

The first attachment: A simple summary on the reality of the situation in our arena in Afghanistan and Pakistan

1-Praise be to God, we are well and in good health. We are enjoying God's blessings, generosity, and kindness in our life, faith, security, and jihad against the enemies of God. We are also enjoying the pride that God blessed us with in these circumstances. The rest of the brothers are fine, praise be to God. We believe that there are many good things going on in our arena, but like all jihadi arenas and jihadi experience, it has problems, negativities, mistakes, deficiencies, shortcomings, and so on. These things might happen because of problems caused by some. (God does not oppress anyone). Many men came to the arena but did not stay patiently after they saw mistakes, shortcomings, administrative errors, and so on. Some even turned around and spoke angrily against the arena; however, these individuals are very few. The majority are good, praise be to God. We believe that our arena is the most deeply rooted arena in terms of knowledge, jurisprudence, wisdom, reason, intelligence, and maturity. It is a mother or an older sister to all arenas through the generosity of God.

2-Jihad as an ideology, belief, approach, practice, application, desire from the heart, and passion has spread among people in a way that would cause the enemy great anger, make them lose sleep, and disturb their tranquility in their country. May God humiliate them, extend their sleeplessness, and dim their future. God is the greatest! A complete jihadi generation in Afghanistan and the tribal areas of Pakistan is more wholesome, tight, mature, and kind. As for the problems, they are there, as I mentioned before, and the matter is up to God. However, do not have fear for al-Jihad. As beloved martyr Khalid al-Habib said once, "If we all get killed, there is no fear for jihad, for the message was delivered (to the nation)." This generation, through its awareness and maturity, has transcended above many issues that others have and continue to stumble over and be puzzled by, including fighting apostates, loyalists to the crusaders, and other issues.

3-We (the mother organization here) are working on the two sides, in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This is in addition to missions by immigrants and local supporters, raising the generation, conducting external work, leading, supplying, and

supervising the branches, protecting the organization, and other large requirements.

Work in Pakistan is almost self-sufficient. There are many operating groups and local Taliban groups who have joined, and there is Tahrik Taliban or those who did not join. Those who did not join are no less (TN: effective) than those who have joined (TN: sic).

We are participating in the work in Afghanistan, and we have to do that, but praise be to God, Taliban almost does not need us. We are providing only moral and symbolic support, but in spite of that, our participation is good and important.

4- Among the problems that we suffer from:

Over the last two years, the problem of the spying war and spying aircrafts benefited the enemy greatly and led to the killing of many jihadi cadres, leaders, and others. This is something that is concerning us and exhausting us. God is our guardian, to Him we complain, and our fate is up to Him. God willing, we are patient, constant in our exertion of efforts, balancing out this war, and adapting to the situation. Therefore, we need to cooperate, exchange expertise, especially because we expect the enemy to transport these experiences to your arena and to the Somali arena, for they (TN: the enemy) tasted their sweetness. May God humiliate them. We need to cooperate quickly. God willing, we will gather what we have on this area that can benefit you and send it to you in our next letter to you.

Also, there is the financial problem, which is a problem in jihad whether or not it is a time of hardship. God is the giver and He knows what we need.

There is also the problem of managing the many components of the immigrants' presence here. We have Arabs, Uzbeks, Turks, Turkistanis, Balkans, Russians of all kinds, Germans, and others. Unfortunately, there is so much chaos on the ground, but we try to remedy things.

Also, there is a problem with some immigrants, especially the Arab ones. I will try to shed light on it through help from God. In our jihadi arenas in general we suffer from unjustified divisions and alliances, which I call the "fake commandants." This is the case even in our arena in Khurasan, in spite of being the mother arena and the best arena, as I mentioned

before. Despite the weaknesses, shortcomings, and challenges, it continues to be the strongest, most symbolic arena, and so on. Due to our incomplete strength and control, we get inflicted with people who conduct jihad according to their moods or as they wish. They come to the arena and live it, but they do not abide by the rules and they might not like the established system. Usually, these people are impulsive and might be active, skilled, smart, and capable, but problems arise and they start saying things such as "We are marginalized," if they see, for example, that we did not appoint them fast enough in the positions that they want. Of course, we have our own methods, which are partly based on great caution in recommending individuals and not giving them any positions before they spend some time in the arena, working and giving. Sometimes they also say, "I have energy to work and produce, but they are restricting me."

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Some have purely bad demands that are not based on an argument. They just refuse to be ordered and refuse to listen, obey, or stay where they were placed and insist on being the head. There are many examples of this, and if you add to them our visible mistakes, shortcomings, and weakness, you get the ingredients for divisions. You find these people leaving the group and becoming a burden on the arena. They become a source for damage, whether they know it or not, because they are not disciplined in their movement, communications, relationships, and so on. They do not take into consideration the interest of the jihadi community. Also, their individualism and independence might cause quarrels and frictions that are harmful, embarrassing, and upsetting, and this might lead to bickering and exchange of insults. May God help us. We have a few groups and individuals who repelled from each other, including brother Ghazwan al-Yamani (aka: Abu al-Husayn), who was killed about a month and half ago, and who came to us about two years ago and told us then that he came from your side (I am not sure if he came from your side or from the side of al-Qa'iti, may God rest his soul). There are others, including brother Safwan and a young brother named 'Isa Bin-Maryam. They are both Yemenis, and they were both captured in Quetta, Pakistan, while on their way to Iran last year. Safwan is the one who was in correspondence with you, and through him we received your video message last year. We pray to God to break their imprisonment and change them. Also, among them is brother Hamzah al-Jawfi and a brother named Dhabbah al-Ta'ifi, who was detained in a tribal area near Peshawar last year and was handed over to Saudi Arabia. We pray to God break

