



## Mustafa Abu al-Yazid's Interview on al-Jazeera

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**Our dear audience, welcome to your program "Today's Meeting" in which we host the General Chief of Al-Qaida Organization in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid. Welcome to "Today's Meeting" on al-Jazeera Channel.**

"Q. My first question is: what are your predictions about the situations in Afghanistan? Where does it run? What is the size of Al-Qaida's involvement in the war in Afghanistan?"

"A. Thanks due to Allah Lord of the Worlds. After six years have passed, or seven years and more, and in comparison to what the Americans had of arrogance, hegemony and tyranny, and what they got to today of humiliation and collapse, and repeated defeats; whether in the military, economic, or financial fields, so the matter had completely changed, and our prediction for this year to be, Allah-willing, [filled] with openings, victories and steadfastness for the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan, and [reversely] pull-out, defeat and repeated losses for the Americans, Allah-willing."

"And, what has been said by the new criminal of the White House Obama regarding the new strategy that he wants [placed] in Afghanistan and Pakistan; this strategy was faced by the mujahideen with the saying of the honest believers when they heard about the arrival of the increased foreign forces in Afghanistan, they said the words of believers, mentioned by Allah [Verse]. They said the words of the believers, and with the grace of Allah the mujahideen in Afghanistan have high self-esteem, high and string energy, and they are determined to continue Jihad until victory and clear openness, Allah-willing."

"But, regarding the size of our involvement in war in Afghanistan, thanks due to Allah we participate with our brothers in the Islamic Emirate in all fields: militarily, our brother in most fronts and most Afghani cities and they are fighting side-by-side with the mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate. And, this had a big positive effect on the mujahideen's self-esteem in Afghanistan as they felt that this Jihad is the jihad of the entire Islamic nation. As you know Al-Qaida includes mujahideen brothers from all countries even the world Kufr countries, but they are also mujahideen."

"Also, the youth are still flooding to the Jihad battlefields and with the grace of Allah they are joining Al-Qaida Organization despite the enemies' attempts to stop and close this door, but Allah has disappointed them and thanks due to Allah, this is a participation in the military operations. Also, there is participation in the military training, as we have many camps open in different regions in which we train the mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate and the migrated mujahideen who come from other countries. And, thanks due to Allah we train on various weapons and

fighting methods. Also, we prepare them in faith and belief and thought and many, with the grace of Allah, have graduated from these camps and they used to carry the flag of tawheed and jihad, and also the approach of loyalty and purity which the enemies refer to as Al-Qaida ideology, but in reality it is the ideology of Islam. The thought of Islam includes tawheed, jihad, loyalty and purity. These are the beliefs of Islam and Muslims, so many have graduated who carry this belief, and this is what harms the Americans, so we have news that harms them. The ideology of Al-Qaida is spreading thanks to Allah and the entire nation's youth are susceptible to this thought which is as we said the belief of Islam and not just Al-Qaida."

"Also, there is the participation in the media field, as you know of the big role as-Sahab Establishment has in media in distributing the productions and audio and visual videos and others, and also in the field of Shura with our brothers the leaders of Taliban; the leaders of the Islamic Emirate. So we sit down and listen to them continuously and we discuss all the updates and the practical steps for each period. Thanks to Allah the size of participation is big and the results are great, Allah-willing, and hope we see the effects soon."

"Q. Mr. Mustafa Abu Al-Yazeed, some say there are two lines in the Taliban Movement: there are the reformed and there are the conservative and that the United States and many countries want to dialogue with the reformed by defeating the conservative. You, in Al-Qaida Organization, do you see this separation actual in Taliban Movement? That was first...and second, how do you look at these American claims?"

"A. These are all illusions in the minds of the American administration and those who side by it, and there isn't as we knew and know our brothers the mujahideen in Taliban about reformed and conservative as they say, but they all are brothers and knowledge-seekers and mujahideen for the cause of Allah, and this separation doesn't exist with them. And, they [Americans] should tell us who are the reformed and who are the conservatives? Do they mean by reformed those who agree with America's invasion of Afghanistan and have a puppet president? Who are these reformed, and would the Afghani people accept those? So, as we said these are illusions and lies, and were answered by the leaders of the Islamic Emirate and showed them, and headed by the Amir of believers Mulla Muhammad Omar. They showed that no one has the right of decision but them and that what is said about these negotiations is a lie and an illusion and has nothing to do with truth."

