

(TN: Full translation; this letter was summarized previously.)

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In the name of God, the most merciful

Praise be to God, and prayer and peace be upon our prophet Muhammad, his family and companions. Amen.

Dear Brother, Shaykh Mahmud (May God protect him)

God's peace, mercy, and blessing be upon you

I hope that you receive this letter while you, your family, your children, and all the brothers are in a good health. May God help you and support you in carrying out all your responsibilities.

I received your good letter and I read its content and I read your suggestions regarding the regions. First, I will start by expressing my opinion regarding the regions and then I will talk about the other issues.

Regarding Somalia:

- I have attached a letter to ((Abu-al-Zubayr)) that contains a response to some of what was mentioned in his letter. I also told him that the response to the other issues will be in a letter from you, and a copy of it will go to Brother ((Abu-Muhammad)) and to him.

Regarding what you said about the issue of judges, it might be difficult for the brothers to implement this due to the vastness of the region, distance between people, and the difficulty of finding judges. Locating and appointing qualified judges is very difficult. Also, it is difficult to provide buildings and salaries for them. This issue is beyond their current capacity. Based on that, it would be easier for them to appoint a judge in each heavily populated area. These judges would provide rulings on all areas of life, except for trade issues, because as you know they are vast and would require a judge with distinct skills that require studying.

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This is especially true at this time, due to many developments in the trade business.

- Regarding the pledge of allegiance from the brothers in Somalia, it should be based on jihad for establishing an Islamic Caliphate.

- Regarding education for girls, I think that this issue should be left up to them.

- Regarding their request to mention them in our statements, this is good and we will do that.

- Please remind the brothers in Somalia to be compassionate with the people and remind them of the Hadiths on this. Regarding the Sufi groups, make sure to tell them to do their best to keep them unaligned, and if some of them refuse to stay unaligned, they should not treat all of them the same way. We do not want them to become an instrument for the enemy to use against us. Any provocation from our side would push them more toward the enemy.

They should be warned that there are differences between our enemies and they should distinguish between enemies with the conviction to fight us and those without conviction. These things should be considered for us to win the war.

- Please talk to the Somali brothers about reducing the harm to Muslims at Bakarah Market as result of attacking the headquarters of the African forces. Instead, they should focus on attacking them on their way to and from the airport. They should not carry out operations against their headquarters unless these are large, special operations or through digging tunnels that will allow them to reach the heart of the camp. Please study the matter and let me know.

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As a comment on the Uganda operation, they were supposed to arrange a good plan for assassinating the President of Uganda, ((Museveni)), for this can affect the war there. However, if they cannot, they should target vital military and economic targets.

I also suggest sending a Somali delegation of tribal dignitaries to the Gulf area to meet with businessmen and scholars to inform them on the poverty in Somalia, the death of children because of this poverty, and to remind them of their responsibility toward their brothers. They should explain the suffering of the people there, using pictures and statistics available to relief organizations. They should tell them that the poor people are waiting for some effort to save their lives. They should also present some ideas for irrigation projects.

One of the ways for completing a project is to start one and then take pictures of it and send those pictures to donors.

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The idea is to show the people that in spite of their poverty, they tried to start something, but they do not have the money to complete it.

Locals can also promise to rent lands for years in exchange for money to build the project. Keep in mind that one irrigation system can provide water for 40,000 acres. If the land is flat, as it is in Somalia, they can plant some very fruitful plants that can provide for people very quickly. They also can plant strategic plants, such as dates and fruit trees.

Other trees that would be appropriate for the area are palm olive trees, and they can be imported from Indonesia or Malaysia. Also, the palm trees are available around Somalia, but the trees that come from Malaysia are mutated and can be more rewarding economically. Each acre can bring 57,000 dollars and more. The land in Somalia is one of the most fertile in the world, and once used, the suffering of millions of Muslims will vanish, and people will start protecting the existence of the Islamic emirate. Also, building irrigation projects will create jobs for most Muslims. Also, we should plant things that need to be manually harvested so as to keep the jobs.

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Some of the brothers might think that their enemy might destroy these projects and the agriculture projects, but I think that it would be difficult for the enemy to do so, because they cannot enter in a direct clash with the humanitarian needs of the people. Also, these projects are not military targets, and

attacking them would create great animosity from locals toward the collaborating government in Somalia.

