

Truth has Come and Falsehood has Vanished

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All praise be to Allah. We praise Him, we seek His guidance and forgiveness. We seek His refuge from the evils of ourselves, and the evil results of our deeds. Whosoever Allah guides, then none can misguide, and whoever Allah misguides then none can guide him. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but Allah, alone,

without partner, and I bear witness Muhammad is His slave and Messenger, Allah says:

"And We have already written in al-Zabour (Book of David), after the Message (given to Moses): My servants the righteous (105) shall inherit the earth (106)"
Surat al-Anbiyaa

O Ummah of Islam, my beloved Ummah: your men have been determined to give Islam its State, and establish within it its Sharia, and to obey therein its commands, and to gather within it its forces. To this end, they spilled their blood and spent their wealth; they left every desire and encountered every hardship. They sought out death where it was to be found, desiring victory or martyrdom, and then came the blessed step of establishing the firm foundation for the Islamic State in the land of the Two Rivers (Mesopotamia) following the footsteps of the Master of the Prophets and Messengers. Now the building is being raised, seen by all who love it and hate it, that has led the enemy of Allah, Bush, to state after its blessed arrival, "They wish to establish an Islamic state from China to Spain..." He told the truth though he is a liar.

I praise Allah and I am grateful to Him, that He guided His soldiers to take this blessed step, and of which one of its early fruits was the gathering together of over thirteen factions and Jihadi groups under one banner. After their blessed announcement to join the Blessed Alliance. Then fast was the blessed fruits (good news) when allegiance was pledged by dozens of brigades and thousands of brothers fighters from Jaysh al-Mujahideen, al-Jaysh al-Islami, Brigades of the 20th Revolution, Ansar al-Sunnah and others. That was first in al-Fallujah, al-Karma, al-Ameriya, al-Ramadi al-Gharbiya, al-Tarmiya, al-Seniya, Tikrit, Samarra, Baqouba, al-Azeem, and then onwards to al-Mosul, Tal Afar, Kirkuk, and the beloved Baghdad. One of the greatest fruits was that 70% of the Sunni tribal elders in the Land of the Two Rivers (Mesopotamia) rushed to join the Blessed Alliance and pledge their allegiance to the State of Islam and Muslims, (Islamic State of Iraq).

Therefore, I thank my brothers, the elders of the following tribes: al-Dulaymis, al-Jabouris, al-Obaidis, al-Zouba's, al-Qais, Azza, Tayy, al-Janabis, al-Hiyalis, al-Mushahada, al-Dayanis, Bani Zayd, al-Mujama', Bani Shammar, Aniza, al-Sumayda', al-Nu'aym, Khazraj, Bani Luhayb, Abu Hiyat, Bani Hamdan, al-Sa'doun, al-Ghanim, al-Sa'ida, al-Ma'did, al-Karabila, al-Salman and al-Kubaysis.

I thank Allah and praise Him for that, Sharia is being implemented in many parts of the Islamic State by the request and insistence of our people themselves. We have set up for them Shar'is (Judges) to resolve the conflict between them and Allah has favored us (by enabling us) to resolve disputes that had continued for two decades of time that even they themselves had grown tired of. al-Sharia have been implemented in many areas of this fledgling State. The Prophet, صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, said: "*That one law of Allah (Hadd) be implemented on earth, is indeed better than be rained on for seventy mornings*". Again this came by the request of our people themselves. In an unusual case - social taboo in Iraq - an Iraqi man brought forward his unlawfully pregnant daughter, who had committed adultery, to be punished. Another man admitted and brought himself forward to be punished. And the Hadd was implemented on him after the Jumu'a prayer in a majestic scene in front of the people who cried out "Allahu Akbar" because they, for the first time in their life, saw a Hadd being

implemented. We have sought eradicating corruption and crimes and deterring criminals and malefactors so we expelled them from many of the places. We then started putting workers forward to collect the Zakat, spoils and charities throughout most of the Islamic State. Allah Almighty says:

"Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them" (Surat al-Tawba from 103)

What has come to pass shows the falsehood of those who said that there is no power (thorn) or acceptance for us. As the word of Allah is supreme and the hand of al-Mujahideen is the prevalent in most of the places. Even the enemy confesses to this when it said: "Tanzimul Qaeda has taken control of al-Anbar and has earned fame there". And al-Qaeda is nothing more than a group in the groups of the Islamic State. And we in Ninawa and in Salahuddien, for example, and in Diyala are better than that. As for in Baghdad, let it be known to both of distal and proximal, that the sons of this State are the soldiers of Allah who have encountered and cut the hands of the cunning Magians over a long period and nothing is stopping us from taking complete control except matters that are not yet in place yet we are confident that Allah will soon dispose it by His power and Might.

Allah knows, I have refused the Emirate over and over, and I did not dream of being anything except a soldier in the large assemblage of the Muslims, fighting for the sake of Allah until Allah is worshipped alone. I have never been an Emir of any of these factions but the people surrounded us and saw goodness in us so I pray to Allah to make me better than what they think.

