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Praise is to Allah and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah. Al Malahim productions is happy to welcome with you in this special interview with the Sheikh Anwar Al Awlaki who answered our request and honored us with this exclusive interview

Welcome honorable Sheikh

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Welcome to you and thanks for taking all these pains in order to reach here

CORRESPONDENT JazakaAllah khairan our Sheikh

We will start this interview with the recent Western and American media uproar in general around you, in which they have accused you of involvement in 14 cases in America, Canada and Britain. What is the reality of these claims that have been spread by the media and what is the reason for this attack?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI The reason for this attack is - that I am a Muslim and am calling to Islam
The accusation- is inciting, Nidal Hassan and then Omar Farooq, and now this other case that you mentioned, the common issue in all these is inciting

Inciting to what? Inciting to Jihad, inciting to Islam as Allah the Almighty revealed it in His Quran and the Sunnah of His prophet, and this is an accusation.

Americans today, do not want an Islam that defends the cause of the Ummah, they do not want an Islam that calls to Jihad, and to implement the Sharia, that calls to Wala and Bara. They do not wish these doors from Islam to open, and that people be called to them. What they want is, an American, liberal, democratic, peaceful and secular Islam about which they have mentioned and popularized in some of their statements, as has been mentioned- take for example- in the report of RAND

So now, we have the Fiqh of glory and calling for judgment, and we also have the Fiqh of disgrace and the culture of defeatism

One of the prominent CIA officials said, if Mullah Umar stands up against us we will set up against him Mullah Bradley, in other words he is saying- if you have truthful scholars we too have scholars who are fake, if you raise on your side Mullah Umar we too will raise from our side Mullah Bradley

So this is a battle of the hearts and minds of the Islamic World at its severest. America today is trying to popularize a fake Islam as its ancestors did, they changed Christianity and they changed Judaism and now they want to change Islam, but the religion of Allah, the Almighty is protected.

So there is now the Fiqh of glory on the fronts, some callers call to it and some of those working on the Islamic grounds, for example, you people in Al Qaeda, your call represents a call of glory, for example, Dr Ayman Az Zawahiri when he addressed Obama, what did he tell him? "O Mr. Obama, perhaps Allah will make the end of America at the hands of the Mujahideen, so that we can all rest and the world can
rest from your evil" This represents an address of glory, it represents a clear and sound address concerning the look of the Muslims towards America, we are all waiting to rest from you and the world, to rest from your evil because of all your transgressions and oppressions against the world

And on the other hand we find that when Obama visited the Islamic World and visited Riyadh passing by Cairo, one of the preachers welcomed him saying "What a blessed hour it is O Abu Husain" A blessed Hour? Is it a blessed hour that that Obama should come to the heart of the Islamic World? To the Arabian Peninsula? Is it a blessed hour that we should welcome Obama, the leader of the Crusades today, the leader of the war on Islam, the Pharaoh of the age- that we welcome him with such words! So this is a representation of Fiqh of disgrace and the culture of defeatism

Obama- who promised to protect Israel, Obama- who escalated the campaign of bombing in Afghanistan and Pakistan with these drone aircrafts, and now he has entered Yemen, Obama- who promised that he will destroy terrorism in Somalia and Yemen, Obama- who wants to enter America into new wars, do we welcome him like this "What a blessed hour it is O Abu Husain" A blessed Hour? Where is the blessing in the visit of Obama?

At a distance of only a few kilometers from the grave of the Prophet (peace be upon him), from Medina, from Mecca, the Arabian Peninsula about which the Prophet (peace be upon him) said "Expel the polytheists from the Arabian Peninsula” now we welcome Obama in this way ""What a blessed hour it is O Abu Husain" A blessed Hour?

Such addresses impress America and that is why we see the satellite channels smeared with these kinds of sayings that come from the people of this Fiqh

As for Dr Ayman, because he represents the Fiqh of glory that we talked about and calling to justice, how do they deal with him?