"Then, we ask about what the negotiations will be? Meaning, we see that there is no way to negotiate in this period because the Americans want to remain, in anyway, and to have a puppet government that answers to them. On the contrary, we and the Taliban see that there is no negotiations until the Americans leave Afghanistan, and also to uphold the Islamic Emirate again, which govern with Allah's [holy] book and His messenger's Sunna. So, originally there is no way for negotiations and we know very well Allah's saying: 'The Jews and the Christians will not grace you until you follow their beliefs.' Then, there is no way for negotiations in this case."

"Q. We go back to your fighting in Afghanistan, we ask: can you name us huge operations Al-Qaida held inside of Afghanistan during the recent years?"

"A. The operation that took place in Khost last year, and [it] was mentioned in the media and was against the headquarters of the American Forces in Khost in the airport, and this was with Allah's grace organized by Al-Qaida Organization, also with participation from our Taliban brothers, so this was from the big operations we participated in. We also...many of the martyrdom operations that took place in Khost, in Kabul and in other regions were organized by our brothers, and we participated in them. And, the origin of our participation in Jihad inside Afghanistan is that we are under the command of the Islamic Emirate and under the field leaders in the Islamic Emirate on the inside. We participate with them and we give them what we have of ideas and opinions, and that is that."

“Q. How many, do you estimate, the members of Al-Qaida; the fighters of Al-Qaida in Afghanistan?”

“A. We cannot count the number. There are those who have complete belonging in Al-Qaida in a Bai'a, and there are those who work under Al-Qaida and they are also in the group but not complete belonging or final Bai'a...these and those, and there are Jihadist groups from Pakistan and Turkey and from other countries that joined us as groups, and they also carry Jihad with us in Afghanistan.”

“Q. Now, regarding your relationship with the Islamic Party; with Hekmatyar and other parties that do not fold under the flag of the [Islamic] Emirate...Is there a relationship?”

“A. There is a relationship with the Islamic Party and they [continuously?] come to us and we sit with them and we always advise them to unite the efforts and works in one front and to be under the Islamic Emirate. And, we frequently told them that we are still under the Islamic Emirate and we consider that Amir of believers in Afghanistan is our Amir of Jihad in Afghanistan and you must do as we did and join under the Islamic Emirate. They say we do not mind but we first want to have amongst us some conditions and matters that we have to agree on then after there shouldn't be a rejection to joining, but there is a kind relationship between us.”

“Q. What about the situation in Swat and Waziristan, and the threats of Taliban to Waziristan that it might start operations against the Pakistani Army...how is your relationship with Taliban Pakistan first, and second how do you at these operations; the operation of the Pakistani Army or/and the reaction by Swat Valley or others?”

“A. Yes, regarding our relationship with our brothers Taliban Pakistan, thanks to Allah is a good and strong relationship, and our brothers, when we left Afghanistan, they were the ones who opened their doors and hearts, and the Muslim public in the tribes, may Allah reward them, and they brought back to the history of Islam what the Muhajireen (immigrants) and Ansar (supporters) followed during the time of the prophet, Allah's prayer and peace upon him, we [then] were the Muhajireen and they were the Ansar who havened us and supported us and defended us when the Pakistani Forces assaulted them...they assaulted them because of their support and stance with us; they assaulted them but they stood strongly and defended us... and we also supported them and thanks to Allah, after long wars, the Pakistani Army and made truces with them that guarantee the security in these areas.”

“And, during these fights we had between us negotiations and discussions, and we [and them] joined in one ideology, with the grace of Allah, so now they are with accordance to what we believe and think of regarding the belief of Tawheed and Jihad and Loyalty and Purity. And, this is the biggest victory for us in these areas, of course for the benefit of Islam and Jihad and not to our benefit. This was the situation of Taliban Pakistan and the general Muslims in the tribes. And after that, when it opened for us many areas in Afghanistan and were liberated and we were able to enter Afghanistan, so we did because our main purpose is Jihad against the Americans and their members in Afghanistan. So, we entered and some of us remained in the tribes, and those [latter ones] are still supporting and havening them and defending them, may Allah reward them. And, with the leaders of these mujahideen in Taliban, we are on a good and strong relationship with them and we frequently meet them, they meet us and we go to them, and the fruits of these meetings and the discussions with them that we intensely encouraged them to unite and unify, and thanks to Allah this unification occurred and united the Mujahideen efforts, so that will have a strong effect in defending and facing the Pakistani Army, who we heard these days is deciding to attack regions in Waziristan.”