Consequently, I have decided not to take any decision except after consultation of my brothers and for that we have set up an expanded Shura Council. In it are three representatives of each faction that has joined the Islamic State that does not take into consideration the size of its forces or the size of its operations. There are also representatives from from each big tribe besides some others with specialized skills and experience. From this smaller five-membered council was formed to ponder over sensitive matters that are require immediate decision making and we ask Allah success and guidance.

O Ummah of Islam, we have been slain by the knife of nationality and then we were divided by the shredder of patriotism to a country and then we were called back to be divided on the basis of tribalism. These we all the calls of ignorance.

O Ummah of Islam, we are not in need today of those who shed tears or those who compose empty slogans. We are today in need of those who makes sacrifices and listened to Allah's words to "*March forth heavy or light*" and then flew off his bed, brushed cowardice and lowness from his breast and rode in the direction of jihad, his appearance no longer hidden.

To this end we call first upon the groups of former Iraqi army officials from the rank of a lieutenant to a general to join the Islamic State army; on the condition that the candidate must know by heart at three Juz' of the Holy Quran and passes an exam on al-Aqida conducted by the Sharia committee that is present in every area so that his disbelief on Ba'ath party and its tyranny becomes apparent. We in turn with the will

of Allah provide him with transportation, housing, a proper salary that ensures him a respectful life like the rest of al-Mujahideen who come under the Banner of Islamic State, Allah Almighty says:

"Those who believe fight in the cause of Allah, and those who reject Faith fight in the cause of al-Taghout (Evil), so fight ye against the friends of Satan, feeble indeed is the cunning of Satan (76)" Surat al-Nisaa

O the Ummah of Islam, my beloved Ummah, the defiant one (US) is becoming weary and has started searching for an escape and striving for talks with every possible sides and parties. It has through its agents Al Saloul, the tyrants of al-Jazira has sent word to us that they (America) have met with each party except us and that they are seeking talks with us.

We say to them, we are not of those who talk with the ones who have been spilled in the blood of our children, shed the tears of our mothers and have desecrated our land by their feet. Today we issue this order so accept it obediently and with humility before you regret the consequences. We order you to pull your forces out immediately under these conditions:

1. The pull out must be only on personnel carriers and personnel transport aircraft.
2. Each member of the withdrawing forces is only allowed to carry light weapons. All other heavy weapons, war gear, and other equipment must be left behind.
3. All military bases must be handed over to the Mujahideen the Islamic State of Iraq.
4. The length of time to make this withdrawal is only one month and we in our turn will allow your pullout without its getting attacked by any road side bomb or attack.
5. We wait for your response during the next two weeks from this declaration.

As for those who are holding secret talks tell them to stop the military operations for one month, even in a single area, if they were true in their claim that they have control over the Mujahideen and the leaders of the resistance and await for the results. Then you will understand you fools that you are holding talks with cowards and liars, a mirror image of yourselves.

And we say to Bush, don't waste this historic opportunity to withdraw safely like you wasted the offer of amnesty proposed by Shaykh al-Mujahideen, Osama bin Laden, may Allah preserve him.

And I warn you not to let your stupidity lead to commit more massacres against the innocent civilians, women and children. You better not ignite the volcano, for that is better for you are safer, (Wood already touched by fire is not hard to set alight). Allah Almighty says:

"Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with 'Aad (6) [With] Iram - who had lofty pillars (7) The likes of whom had never been created in the land? (8) And [with] Thamud, who carved out the rocks in the valley? (9) And [with] Pharaoh, owner of the stakes? (10) [All of] whom oppressed within the lands (11) And

increased therein the corruption (12) So your Lord poured upon them a scourge of punishment (13) Indeed, your Lord is in observation (14)" Surat al-Fajr

O Ummah of Jihad, we are in holy days where the rewards for good work and deeds are multiplied. The Prophet, ﷺ, said, "There are no days in which good deeds are more beloved to Allah than these days" (meaning the first ten days of Zul-Hijja). And it is indeed the mercy of our Lord; so try to capture its rewards and merits, The doors of al-Janna have opened so hurry to seek after it. Indeed, the paradise scent can be smelled through our propellers, so let not its scent escape you and the crown of glory worn by al-Mujahideen. Do not deny yourselves of this honor.

Therefore, in these blessed days , we declare a new military operation, Ghazwat al-Shidda (Raid of Severity), that will finish by the last day of Eidul Adha. Force back the enemy and show it your power, strength and be united for those together are victorious. Minimize the differences of your Emirs and let the slogan of every Mujahid be:

"So fight in the cause of Allah; you are not held responsible except for yourself" (Surat al-Nisaa, from 84)

And bring forth into your minds the words of Allah Almighty:

"If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment and will replace you with another people" (Surat al-Tawba, from 39)

Seek the glad tidings of the victory of Allah for its coming inevitably, for the promise of Allah is true and rely on Allah the One and Only, the Almighty, the Powerful:

"And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose" (Surat al-Talaq, from 3)

And remember the words of your Lord:

"Fighting has been enjoined upon you while it is hateful to you. But perhaps you hate a thing and it is good for you" (Surat al-Baqara, from 216)

And know that you have brothers who have raced you on this path:

"Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah, among them is he who has fulfilled his vow [to the death], and among them is he who awaits [his chance]. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration (23)" Surat al-Ahzab

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