They deal with him in two ways - they will either assassinate the person or the personality

They assassinate the person by killing, assassination

Or they assassinate the personality, if they fail to assassinate the person, they assassinate the personality using media campaigns that spoil the image of the person, so this is the way of the Americans today and we have to be careful and vary

CORRESPONDENT So the case is spoiling the image of the Islamic preacher who says the truth and calls to returning the rights to its owners, but the Americans accused you of having relation in the operation of Brother Nidal Hassan that he performed on the American soldiers in Fort Hood?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Yes Nidal Hassan is one of my students and that’s an honor for me, I feel honored that the likes of Nidal Hassan are from my students, what he did was a heroic job, a wonderful operation, and we ask Allah, the Almighty to grant him steadfastness and protect him and hasten his release, and I support what he did and I call every one who claims to be a Muslim, and is working in the American army to take the path of Nidal Hassan, for good deeds do away bad deeds and I call the Muslims also to take by his way, either they do Jihad by saying or do jihad with the hand, and the example that Nidal Hassan presented is the better example, we ask Allah the Almighty to make it a great opening for several other Muslims to take by his way
CORRESPONDENT Our honorable Sheikh, you support these kinds of operations, but some of the Islamic organizations in America, renounced the operation and described it as terrorism and unprompted violence, and that it has no connection with Islam, for example, one of these organizations say "We renounce this cowardly act strongly, and pray that those who did it are punished with the severest of what the law permits. Until they said... and from what increases the crime of this work that it aimed the voluntary forces that defend our country, the American Muslims stand with their fellow citizens in prayer for the victims and present their condolences to the families of the injured and dead".

How do you respond to such sayings and what is the reason for such stances?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI This dirty, lowly and defeatist talk is their talk today, but let us return to some of these Islamic organizations in America before a period of time or more. These organizations were once upon a time, supporting the Jihad in Afghanistan, supporting the Jihad in Bosnia, supporting the Jihad in Chechnya, supporting the Jihad in Palestine, and I was there –in America at that period of time. We used to call from above the pulpit to everything in Islam, Jihad in the way of Allah, call to establish the Caliphate, Wala and Bara, we used to speak openly. The roof of freedom in America was open for us to speak about this, and we had freedom to speak more than many of the countries in the Islamic world. But America kept on narrowing, and this is the Sunnah of preaching as it was with the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) calling in Makah in the starting. In the beginning, Quraysh ignored him, until they started realizing the danger. That is why they said “When he openly started calling the people gathered against him”. So just like that America, when it started feeling the danger of the message that the Muslims there were presenting, they started constraining and this constraining continued gradually and the roof of freedom started lowering till it reached its peak in the after math of the 11 September attacks. And a new campaign of rules which constrained upon the Muslims there was issued till it became hard for you to be a Muslim living in America and calling to the truth without being exposed to some kind of trial, so the options became Hijrah or imprisonment.

These organizations that you mentioned are talking from the shade of this environment of constraints which makes you feel always that you are guilty and you try to defend yourself, as was the condition of the Muslims in Andalusia after the fall of Gharnata, always trying to show their allegiance in order to survive, that is why this talk is not to be taken from.

And praise is to Allah, how can we object to an operation like the operation of brother Nidal Hassan?! He killed American soldiers on their way to Afghanistan and Iraq, who objects to this?! This issue has consensus and is agreed upon by the sons of Adam –the human beings- and in fact even in pet animals, if you surround a cat in a corner it will fluff its fur and reveal its claw’s to defend itself, we now are saying that the Muslim does not have the right even to defend himself!

Nidal Hassan is of a Palestinian origin defending his nation, and that is why in the world of animals this is acceptable, so what do you think when this talk comes and is dressed in a Shari’ dress? it is said that the Muslim is not allowed to defend his Ummah? Is not allowed to defend his issues? And it is not permitted for him to kill the American soldier who is going now to kill Muslims? This talk is not acceptable at all. What brother Nidal Hassan did was a heroic act and an amazing work and as I said, we pray to Allah Almighty to grant him steadfastness.

CORRESPONDENT But they say that these kinds of operations spoil the image of Islam in the West and in America?
SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Yes this is one of their excuses, they said that these kinds of operations constrain upon the Muslims there and spoil the image of the Muslims in the West, but we ask the following questions:

Is saving the image of the Muslims in America more important than the thousand, in fact, millions of Muslims who face American missiles and bombs?

And then we say, what is this image that you want to save and present?
If the image is that the Muslim pardons and that the Muslim forgives when he can and that we call to Islam with goodness, this is good, especially if he is a non Muslim whom you expect to become a Muslim. But we are now dealing with a disbelieving nation that is fighting us, and the image that we want to send to America is that “O America if you transgress us then we will transgress you and if you killed from us we will kill from you” this is the image that we should present.