“So, by the will of Allah they will leave defeated and rolled out with stronger than what the mujahideen had before. In the past they used to calm one region and in another region they would fight the mujahideen, but now the mujahideen declared that they are united in one arm, so when they carry Jihad they will in all the regions, or if there is peace then be it in all the

regions. So, Allah-willing they will be defeated in Swat, and our mujahideen brothers there are on Jihad and patient; defending Swat. And, we predict the Pakistani Army will be rolled out and leave. They practiced fights against the mujahideen in Swat for years and years, and they failed. So why now they are entering with this force after the Americans gave them the money and the big bribe to the big thief Zardari. After that, they went forward and did what they did, so Allah-willing we predict them to be defeated and kicked out, and this will be their end in Pakistan Allah-willing.”

“Q. Some think that you are the ones pushing Pakistan to collapse, and if Pakistan collapsed, then the Pakistani Nuclear weapons might be taken over by the Americans, or they might have an emergency plan to steal the nuclear weapons? Don't you see that the operations in Swat or in Waziristan might lead to dangerous effects on Pakistan?”

“A. The Pakistani Army are the ones that started the attacks; started the attacks in Waziristan and then in the tribal areas like Swat and Bajar and others. They were in a position of defending themselves and the army forced them to that, and they did not start the fight with the Pakistani Army, and their goal here was, in the tribes, to remove the occupiers from Afghanistan, but when the Pakistani Army attacked them, they started defending against this assault and attack. We and them...our purpose in the beginning wasn't the Pakistani army and the Pakistani Government, but because of their continuous assault and attacks on us and them and what they did of ugly crimes against the Pakistani populace and against the mujahideen...And what they did of imprisoning the Arabic mujahideen and handing them to the Americans...and what they did in the Red Mosque...and what they did of manipulating the Islamic Sharia, then bringing the sharia of the Englishmen to rule the Muslim countries...All of these crimes and other great crimes done by the Pakistani government and army, and they were the ones who lead to this fight. So, Allah-willing the nuclear weapons will not fall in the hand of the Americans, and the Muslims take them [weapons] and use them against the Americans Allah-willing.”

“Q. There is a general feeling that the big Al-Qaida Operations decreased in the world; it decreased outside, and this is a pointer to the weakness of the organization. Do you, first, agree with this? And, if so what is the reason for that?”

“A. Regarding the weakness of Al-Qaida, Thanks to Allah everyone knows and sees the wide spread of Al-Qaida and the size of its power and many branches of it opened in many countries, with the grace of Allah. So, the question of having a decrease in big operations is first: now we have open fronts in many countries and in it the meanings of big operations that we used to carry out against the enemies of Allah occur there, and everyone saw and heard what happened to the Americans of big defeats including Iraq and Afghanistan and other places. So, many of the purposes of big operations actualized in open fronts. Also, we did not and will not leave these big operations, and we were preparing for some operations that reached the final stages but for some conditions these operations did not complete, and the enemy knows that very well. And, as we said, we will continue preparing for these kinds of operations and will carry them out that which will make the Muslims happy, and make the Kafirin angry, Allah-willing. And, also we demanded and still demanding all the Al-Qaida branches to carry out these great operations.”

“Q. What is the strategy of the [Al-Qaida] Organization for the next stage?”

“A. The strategy of the Organization for the next stage is like the previous stage; that is attacking the Snake's head; the big Tyrant the Americans. And that will actualize by continuation of working in our open fronts, and also opening new fronts that will benefit the interests of Islam and Muslims, and also doubling the military operations that exhaust the American enemy economically and financially. And, also to migrate to Bayt al-Maqdis (Palestine), and Sheikh Usama pointed out the practical steps that we plan to carry out, and this is for all of the mujahideen and not just Al-Qaida Organization. We will continue encouraging the Islamic nation until we militarize it and have it [following] behind the honest leadership and Ulama.”

[Short Break]

**My dear audience, welcome again to Today's Meeting with Sheikh Mustafa Abu al-Yazid.**

“Q. Let us talk about the subject of Iraq, and sheikh Usama spoke that the initiation to Palestine will be from Iraq, how can it [be possible] to coordinate between two Amirs; Amir of Believers in Iraq and Amir of Believers in Afghanistan? And, how do you look at the behavior and practices of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) under the shadow of many Jihadist parties in Iraq, the country?”

