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Abu Musab al-Suri's Final "Message to the British and the Europeans"



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“Praise be to Allah... When the attacks on the historic stronghold of oppression and darkness (veteran London) took place, I, too, was among the hundreds of millions of Muslims who joyfully watched the events unfold. I could have just settled for praising Allah for these attacks, as other Muslims chose to do. However, instead, I felt it necessary to publish this statement for two reasons. The first reason is that my name was mentioned by the British media in context of the July 7 bombings as one of the suspects accused of planning these glorious attacks. The second reason is that the leaders of our enemies—most notably Tony Blair, Bush and their stooges, have stated that the fundamental battle is targeted against the ideological missionaries who spread the ‘evil’ concept of jihad, as they like to call it. Since I myself am one of those ideologues—in both my words and my actions—I see myself personally involved in this matter... A warning to our enemies as we have been patient with them all, and especially with Britain... We, the family of mujahideen, or Al-Qaida as we are usually named today, always make sure to give ample warning before all of our attacks. We make sure do so in our domestic battles against the leaders of our countries, and therefore the same rule applies with regards to this global conflict. We have warned all of our leaders. We had warned America before we engaged in fighting. We had been patient with Britain by holding indirect talks through some of the mujahideen who reside there.”



Captured Al-Qaida terrorist mastermind
Abu Musab al-Suri (a.k.a. Mustafa
Setmariam Nasar, Omar Abdel Hakim)

“To further elaborate... we all know very well that the mujahideen leader Usama Bin Laden clearly warned the United States and the other Western nations in mid-1996 that they must withdraw their armed forces and put an end to their attacks. Throughout the past decade, Shaykh Usama [Bin Laden] and Dr. Ayman [al-Zawahiri] have both pleaded with the U.S in particular—as well as the Western world in general—to stop their aggression on our countries and stop the ongoing occupation of our land. As we all know, our pleas went unanswered, and no one heeded our warnings. Consequently, the war began and the mujahideen resorted to using their weapons as the preferred means of communicating with the enemies...”



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1995: the truth is that I have nothing to do with these bombings. In fact, this is the first time I have ever heard about my involvement in these bombings. This is so despite the fact that it is indeed true that I wrote articles in Al-Ansaar [Magazine] and supported the jihad in Algeria—and, please note that I still support this jihad against the traitor apostate government as long as it is in accordance with the conditions of Islamic Shariah. I supported the mujahideen when they attacked the French at that time because it was their retaliation for her blatant support of the revolutionary government that [undermined] the victory of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) in fair elections. This was also in retaliation for the fact that the French intelligence forces took part in the war against the mujahideen. I hereby reveal that I was indeed the one who drew the famous picture of the Eiffel Tower blowing up, while debris in the form of the GIA [Algerian Armed Islamic Group] book with the cover of Al-Ansaar Magazine flew all over. However, this was after the bombings took place rather than prior to them. This can be verified by looking back at the dates. I had nothing to do with these attacks... not a green light nor a yellow light. However, of course, neither was I the one to give them a red light with regards to these bombings!”



October 1995 canister bomb attack on the Paris Metro system

“In order to elaborate and clarify further, I will add that—just like the rest of the jihad supporters—the truth is that, during the period I was in Britain, I was not involved in any activity that went beyond thought, literature, or journalism. In fact, all these activities were well-known to the British security forces. An agent once asked me to share some of my expertise in making explosives for the purpose of the Paris bombings. I apologized and refused to take part in the task. I made this decision because I wanted to ensure the continuation of the marvelous jihad of information and missionary work. We took part in this London-based jihad with the intention of spreading the call to jihad throughout the world and to support many jihadi concerns that arose between 1993 and 1997. However, I must say that I was not satisfied with the amateurish way in which they carried out the [Paris] bombings. As a result, the bombings resulted in an insignificant number of enemy casualties. I could have helped them upgrade the quality of their explosives, but I didn’t do this. Their senior commanders did not ask me to do so.”