These American soldiers who were on their way to Afghanistan and Iraq we will kill them, we will kill them if we can in Fort hood, we will kill them if we can in Afghanistan and Iraq (It might be that Allah repels the evil of those who have disbelieved) repel the evil of the unbelievers by fighting and inciting to it, not by surrender and defeatism.

CORRESPONDENT Specially that the Americans are occupying the Muslim countries

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Yes we are now dealing with American occupation in Afghanistan and Iraq and other pictures of occupation in the rest of the Muslim world.

CORRESPONDENT Do you think that Yemen is occupied by America?

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SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI No, Yemen is not occupied by the Americans. Unfortunately, the matter is worse than that, the occupation is implemented- if we are talking about occupation – we are talking about the entry of Americans using ground forces, with tanks and armored vehicles and soldiers occupying the mountains and deserts of Yemen. This is occupation. They impose their control on the lands, but what is happening now is worse than that. What is happening now is that the Yemeni Government says to the Americans “You occupy the air, and occupy the seas and we will suffice you the lands. We will provide you the spies on the lands, to spy on the Muslims from the People of Yemen, and you guys spy through your airplanes and we will not stop you from that, spy on the privacies of the Muslims, spy on the areas of Yemen, and prepare your navy towers to bomb the people of Yemen with Cruz missiles and the aircrafts using shell bombs as it happened in Abyan and Shabwah, and we will suffice you the land and we will occupy the land for you.

Americans today cannot proceed into a new campaign after Iraq and Afghanistan. If the Americans entered Yemen, then the American soldier will be killed on the mountains of Yemen and its terraces and valleys and farms and its deserts and the American treasury cannot finance a new campaign for the occupation of another country like Yemen which is said to be the graveyard of occupiers. The American finance today is faltering, so the Yemeni government saved the paralyzing point of the Americans. ‘We will suffice you and you just have to do what you can of occupation of the air and sea. And what happens now is that the Americans, for example, want someone to be eliminated or killed.

For example, Sheikh Abd Allah al Mihdaar, the American administration contacted the military in Yemen
and said that this person is not wanted. Do the Americans have to give a proof to the Yemeni government? No, just by their mentioning of a name of someone, this man, we do not want him, is enough.

Sheikh Abd Allah al Mihdaar is a Sheikh of a tribe on a social front and known amongst people, the Yemeni government did not accuse him of anything even by their acclaimed rules, no judicial judgement was passed against him and in spite of that the military forces and security forces came and surrounded the house of Sheikh Abd Allah alMihdaar and all those in the house were killed by the American order. After that the Yemeni government presents to the Americans, the bill, this is the cost of the blood of Sheikh Abd Allah al Mihdaar, as they presented a bill for receiving money for the blood of women and children and aged who were killed in Abyan. Small girls, children, women, were killed in the American bombings and then this gang that rules Yemen comes – it is not a government, it is a gang- trader of the blood of its children and eats bribe from the West for this blood, and as the number of the dead increases, the money that comes to it increases, and now they have promised them millions of dollars for the blood of the Muslims that was spilt in Yemen.

CORRESPONDENT By the way, the scholars of Yemen have issued a Fatwa about the obligation of fighting the Americans if they entered Yemen, do you support these kinds of fatwas?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Without doubt, the role of the scholars is to guide the Ummah, and guidance is supposed to be in accordance with the happening, and this happening is of great importance and the talk of the scholars in it –by calling for Jihad against the Americans – this of course is praised, but we should clear an issue:

The war today between the Muslims and the Americans is not a battle for petrol, is not a battle for water, is not a battle for a land or for a sea, is not a battle for Palestine or Iraq or Afghanistan only. Yes, these all are included in the reasons for the conflict but the war basically at its root is a war of Tawheed. Now America wants to finish Islam as it was revealed to Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and they want to come with a duplicate Islam that I mentioned. So it is a war for Tawheed. That’s why, the war should not be taken in a narrow manner or as a financial worldly matter, the war is greater than that, and that is why the scholars should have a bigger role.

This fatwa needs explanation and implementation:

It needs explanation because there are some points that the fatwa did not elaborate on, and also there are points it missed completely. For example I mention: the fatwa did not consider the stand of the Yemeni government, and this is a very important issue. The scholars said “the ruling of the defenders is a direct ruling”. The Yemeni government is not a defender of the Americans, it is direct. The Yemeni government is direct in the crusader campaign with the Americans, when the American aircrafts were bombing Abyan and Shabwah –simultaneously with this bombing- the military forces were raiding into the houses of our brothers in Arhab at the same time. So they are participants with the Americans in the campaign, the fatwa did not consider this issue, what is the stand today about this agent and traitor government, this government that works with the Americans, what is the stand about it?