“A. Regarding Iraq, thanks to Allah, Jihad has achieved many of its intentions and this American enemy after six years decided to run and exit Iraq. And, regarding the subject of two Amirs in Afghanistan and Iraq: firstly, each Amir is in his [own] region, so it is spoken as this is an Amir of believers in Iraq and this one *is* in Afghanistan. The origin of this is to have for the Muslims one Amir; if there was an Islamic Caliphate and *an* Imamhood then the Muslim will have one Imam and one Caliph, but the Ulama spoke [out] about this matter and they showed that sometimes the Muslims face times where [people] thoughts become more distant and it becomes harder for the Muslims to have one Amir, so they allowed in these exceptional cases to have two Amirs for the Muslims. But, the obligation upon [all] Muslims to seek continuously to have one Amir, and this is the origin.”

“Regarding the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), we supported and still supporting it and we see its continuity as principles and origins. The name might change if there is no corruption to result from changing the name; we do not give much attention to the names but all the evaluation goes back [ultimately] to the brothers in Iraq. They will be who decides upon this matter. What they [media?] say about them and the criticism the ISI receives, many of those [parties] are enemies and aren't honest and claim things against the ISI, but they—the ISI—really don't in actuality do these things. Sometimes in the Jihad walk there can be mistakes even during the times of the prophet, the [Prophet's] companions made mistakes, like Khalid bin al-Waleed, may Allah grace him; like Usama bin Zaid, so these mistakes happen so this is not the origin or the approach, and, the ISI; we consider it with good intentions and upon a correct and pure belief.”

“Q. Do you have the idea of unifying the fighting groups in Iraq, including the ISI and others, or do you want all the fighting groups to fold under the ISI?”

“A. We, from before, by the calls of the sheikhs and sheikh Usama explained in that and showed them that this is a Sharia obligation to unify everyone under one group, and since the ISI rose up and many Jihadist groups joined them there, it is in the priority to have the other groups in Iraq join it now. But, if there are big tribulations that go between that because of the name, then we see it is possible to change the name in order to unify the mujahideen in Iraq.”

“Q. We go to the subject of Somalia, and the al-Shabab al-Mujahideen Movement, how is the nature of the relationship between you and them, and do you consider them a part of Al-Qaida Organization in Somalia?”

“A. Regarding to the brother of al-Shabab al-Mujahideen in Somalia, they are our brothers and beloved one and between us and them there is loyalty and support, upon one ideology and one approach, with the grace of Allah, and as you know we previously had a part in Jihad in Somalia, and there was brothers who participated in jihad in Somalia, and many of them remained with a group of brothers who continued there, helped the brothers, and graduated many cadres in these periods from fifteen years ago we were there and many of the brothers remained. From amongst them was the leader of Al-Qaida there and that Abu Talha al-Sudanee, may Allah have mercy on him, and he was killed a year or more ago, and it was during the recent attacks on the Islamic Courts. He was from one of those brothers who remained there and trained many youth in Somalia. So our relationship with them is loyalty and support and love, and even if the organizational unification did not occur, but the faithful loyalty and the loyalty in belief are above

the organizational loyalty. We support them and in consensus with them, and all the Somali honest mujahideen, we love them, support them and agree with them.”

“Q. Some believe that Al-Qaida doesn't praise any except its own fighters and mujahideen, but it does not commend the other Jihadist movements, and also they believe that whoever leaves Al-Qaida, there is an order to kill him as happens and as we hear in Iraq, how do you respond to that?”

“A. This is an open and clear lie, and those who are somewhat just, and keep up with our productions and statements will know that we praise and commend all the mujahideen, and thanks to Allah, we commended the mujahideen in Chechnya, Somalia, Palestine, and in Lebanon. This is not correct and it is a scandalous lie, and those who said this in reference to the mujahideen in Palestine, we say, and have said before, that we support all the honest mujahideen in Palestine, even the mujahideen of Hamas we also support them and agree with them with all we can. They are our brothers, and we and them are on one ideology and one approach, so this not correct; the fact that we do not praise except ourselves. But, about the other matter...what is it?”

“Q. He who leave the organization; it is ordered to kill that person?”

“A. Also, this is a lie. This matter is completely false and because we consider ourselves a group from amongst the Jihadist groups and we don't consider ourselves the group of Caliphate and the great Imamhood that if you leave it as if you left Islam! We are a Jihadist group and a part of the Islamic Nation, and he who leave us or against us, he is not a Kafir and we don't order to Kill him as they say...this is a false claim, and the evidence...let them come to us about people we killed! We actually consider those who leave against us without a Sharia-based excuse is committing a sin, or a sinner, because we took his oath to stay with us and continue with us in Jihad, so if he leaves without a Sharia-based excuse, then he is a sinner in this act, but it is a sin and we ask Allah to forgive him and have mercy on him, but we never call him kafir or kill him.”