his imprisonment and change him. He has friends who are still here, including 'Ukashah al-'Iraqi and others. Among them also is brother Najm or Najm al-Khayr (Salih al-Qar'awi) al-Qasimi. Unfortunately, he is a great example of these individuals for he does not belong to us completely and does not listen or obey us. He says, "I am with Shaykh 'Usama and the Emir al-Mu'minin Mullah Muhammad 'Umar, but I am not necessarily with Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, 'Atiyyah, or others. Jihad is big and I do not need to be limited to a group." Unfortunately, that is almost exactly what he used to say. Such talk is ignorance and is wrong without any doubt. This also applies to those who lightly establish jihadi groups whenever they wish to do so with total disregard to guidelines and restrictions. We should be uniting the existing groups in the first place. We should only allow those who have a shari'ah-based reason for working individually in an arena or in a field. It seems that now he has group that consists of individuals like him, and he always tries to lure young men from the Peninsula and cause us problems, may God help us. He is a very simple man and does not have the qualifications to lead jihadi work or jurisprudence. He was supposed to be a soldier for Islam and a mujahid for the sake of God. He was placed in a trustworthy jihadi group under renowned and wise leadership that supervises him until he quietly matures. Once God allows him, the Muslims accept him, and his time comes, he can even replace 'Usama without a problem! But, everything needs to happen properly and he cannot be an independent leader because he is not qualified for it. That is our opinion, but he is not convinced. We failed in containing him because of his insistence on being something! Two weeks ago, al-Fajr Centre conducted an interview with him. The brothers in al-Fajr should not have conducted it. They did not consult with us or ask us. As a semi-official jihadi media organization that belongs to us, they should come to us and consult with us on any operation for promoting and sponsoring leaders in front of the nation. For that reason, you will see the great gap in the words of brother Najm during the interview when he was asked the following:

-Najm, what is your position inside al-Qa'ida organization? He did not mention al-Qa'ida at all, not in praise or criticism. He also did not talk about his position in it.

-Al-Qa'ida organization has a branch named al-Qa'ida Organization in the Arabian Peninsula under the leadership of Abu-Basir Nasir al-Wahishi. What is your position in it? He did not mention this or get close to it, of course, because he

cannot. He avoids these speed bumps. He is a "commander" and that is it!

Our point of view toward this issue or any similar issue is that the group, represented by its leaders, should look at this brother and ask if this person is qualified for this work or not. Is he qualified to be at this place at this position or not? If he is, then on God we will depend and move forward, but if the leadership thinks that he is not qualified or is operating in a fashion that is not acceptable, it should go to him and tell him that he is not good for this work and this work is not acceptable. The brother should obey and say, "Your wishes are my commands. I am a soldier and you can order me with whatever you want and whatever you deem appropriate." He should accept without any conditions.

As for the brother to come to you and tell you that he has a group that wants to work in the Peninsula, Lebanon, or anywhere else and that he has special and unique circumstances and that he wants to impose this on the organization, this would be inappropriate.

The organization might accept this in some cases because the organization understands that it needs to accommodate people to the best of its ability and that it includes and employs the pure and the immoral, but these are difficult balances and decisions.

Honestly, in my personal opinion and assessment, these things are nothing but illnesses, and we pray to God to heal us from them. However, we are in a real predicament; it is a problem if we stay silent and it is a problem if we speak out. People do not know what is going on while these individuals feed on our silence.

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Sometimes they might turn the issue into personal quarrel, may God save us. O God, grant us martyrdom for your sake that would please you and save us from divisions.

As for the Battalions of 'Abdallah 'Azzam, it is a small group of brothers in Lebanon who fired rockets against the Jews once, twice, or more. They are also trying to attack the convoys of the UNIFIL there. May God greatly reward them. This group was in communication with us at one point, but once our communications were disconnected, they established a link with brother Najm. He

linked up with them, accommodated them, and supported them through the support that he collects. He became like a supervisor over them who speaks on their behalf. He says that he has group this and that, when in fact, he did not establish the group. At any rate, among the latest developments is that we are trying once again to contain brother Najm and have him become a disciplined member while we give him the responsibility to officially oversee the work in Lebanon alongside the brothers at the Battalions of 'Abdallah 'Azzam under al-Qa'ida. However, there are problems and challenges in dealing with him. That is our assessment of him and of those who work with him who are known to us. May God help us and He is the giver of success. This was a short glimpse to give you a picture of our arena at the current phase.

God is our and your supporter and he is the best supporter and advocate.

O God, correct our situation, o lord.