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In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

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Condolences on the occasion of the martyrdom of Shaykh Abu-Yazid al-Mustafa, may Allah bestow his soul.

God has said, "Think not of those who were killed in the way of Allah as dead. Nay, they are alive, with their Lord, and they have provision. They rejoice in what Allah has bestowed upon them of His bounty and rejoice for the sake of those who have not yet joined them, but are left behind (not yet martyred) that on them no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. They rejoice in a Grace and a bounty from Allah and that Allah will not waste the reward of the believers." (Qur'an: Surah Al 'Umran, 3:169-171).

With hearts filled with patience, hope, and the belief in God's judgment and acts, we received word of the martyrdom of the heroic fighter and veteran leader, Shaykh Abu-Yazid al-Mustafa, together with a group of the knights of jihad and faith. May God rest their souls, all of them, and make them to live in the highest paradise with the prophets, the true believers, the martyrs, and the righteous, as they are the best to be friends with.

In the name of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, we offer our condolences to our brothers the mujahidin of al-Qa'ida and to the Islamic Nation in general for the loss of this heroic fighter. As God said in condolence to his faithful worshipers, "If a wound (and killing) has touched you, be sure a similar wound (and killing) has touched the others. And so are the days (good and not so good), we give to men by turns: that Allah may test those who believe, and that He may take martyrs among you. And Allah likes not the Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers)." [Qur'an: Surah Al 'Umran 140].

O mujahidin! The death of the heroic leaders will not impact the course of the jihad against unbelief and falsehood negatively. When a single knight is dismounted in the battle between the

soldiers of God and the guardians of the devil, God opens the doors to unexpected victories for the Muslims with his blood.

We ask God to receive him into the highest heavens and to recompense the mujahidin and send them blessings. We ask that his pure blood become the cause of the mujahidin's victory and the defeat of the occupiers everywhere.

We commend our brothers the mujahidin to walk in the way of your righteous martyrs. Be a comfort to the believers and a punishment to the unbelievers, and bring yourselves into accordance with the word of God: "Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah: of them some have fulfilled their obligations, and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed in the least." (Qur'an: Surah Al Ahzab 23).

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O mujahidin brothers!

We bring you the good news that victory is near, and the crusader enemy will be defeated. We must all observe precision and preparation in managing the matters of our jihad. We must keep our ranks free of divisions and selfishness. We must be alert against all the conspiracies which are contrived to harm the reputation of the mujahidin. We must focus our efforts in the field of resistance on striking the usurping enemy. We must not become preoccupied with anything that distracts us from the original goal. Turn your attention to the most important goals. We are sure that victory is on the side of the mujahidin as long as they are true in their jihad and in their dealings with God, as God said, "O believers! If you help the cause of Allah, He will help you and establish your feet firmly." (Qur'an: Surah Al Qital 7).

Continue your jihad and your fight against the occupiers and their cowed helpers. Order your ranks, and God will be with you and will not abandon you and your works.

Peace and blessings be upon you.

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