“Q. You mentioned you support the mujahideen in Lebanon, who do you refer to, Hezbollah? How is the nature of the relationship with Hezbollah?”

“A. Hezbollah, we do not consider it an Islamic Party and it is a rejectionist party as you know, and its loyalty is towards Iran...a complete loyalty. There is no relationship between us and them, and what we mean is the mujahideen from the people of Sunna like Fatah al-Islam in Lebanon; they are the ones we commend and the likes of them.”

“Q. What about those who say that Al-Qaida exists in Iran, and that some of Al-Qaida leadership are [in fact] in Iran, and that there are lines between Iran and Al-Qaida in Iraq and also, recently said, that there are ways to smuggle between Syria and Iraq by Al-Qaida, which is what makes Al-Qaida silent about the Syrian and Iranian [government] system?”

“A. This is from the collections of lies they claim against Al-Qaida. Regarding Iran, we consider it a state of hypocrisy and schism, and it is the state that appears Muslim and claims Islam but in fact it fights the Muslims; it fights against the people of Sunna whether in Iran—and the evidence on that are plentiful—and it fights the people of Sunna in Iraq by militias they support and supply strongly, and those who committed ugly massacres against Muslims of Sunna in Iraq. And they were the ones who allied with the Americans and helped in entering Afghanistan and Iraq, and they are proud of that. And, they also imprisoned and still imprisoning the Muslims who left Afghanistan and even with their families and children. Now a big number of Muslims are being imprisoned in Iran and from them the sheikh Muhammad al-Istanbuli; he is still in the prisons of Iran. The correct, honest and complete news came to us and mentioned that his wife has died inside the prison in Iran because they lacked to medicate her. And, also many children died for that reason, but even the matter reached that they beat the mujahideen and humiliated them even sheikh Muhammad al-Istanbuli, himself. They were the ones who praised Khalid al-Istanbuli,

and named a street in Tehran after his name, but now this is what they do to his brother Muhammad allstanbuli, we ask Allah to release him and bring him back safely and healthily and mujahid for the cause of Allah.”

“So, there isn’t between us and them any relationship, and we do not grace them, but even between us and them there is hostility because of what they do to the people of Sunna. And, there isn’t any agreement or interests between us, and not carrying operations there has nothing to do with that but just because we’re waiting for the right condition and right timing, Allah-willing.”

“Q. A few days ago, some statements came out from Al-Qaida Organization in Yemen that they support the separation; the separation of the south. Have you checked these statements, and what is your stance from these statements?”

“A. We have not checked the recent news and we think that the brothers do NOT support that...we think. And, the origin is the unification of the entire Islamic nation and the countries of Islam. As much unification for the nation there is, this will always be for the benefit of Islam and Muslims. We do not support the separation and although this does not concern us much, but the situation is what it is, the Islamic governance will come and will govern this great state instead of it being in schism.”

“Q. Let us talk about the situation of Al-Qaida Organization in the [Arabian] Peninsulal in Saudi Arabia and its surrounding, is there a big pull back for the organization, or do you see advancement? What is your strategy in the Arabian Peninsula, in Saudi Arabia and others?”

“A. Of course, Saudi Arabia has a great place in the heart of every Muslim, and when we declared Jihad in Saudi Arabia, the targets were against the Americans, and Sheikh Usama has said that in his communiqué to the Muslims in Countries of Haramayn: the American crusader targets and the oil targets that which they steal and strengthen with it against the Muslims and mujahideen in Palestine and in Iraq and Afghanistan. So this was our plan and Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula. Some decrease occurred in the works over there because of many reasons that we cannot count now, but thanks to Allah the efforts united in the recent period, and the revolve-around and solidification of one Amir: our brother Abu Baseer Nasser al-Wahshi.”

“Q. Do you believe there is a possibility Al-Qaida negotiates with the United States of America to stop the fighting?”