The brothers working for the Islamic emirate should be warned against getting involved in the trade business because it could be very dangerous and contradictory to the mission of the state. People working for the state should be concerned only with security and justice.

Employees of the state should not compete for trade because this can destroy the Islamic state and movement and create a gap between the state and the people. You should learn from the Islamic movement in Sudan. The people there became distracted with business and trade and forgot about the implementation of the Shari'a. Today, Sudan is considered one of the most corrupt countries in the world.

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Also, among the important issues is that any matters or secrets that are discussed in the Shura councils should be kept as secrets, and people cannot discuss them with their children or relatives.

You should warn the brothers against cutting down trees on a large scale for the purpose of creating charcoal without replacing them. Cutting down trees should be limited to the needs of the people and local consumption and not for export.

I am sure that you are aware that climate change is causing drought in some areas and floods in others. The brothers in Somalia should be warned about this and they need to implement all necessary preparations.

Among the important preparations is to create an early warning system and establish an advanced monitoring system at the beginning of the river to be able to issue an alarm using a wireless system at the time of flooding.

Note: Be extra cautious and make sure that no letters or documents fall in the hands of the enemy. Communications with the brothers in Somalia should be handled like letters that contain secret and dangerous information.

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Regarding the Islamic Maghreb, I read a letter that talks about some entities that would like to reach ceasefire agreements with the brothers, and we believe that such agreements that are based on Shari'a principles are a good thing. We want the maximum number of entities to take the sidelines as we fight our greatest enemy, the US. As for the issue of the ten million euros per year, I do not think that we should be inflexible about it. The important thing for us now is to reach a ceasefire. As for the second letter, unfortunately, we were not able to open it. It is from brother Abu-Mus'ab (('Abd-al-Wadud)). Please resend it to us after you make sure that it can be opened.

Regarding Yemen, in your letter you mentioned that you are waiting for a letter from ((Abu-Basir)) that contains detailed information on the situation in Yemen. Please send it to me. You also mentioned that you will start the correspondence with Abu-Basir to facilitate for the new policy. I suggest that we wait on this until we see what they have on the matter, and then we can make the best decision.

Regarding what the brothers in Iraq mentioned about the disagreement between them and Ansar al-Islam, please continue to communicate with them and remind them to do their best to avoid disagreements and conflicts. Also, ask them to resolve their differences by using the tribal leaders and scholars and those who were members of Jama'at Ansar al-Sunnah.

Regarding what you mentioned about the situation where you are in Waziristan, I agree with what you said regarding cooling things down and reducing the movement for your security and safety and the security and safety of all the foreigners. Also, get some of the brothers out to the Sind area for a year or two, while focusing on continuing with special large operations in Afghanistan.

Please warn our brothers in Taliban Pakistan and Afghanistan to spread the prohibition of the shedding of Muslim blood among their members and to avoid the killing of Muslims. They should also implement an awareness campaign against punishing people based on suspicion.

This issue applies to people working on counterintelligence. They should be reminded that they should not punish anyone without confirming their guilt.

I also wish to remind our brothers in the Taliban of the great importance of treating the tribes and villagers with compassion. Regarding the tribes that joined or intend to join the US awaking project, please warn them not to overreact in dealing with these tribes so as to not anger these tribes. Explain this to them and remind them of the experience of our brothers in Iraq with this.

Regarding the ceasefire with the Pakistani government, the continuation of the negotiations in the fashion that you described is in the interest of al-Mujahidin at this phase.

Regarding Shaykh ((Abu-Yahya)), I think that we should not get him busy with administrative issues and keep him away from his research, because they are very important. We need his efforts especially after the brothers in Somalia took control. This is an emirate on the ground, and it is real and has millions of people in it. It will require strong care and support in terms of religious research. Do not forget the magnitude of our responsibility since they decided to join us. He should dedicate a large part of his time toward this mission. As for the administrative issues, some other brothers can perform these duties.

Regarding appointing a deputy for you, please inform me of the capability of Shaykh ((Abu-Khalil)) at this time with regard to this mission. If there is no objection for him to become a deputy, then he should become one. You should inform him that he was appointed as a deputy for you for a year and that it can be extended. This year should start from the day when the letter arrives.