And it requires implementation, we mentioned the ruling “there should be jihad against the Americans” Okay, the people now require that you implement for them this fatwa. You say to them that the aircrafts that are there now above you drop them. The tribes in Yemen have the weapons that can drop these aircrafts. (Dashka, Shilka and 23) These weapons present in the hands of the Yemeni tribes can drop the aircrafts, the scholars should call the tribes to that “Drop these aircrafts, why are they encircling above your houses, these American towers which are in our waters, target them. The American officers, if you
find them in Sana’a or Aden target them” This is from the implementation of the fatwa, and it is also from the roles that the scholars have to fulfil in these time in which they do not get directions from the government, the rulers have gone astray and its over, now the scholars are left to direct the people correctly.

CORRESPONDENT After the bombing of Abyan and Shabwah, the Mujahid Omar Farooq carried out an attempt to blow an airplane of the American Delta company which headed from the city of Amsterdam to the American city of Detroit, and this operation was a response to the cruel American bombing on Yemen. What is your connection with Omar Farooq?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI This operation accomplished goals for the Mujahideen and it is considered a reply and terrorising operation to the Americans, and this operation showed the gaps in the American security instruments whether it be intelligence wise or in the security. In the American airports they spend more than 40 million dollars and yet the Mujahid Omar Farooq was able to pass these security instruments.

And also the intelligence admits that it had put him under surveillance and in spite of that he was able to reach the heart of America to Detroit.

So the operation accomplished great successes though it did not kill even one person, in spite of that it accomplished great successes.

About the brother Omar Farooq, he is also from my students, and also I am very proud that the likes of Omar Farooq are from my students and I support what he did.

CORRESPONDENT You support these operations though the targeted in it –as it is said in the media - are innocent civilians, up to the end of what is said?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI As for the case of the citizens this context is used a lot today, but we prefer using the contexts used by our scholars, for they say, fighters and non fighters.

As for the fighter, then he is the one who carries weapons even if it’s a woman and the non fighters are those who do not interfere in the war

As for the American public, then collectively, it is participating, for it is the one who chose this administration, and it is the one who funds the war. In these recent elections and the ones before that, there were other choices for the American public, to chose candidates who do not want war, but in spite of that, they did not get except very few of the votes

Then, before we talk about anything else, we should look at the matter from the Sharia point of view, and this is what decides the matter, whether it is permissible, or not

If the heroic Mujahid brother Omar Farooq would be able to target hundreds of military it would be great, but we are talking of a real war, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) if he was able to fight only in the morning then he would, but there were some conditions when he used to send units during the night and these units which the messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to send –because of the dark- used to kill from the women and children, so the companions returned and asked the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) about this matter so he told them (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) “They are from them” that means that the ruling of these, is the same as the ruling of their fathers, so the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah
be upon him) allowed this work.

Also, we can justify with the incidents which are mentioned in the Seerah (life story) when Thaqeef fortified behind Taif, the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) attacked them with catapults, and these catapults do not separate between men and women or child, so this is the reality of the war.

And America today is the one that has weapon that can differentiate –their weapons are specific, if they want to separate and differentiate between the targets they can, but in spite of that they target the marriages, they target the funerals, they target the families, and they kill many women and children.

CORRESPONDENT Like how they killed the Bedouins in Bakazam

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Yes in Bakazam, this was a massacre of Bedouins, women, children and farmers, so this shows that the Americans intend to kill the women and children.

There is another matter too, 50 years of strangling a complete nation- the Muslim nation of Palestine- with the American support aid and arming

20 years of sanctions and then occupation of Iraq

And now the occupation of Afghanistan

After all this, we should not be asked about targeting some Americans, who would have been killed in the airplane. The bill listings between us and the Americans includes what is not less than a million woman and child- we do not talk about the men- the bill list between us and the Americans in only women and children has reached more than a million, so these who would have been killed on the plane are only a drop in the ocean, and we are to deal with them in a similar fashion, we transgress them as they transgressed us.

