahrain. He later learned that AL DOSARI planned to go to fight with the Taliban against the Americans. [REDACTED] stated that while attending the Open Islamic University in Virginia, AL DOSARI wrote a degree dissertation and gave a copy to [REDACTED] as a remembrance. He believes that the dissertation would still be at his residence.

[REDACTED] stated that when he visited with DERWISH in Yemen on a previous trip, DERWISH was living with an uncle (who is the head of the Central Bank of Yemen) near a U.N. building in Sanaa (near 60th or 65th Street). [REDACTED] stated that the family of the wife of DERWISH lives in the village of [REDACTED]. DERWISH told [REDACTED] that he personally knew the subjects that carried out the attack on the USS Cole, shortly after the news reported the bombing. DERWISH

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stated that the two subjects who were originally scheduled to carry out that attack died, one was electrocuted in a fishing accident and the other died in a sewer gas incident. The two subjects who finally did carry out the attack had fought with DERWISH in Bosnia and were named HASSAN and NIBRAS.

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[REDACTED] was interviewed in Room 212 of the U. S. Federal Courthouse, Buffalo, New York, in the presence of his attorney, Robert Personius. Also present during the interview was Assistant United States Attorney William J. Hochul and Trial Attorney for the Department of Justice Terrorism Violent Crime Section, Ranganath Manthripragada. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

In approximately November or December 2000, [REDACTED] began attending prayer services at the [REDACTED] on a regular basis. While attending the Mosque, [REDACTED] met KAMAL DERWISH and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided that he already knew FAYSAL GALAB and SHAFAL MOSED. DERWISH and [REDACTED] gave lectures about Islam to the "youth" of the [REDACTED]. By "youth", [REDACTED] meant young adult males. DERWISH asked TAHER about his family and his children, and about whether [REDACTED] had been religious. DERWISH taught of the virtues of Jihad. [REDACTED] explained he understood Jihad to mean armed conflict against the enemies of the Islamic religion. DERWISH preached that the virtues of Jihad, or the reward for Jihad, is the highest part of heaven; where the prophets and other martyrs go; and that it was above that awarded for a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Beginning in the winter season of 2000 - 2001, [REDACTED] provided that there were weekly meetings at [REDACTED] apartment in which [REDACTED] and DERWISH provided religious lectures to the "youth". [REDACTED] provided that [REDACTED] has had more than one apartment in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had an apartment next to the [REDACTED] above a [REDACTED] and he also had a very small apartment near [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided that when [REDACTED] moved from New York City in with [REDACTED], at which point [REDACTED] moved down the street to another apartment on [REDACTED] near [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] identified a photograph of JUMA MUHAMMAD ABDUL LATIF AL DOSARI as ABDULLAH JUMA. [REDACTED] recalled that JUMA was an Arabic male from Indiana who was in [REDACTED] for approximately one month prior to [REDACTED], GALAB, and MOSED leaving for Afghanistan. [REDACTED] provided that they had a picnic for JUMA at Tift Farms

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██████████ provided that DERWISH and spent a lot of time 234200g to each other. ██████████ provided that he saw JUMA frequently at ██████████ apartment. JUMA was at ██████████ apartment approximately three or four times a week. JUMA had originally said that he was from Bahrain, and ██████████ thought that JUMA had family in Bahrain. JUMA came from Indiana. JUMA lived with ██████████ on both of his visits to the ██████████ ██████████ thought that JUMA was going to Afghanistan for Jihad training with them, but he did not see JUMA in Afghanistan.

DERWISH told the "youth" about atrocities committed against the Muslims in Palestine, Bosnia and Chechnya. DERWISH said that it was the duty of every good Muslim to help the weak. DERWISH preached that every good Muslim must train to be a soldier and to fight. DERWISH said that JUMA and he fought in Bosnia together.

DERWISH told ██████████ that he was going to take his family to Yemen and then complete his training in Afghanistan and maybe fight with the Taliban. DERWISH wanted his wife and child to stay with his mother-in-law in Yemen because he did not like the United States.

██████████ provided that he was shamed by DERWISH into believing that he had to train for Jihad. DERWISH kept "hitting", or badgering ██████████ mentally toward Jihad. DERWISH told ██████████ that he lived in the United States, that he married a white girl who is a non-Muslim, he watched TV, he had a good life, and that he should be able to give four months of Jihad training to ALLAH. DERWISH told ██████████ that he was on a thin line with God. DERWISH told ██████████ that he did not have to go into combat, but had to at least do the training.

During their initial weekly meetings at ██████████ apartment, DERWISH taught the proper Islamic lifestyle, how to treat women, how to dress, and how to pray. However, DERWISH slowly began to introduce the "youth" to Jihad. ██████████ explained that Jihad meant armed conflict in defense of Islam. DERWISH would speak of the rewards of Jihad. DERWISH said that some of the rewards of Jihad were that one did not have to endure the torment of the grave and the day of judgment.

██████████ indicated that he had asked DERWISH about suicide bombings. DERWISH said that suicide bombers should be considered as martyrs for ALLAH. However, DERWISH admitted to ██████████ that he had been offered a suicide bombing mission and that he had turned it down.

██████████ provided that the Jihad speeches took place at ██████████ apartment from approximately 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. and lasted through the night. ██████████ provided that many of the "youth" from the ██████████ community would attend these meetings, to include ██████████ GALAB, MOSED, and others. ██████████ and ██████████ also gave lectures to the "youth" at ██████████ apartment. ██████████ provided that ██████████ his brother ██████████