“A. Why not? If they do what could achieve that, we do not mind. We are a part of the Islamic Nation and the Islamic nation is the one with the last [religious] message that came for the entire humanity, and this final message includes security, happiness, peace and harmony to all humanity, and not only to the Muslims, and this is credibility to what the [prophet] companion Reb’ee bin Aamer, may Allah grace him, had said when Rustum, Amir of the Persians, asked him: “what brought you here?” So he said with endearment: “Allah, raised and glorified, sent us to remove who He pleases from the worship of humans to the worship of Allah, and from the narrowness of life to its spaciousness, and from the injustice of religions to the justice of Islam.” So, we are a people with message; people of the last religion that Allah finalized with it all the [prophets’] messages on Earth. [Verse]...So our religion came to be for all humanity and to govern all of humanity because all the [Allah] servants are servants to Allah, raised and glorified, and this Earth is Allah’s Earth, so the obligation is to have all people under Allah governance and Sharia.”

“If the Americans agreed on our conditions that are: to leave all Muslim lands and to stop their support to the Jewish wicked occupier in Palestine, and stop their support to the apostate governments that abuse governance in the Muslim countries, and stop any attacks against the Muslims, and to release the prisoners from their prison, then at that point the fighting stops between us and them, but this cease fight isn’t forever, but for example let us say a truce for ten years. And, we invite them from now to enter Islam, so if they entered Islam, the fighting stops

between us and them forever, but if they do not enter we will, Allah-willing, seek to establish the state of Islam and the Islamic Caliphate, then we will again invite them to enter Islam, so if they did, then thanks to Allah, and if not then we will enforce upon them the Islamic governance, and what I mean is to pay the *Jizya(t)*<sup>1</sup>, and if they agreed with that then the fighting stops between us and them, and that is not dear from Allah, so if they do not agree on all of that, then the fight will remain between us and them. This is the plan of Islam for peace with the Americans and others, and we do not think they will agree on that, so the nation of Islam must take this path, to prepare for strength for Jihad for the cause of Allah.”

“Q. Let’s go back to Somalia, do you have any relationship with the pirates in Somalia, and how do you view the operations of Piracy in Somalia?”

“A. Regarding the operations that occur now in Somalia; the deeds of piracy, we do not have a relationship with them, but we see and believe if these deeds are against the military kuffar and are Sharia-based and the moneys they took are used to grace Allah, raised and glorified, and solidifies Allah’s religion, then these operations are legitimate and demanded.”

“Q. The last question I have is, where is Usama bin Laden and [Ayman] al-Zawahiri, and how do you communicate with them? And, how do you communicate with Mulla Muhammad Omar?”

“A. Thanks to Allah, sheikh Usama and sheikh Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah protect them, are in a haven away from the hands of enemies, but of course we cannot say where they are, and originally we do not know where they are, but the communications between us are continuous and they are updated with all the matters of jihad whether in Afghanistan or the other branches of the Jihadist works that belongs to us, and even updated on all the Jihadist battlefields, and they are aware of the Muslims conditions, Thanks to Allah, and the meetings that appear on as-Sahab show that very well. So, the communications between us and them occurs, and the communication with the Amir of believers Mulla Muhammad Omar is there, and we meet with the brothers in the Islamic Emirate and they always tell us their messages that come from the Amir of believers to us, and the recommendations and advices, and at the end we call upon the nation of Islam to not forget Afghanistan and we demand from the Islamic nation to increase the support; the financial and meaningful support to their brothers the mujahideen in Afghanistan. So, this is the case of the entire nation and Jihad is an obligation upon the entire nation and they have to support Jihad in Afghanistan.”

“Q. Since you spoke about the support to jihad, in your opinion, the Al-Qaida Organization is in need of very big money to advance their works, and under economic sanctions and in the shadow of the freezing of accounts that takes place in European, Arab and Muslim countries, how can the Al-Qaida Organization finance itself?”

“A. We believe in what the Prophet, Allah’s prayer and peace upon him, said: “My sustenance *is* made under the shadow of my spear.” So, as much as we carry Jihad, many sustenance doors open from where we cannot predict, and money comes to us, with the grace of Allah, that progresses the works and we need this money to make the defeat bigger for Allah’s enemies, but thanks to Allah, we receive support from different ways and people and Muslims love Al-Qaida and they love Jihad through Al-Qaida, by money or self, but we ask for more from the Nation of Islam.”

**At the end of this meeting, my dear audience, we can only thank Mr. Mustafa abu al-Yazid, the general official of the Al-Qaida Organization in Afghanistan.**

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<sup>1</sup> A sum of money paid to the Islamic Caliphate by non-Muslims living in a land ruled by Islamic Caliphate