CORRESPONDENT The Yemeni government claims that the bombing that took place in the last campaign is Yemeni and that the Americans do not interfere except in security and intelligence areas (as per their claim)?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI No, this is not true, the bombing that took place in Abyan was on Bakazam and they are from my tribe, and the bombing also in Rafid in Shabwah was on my tribe. We know the people and we have contact with them and we connected with them after the attack, and eyewitnesses said they saw American Cruise missiles, and also after the bombing there were some shells remaining that did not explode and it was printed upon them that they were American made. So this is not correct at all. They were American planes, and also the American towers are the ones that bombed in Abyan and Shabwah

And even if the saying of the government is true, then their excuse is more heinous than their crime, because they have admitted that there is American cooperation in intelligence matters as if they are saying that we have allowed the Americans to come and spy on our privacies, and we have taken from them the information and then we bombed them based on their orders.

CORRESPONDENT The American government said that after the operation of Nidal Hassan they constrained upon you and closed down your personal website on the internet, and that you have become chased, is this true?
SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Yes, they closed my website after the operation of Nidal Hassan, I wrote on the site an article supporting what Nidal Hassan did, so they closed the website, and after that I read an article in Washington post, that they are watching my connections, so I was forced to stop these contacts and I left the area, and then after that the American bombings took place. But the issue that I am being chased is not true. I am moving amongst my tribes people and also in other areas of Yemen and that's because the people of Yemen hate the Americans, and the people of Yemen support the truth and the people of truth support the weak. So I am moving among the Awaliq and there is support from vast areas from the people here in Yemen, whether it be in Abeerah or Dahm or Wailah or Hashid or Bayqal or Khawlaan, whether it be in Hadramout or in Abyan or in Shabwah or Aden or Sana’a, All praise is to Allah there is a lot of good in people, though they know that they are facing a very great risk by giving refuge to those who are being followed by America but in spite of that they go forward with kind and welcoming hearts and they serve with the best of resources of serving and benevolence, and this is from the blessing of Allah Almighty on us and on those truthful from the country.

CORRESPONDENT We pray to Allah to protect you and reward you with the best of reward, and to preserve you our honorable Sheikh and repel the evil of the enemies from you, we return to the Yemeni government-

The Yemeni government claimed that it had killed you in an air raid in the area of Rafid in the district of Saeed in Shabwa, and that you were in a meeting with the leaderships of Al Qaeda. Were you really killed in this acclaimed meeting? And how do you read these blundering comments?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI There are clear signs that distinguish an individual or a group, for example, so and so is distinguished with cleverness, so this becomes a distinguishing sign of his (So and so, the clever) a particular nation is known to be fearless, and that becomes its distinguishing feature, a particular government is famous for being oppressive, so this becomes a distinguishing and particular sign of that government

The distinguishing feature of the Yemeni government is lying, this is a government that lies, and lies on its people, it lies on its neighbors, it lies inside and outside, and that is why, they said, we killed so and so and so and so and so, and in the end it was apparent that it was a lie, and people have lost trust in the government. No one now believes this government, and that is why, this saying is absolutely wrong.

CORRESPONDENT Our Sheikh, the Yemeni government imprisoned you and you were imprisoned in the political security prison in Sana’a. What was the time period of your imprisonment and what were the conditions?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI The time period of imprisonment was a year and a half, and that was for a local accusation but when the Americans came to know that I am in prison, they asked to investigate with me, and this investigation got delayed. The Yemeni government used to say, the matter is out of our hands, and we have no say in the matter, so I stayed in prison until there were tribal pressures due to which I was released.

CORRESPONDENT Ali Al Aansi, the manager of national security said in a meeting with the Wall Street Journal, that there are tribal intermediaries in order to surrender you to the Americans. What is the
realidad of these intermediaries, and do you intend to surrender yourself to the Americans especially because you carry American citizenship?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI There were certain negotiations earlier from the Yemeni government, and of course, I refused the matter precisely and elaborately for I am not accused in the first place, what is the accusation? That I call to truth? That I call to Jihad in the way of Allah? That I call to defend the cause of the Ummah?

The one accused is the Yemeni government, it is accused of treachery and agency, and exploiting the money of the Muslims and causing mischief on earth, as for me, then I have not been accused of anything, and that is why these negotiations are undoubtedly unacceptable and the truth can not be negotiated over.

As for the Americans, it’s the same thing, there is no way I will surrender myself to them, if they want me, let them search for me and Allah is the best of protectors, and if Allah wishes to protect me from them, even if the Americans spend everything on earth, they will not reach me, and if Allah the Almighty wishes that my death should be at their hands or at the hands of their puppets, then that is what I aim for.