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As for the second deputy, I think that brother Abu-'Abd-al-Rahman al-((Maghribi)) (Var.: al-((Maghrebi))) should be the one, Please inform him of this and tell him that it is for a year and can be extended. If for some reason you are unable to appoint Shaykh Abu-Khalil to this position, then Abu-'Abd-al-Rahman al-Maghribi should be in that position and brother 'Abd-al-Jalil should be the second deputy.

Please send me the resumes of all the brothers who might be nominated for high administrative positions now or in the future. Also, please ask each one of them to write something about their vision of the jihadi work in general and provide their opinions and suggestions regarding any of the jihadi fronts.

I received from you the book, "The Points of Focus" by brother Abu-Ahmad 'Abd-al-Rahman al-((Masri)) with an introduction by Shaykh Abu-Muhammad al-((Maqdisi)). It is a very important book and we should make sure that all brothers read it. We should publish it widely on the Internet to benefit from it in building awareness among the youth in general and the youth in jihadi groups in particular. It should be spread all over the Muslim world and we should ask all the fields to spread it. It is a great instrument for good Muslims to get out from underneath the groups that recognize the regimes that are based on foundations that are contrary to true Islam. This book should be translated into Urdu, Pashto, Farsi, Turkish, Swahili, Malawi, English, French, and other languages.

It also would be a good idea to contact Shaykh Abu-Muhammad al-Maqdisi and ask him to get the permission of the author of the book to have it summarized. If he agrees, then we should send it to one of the shaykhs and ask him to summarize it and write helpful notes in the margins.

- We should be careful not to send big secrets by email, especially in Waziristan and the areas around it.

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We should also warn Shaykh Yunis about this. We should assume that the enemy can see these emails and only send through email information that can bring no harm if the enemy reads it. They should not trust it just because it is encrypted, because the enemy can easily monitor all email traffic to the al-Mujahidin area. Computer science is not our science and we are not the ones who invented it. I think that depending on encryption in sending secrets is a great risk. Encryption system works with ordinary people, but not against those who created email and the Internet. All sensitive communications should be done through carriers.

Example of the evidence that the enemy is looking at our messages is that after brother Abu-Basir sent a message in which

he suggested that Shaykh Anwar al-((`Aulaqi)) (Var.: al-((Awlaqi))) should be the first man, the Americans stated that al-Shaykh Anwar al-`Aulaqi is the actual emir of the organization.

Regarding what you mentioned about the two million that you received and the four million that you are expecting from the Afghan government as a ransom for the Afghan diplomat, I am surprised by this because the Afghan government does not usually pay this kind of money to free its men.

There is a small chance that the Americans might be aware of the delivery of the money, especially because news in Afghanistan spreads very fast.

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They might have agreed to have the money within the aircraft monitoring area so as to reach the field commander in the area and the leaders that will receive that money. One way to find out the level of the accuracy of this theory is to know the importance of the hostage within the government or whether he is a relative of some high-ranking official in the government. In any case, you should consider yourselves under surveillance and you should change houses only on cloudy days.

I want you to be careful this time and in the future too.

With any amounts of money that you receive, you should make sure that you evade surveillance and you should exchange the money for another currency and at a bank in a large city, such as euros and then exchanging the euros to dollars at another bank.

The reason for this is for you to be protected from any harmful materials or rays that can be on the money.

Regarding the groups that asked you for money, I think that you should deal with them in rupees, and the total that you can spend is 100,000 USD. You can promise them that there will be more donations if we receive more money. If you see that you need more, then the total can reach 150,000 USD.

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Regarding paying the brothers their monthly salaries in advance, I think that we should pay them on time and not give them any in

advance, because they could spend the money and then come back and ask for a loan, and we will find ourselves in an uncomfortable position with the brothers.

I would like for you to advance your knowledge in managing money and finances so as to be able to make the money last for a long time.

This money that God gave to al-Mujahidin might be enough for five or six years.

You should always be aware of the movement of money and the remaining amounts. You should ask for semi-monthly reports from the financial official. Please send me copies of these reports.

