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Communiqué from Taliban Supreme Commander Mullah Mohammed Umar



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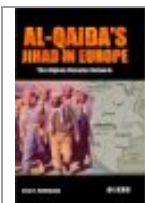
“A statement on behalf of the Command Council of the Taliban regarding the Israeli attacks on Lebanon.”

“In the name of Allah, Most Gracious Most Merciful:”

“...The harsh airborne and ground-based attacks by the Israeli armed forces against the oppressed Lebanese nation are part of the American plan that aims to place the entire Arab nation under the control of Israel. All the oppression that is taking place against the innocent Muslims in Palestine by the Israeli forces—in addition to the attacks on the republic of Lebanon—is being carried out with the consultation of America and its allies. In spite of all that, Bush refers to it as Israel’s right to defend itself. The acts of Israeli oppression on the Palestinian people have been taking place for decades, but the West never before mentioned the need to send peacekeeping forces to the region. These days, the West has raised the issue of the necessity to send these forces to Lebanon so they can strike at anyone who is anti-Israel. In addition, we witness the hostility of America and its ally states towards Hamas and the elected government of the Palestinian people. America and its allies only pay heed to the concepts of democracy and sovereignty when the Israeli interests are at stake. Presently, the Muslims around the world are defending themselves, and some are abandoning the path of jihad against the occupying Zionists and crusaders who aim to eventually enslave the Muslims. We call upon Muslims worldwide and especially those from the Arab world to unite and march as one against the oppressive Zionist and American actions and to stand firm behind the fighting mujahideen.”

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