“As for my support for the attack against France, indeed, I have written articles for Al-Ansaar [Magazine] and these have been rightfully published under my name. This is well known to the British and to the French. The French media has long complained about the articles we wrote in support of the jihad in Algeria. My name has been mentioned in the media several times, and so has the name of Abu Qatada—may Allah bless him. Though I somewhat disagree with his methods and some of his views, this man has played a critical role for those loyal to the Salafist approach. Something that is not known—and that I would like to now reveal—is that I advised the commander of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) Abu Abdullah Ahmad and his superiors—may Allah have mercy on their souls—to strike deep inside the French mainland in order to punish her and deter her from supporting the dictatorial military government [in Algeria]. Beginning in 1993, I exchanged private letters with Abu Abdullah Ahmad and advised him that it would be in our interests to force France into publicly declaring her support for the Algerian regime—something that it had previously only done under the table. I explained that this would unite the Islamic nation around the jihad in Algeria, just as it had united the Islamic nation around the Afghan jihad against the Soviets. I added that we had a right to strike France and that we were at war—[we were not] just playing around. It was about time for our enemies to understand that.”

“This is why I hereby call all the mujahideen—regardless of whether they are from Syria, Lebanon or any other place—to strike France immediately. The mujahideen should target French interests wherever they may be—including the French mainland itself, just as they have struck other countries—and we shall not be swayed by their worthless positions on Palestine and Iraq. Why should we [attack them]? We shall



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helping the infidel leadership in its efforts to root out fanatics and the mujahideen who sacrifice their souls in defense of Muslims and Muslim interests. The leaders of the Islamic communities in Britain, Europe, and America—and the Muslim scholars and Muslim clerics who support them—provide us with many examples indeed. With regards to all of this I would like to say that... Muslims living in the infidel countries must pack up their belongings and leave the Western world. Most importantly, they must leave those countries that are fighting against us, such as America and Britain. This will be a long war and there will be plenty more infidel deaths. We expect the cowardly response of the infidels to be in the form of more actions against Muslims...”

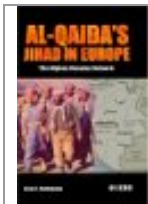
“We call the leaders of these countries to rule with common sense. We call them to be humane and take the interests of their peoples and their nations into consideration. It is not in their interests to continue to be a part of this alliance of aggression and crime. They must have their own independent policies and withdraw themselves from this pathetic world war... if Blair, Berlusconi, and their counterparts insist on continuing this war, they should know the strategic principles that guide us, and according to which we formulate our policy... We consider the battle to be against a single entity that is comprised of all the allies. As far as we are concerned, America is the same as Israel, Britain, Poland, Italy, and the others. They are an alliance, and as such, they are all accountable for their actions. Each and every enemy country will be treated as a part of a larger entity, and the military and civilian components of each nation will be treated as a unified entity. We will practice our right to strike civilians in order to deter soldiers, in light of the military and technological disadvantages that we face. We consider logistical military support provided by any party to be a pivotal role that helps carry out actual military attacks. We follow the principle of reciprocity



Abu Musab al-Suri in Afghanistan

that originates in Islam—and was explicitly cited in all three monotheistic religions—as well as all other religions and international law. Whenever you strike our cities and our villages with your warplanes and intercontinental missiles only to apologize shortly afterwards for mistakenly or unintentionally killing our civilians, you must keep in mind that we also have our own intercontinental mujahideen. We also have mujahideen living amongst you. We will unleash the mujahideen to detonate themselves amongst you so that you will all taste the death and terror that you have forced on all of our people, including targeting women and children. We will also be sure to apologize for mistakenly or unintentionally killing your civilians. America and her allies have violated all international laws. The Geneva Convention’s guidelines regarding proper conduct at times of war—governing the treatment of soldiers and hostages—are no exception. We want to inform you that we do not envision ourselves as committed to these laws either... In short, and in a sincere way, we would like to tell the Americans and their European allies that we will never obey you... Do you really understand why you killed young men and women, some of which were fathers and mothers of children, or just recently married? Do you understand why so many people are so excited to become human bombs and blow you up?!”

Omar Abdel Hakim (Abu Musab al-Suri) - August 2005



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