Please save the money in various safe locations with trustworthy individuals. Be prudent in the way you save this money. The amounts that will be kept with individuals should not be more than they can handle. Some brother can take up to fifty thousand, while other brothers can keep hundreds of thousands. Please pay attention to this matter.

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Please let me know what items related to the general policy get sent to the brothers in the fields. Also, please send me their responses to them.

You mentioned that one of the brothers that you consulted with after the letters from the field arrived is Bashir al-((Madanis)). Please identify him. Note: In the past, I asked Shaykh Sa'id (may God rest his soul) to not change aliases unless it is important to do so.

Regarding our brother, the friend of the engineer, you should slow down and not nominate him until further notice. He should be mentored from time to time. He is close by and reachable, but the sickness of engineering has taken hold of him.

In your letter, you mentioned that you stopped the statement of Shaykh Abu-Muhammad (may God protect him) regarding Turkey and the Freedom Flotilla; is this the same statement? Please clarify and send us the statement, because the media published only small parts of it.

Please dedicate some brothers to translate the documents on Afghanistan and Pakistan that were leaked from the Pentagon because these documents contain the strategy of the enemy in the area. The US secretary of defense stated that the leak of these documents will negatively affect the war. The Website that published these documents revealed 92,000 documents and then another 15,000.

Please send us the speeches by Abu-Muhammad on a regular basis. Also please send me the speeches of Shaykh Abu-Yahya. Keep in mind that I asked him for all his previous publications.

Please send me the entire interview of Shaykh Anwar al-'Aulaqi with Sada al-((Malahim)).

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We are waiting for your responses to what we mentioned in our previous letter, which included a request to nominate a qualified brother to be in charge of a large operation in America.

Please let me know if you have brothers who are good with poetry. Also, please send books on poetry.

Regarding what you mentioned on the questions that Brother 'Abd-al-Rahman al-Maghribi sent, I will start answering the important questions on the list.

Regarding the media program that Ahmad ((Zidan)) is working on, please let him know that it would be better if it gets postponed until the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Also, one year for finishing it is not enough. He needs to create a vision for the program and review it several times. He will also need to interview a large number of people in various areas in the world, in addition to getting his questions to us and us getting the answers to him. Please get in touch with him and get the questions that he has for the program. We should not get involved in the scenario and the details of the program, except making sure to ask him not to interview anyone in my family.

As for the preparatory rights for Al Jazeera and Al Sahab, I think that we should negotiate to have audio materials for Al Jazeera and the written materials for Al Sahab. This means that some of the answers will be in audio and others will be in writing.

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Negotiations on this issue should continue until an agreement that will satisfy Al Sahab is reached. Please keep me posted on these negotiations.

Regarding the amount of money that was placed as a gift in my account, may God reward you for it. I will accept it, but as a loan. You should deduct this amount from my personal money when it arrives. Please send the money with the carrier.

Please send two copies of your letters to the regions: one to me and one to Shaykh Abu-Muhammad in order for us to be aware of what is going on.

Please convey my greetings to Shaykh Abu-Muhammad and to all the brothers. Also, please let me know how you are doing after the hard rain and floods. As for us, we are healthy and doing well.

In the past, I asked you to store an amount of wheat. Please let me know what happened with this.

Regarding what you said about trying to work with the Iranians on releasing my son Hamzah directly to Qatar, this plan might be threatening to the Iranians because of fear that their mistreatment of al-Mujahidin might be exposed to the media and cause them to not to release him.

Enclosed is a statement regarding the climate change, especially the floods in Pakistan. Please send it to Al Jazeera Television.

Enclosed are letters to Shaykh Abu-Yahya, Ilyas, Abu-Anas al-((Subay'i)), and 'Abd-al-Latif. Please have them send me responses to them.

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Please inform the middleman between us to be near the agreed-upon area on 27 August, because I intend to send a statement to the American people on the 9th anniversary of 9/11 to make sure that it reaches Al Jazeera Television before 9/11.

Finally, I pray to God to grant you success and protect you and help you with this great duty. I remind myself and you to be gentle and compassionate with the brothers. We should accept

their good behavior and forgive their mistakes, and we should counsel them.

God's peace, mercy, and blessings be upon you.

Your brother, Azmarai
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