CORRESPONDENT Ali Al Aansi mentioned that if these mediations do not work, as per his saying, then they will be forced to use force against you, and similarly another saying of Yahiya Muhammad Abdullah Salah, that the Yemeni tribes are paid, and are working for those who pay most, and that they should not defend their sons who are involved in terrorism- as per his description

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Today there is no front that is combating the Americans except the Mujahideen, all other faces of combat are partial

For example, the American difference with China is on economy, the difference between Russia and America is on influence on certain lands, but there is no front that is combating the American project for controlling the world, except this Mujahid group, and the cradle for Jihad today are the tribes, in Afghanistan they are tribes, in Iraq there are tribes, in Somalia, they are tribes, even in Pakistan there are tribal areas and non tribal areas and we find that the cradle fro Jihad are the tribal areas, and so is the case in Yemen.

America wants to cause mischief amongst the tribes, this is a very important portion of the American project “to cause mischief amongst the tribes” they do not want the qualities that the tribes carry- courage, provision and aid, sacrifice and benevolence, these praised Islamic manners, the Americans do not want them, the Americans don’t want that, what they want is that these nations be corrupt, and immoral. And that is why they try to corrupt the tribal areas, we find, for example attempts to spread corruption and drugs amongst the sons of the tribes.

And the most serious form of causing corruption amongst the sons of the tribal areas is militarizing them, the son of the tribal region, if he joins the military then his allegiance is towards America. He might not know that or might try not to know that, but in reality the orders are issued to him from the American administration, of course the matter does not come directly to him, the matter comes first to the security officials, in Yemen, and then the security officials in Yemen are the ones that order this soldier to go and raid the houses of the Mujahideen, and to kill from the righteous people of the country, to kill those who have left in order to sacrifice their selves and money in the way of Allah, to defend the Ummah.

What do the Mujahideen want? Have they come out seeking the world? They have escaped from the world, in fact many of them had the world and they left it for Allah, he wants to do Jihad in Afghanistan,
in Iraq, in Palestine, in Yemen, to do Jihad against the Americans. So these are now being chased by the
government, the Yemeni government is chasing after them and the soldier is the one who performs this
task, know, O soldier, that your order has come from America, and this is the most dangerous form of
spoilng the sons of the tribes

So this is an American project and people should become wary of it.

**CORRESPONDENT** Is what you mentioned about the American plan on the tribes from the work and
doing of the suggestions of Patreause and his plan to deal with the Muslims and with the Mujahideen and
the tribes and the Islamic nations?

**SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI** Patreaus came in order to deal with a specific reality in the Islamic
world. The American army faced a bitter experience in Iraq and Afghanistan, so Patreaus came to present
a new plan based on this American experience and from these suggestions of Patreaus is to ascribe to the
Mujahideen certain works, for example, to blow up in the streets and kill Muslims and then say these
explosions are done by the Mujahideen, or to assassinate a particular person, and then say the Mujahideen
killed him. It is also based on setting up awakening squads so that the people of the nation start fighting
each other, and the Americans can sit back and watch, as we see in the experience of awakening squads in
Iraq. They are sons of the tribal regions and they are being used against the Mujahideen. This is similar to
what we hear was the British policy earlier “Divide and rule”. So they are now trying to use this policy in the
Islamic world.

**CORRESPONDENT** The Americans accuse you of having a connection with the Mujahideen in Somalia
especially the Youth Mujahideen movements, in particular after you wrote an article on your official
website congratulating them on their victories. What is the reality of your relation with the youth
Mujahideen movement? And how do you see the Jihad and the Mujahideen in Somalia?

**SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI** Yes, I wrote a letter congratulating the Youth Mujahideen movement in
Somalia and they replied similarly with congratulations, and then the Americans said this.

As for the Somali experience in Jihad, then it is an experience, in my opinion and Allah knows best, for
which the Islamic movements and scholars and Islamic groups should said envoys to Somalia to learn and
educate themselves at the hands of these Mujahideen and then return to transfer this experience.

The Islamic Movements are searching for solutions for the Ummah, and the scholars are also searching
for solutions, these Islamic Movements present what they see as acceptable solutions, and also many of
the scholars presented what they thought was a solution for the Ummah. We now find the solution in front
of our eyes in Somalia. This Mujahid group, with simple abilities, was able to setup a state in which they
were able to rule by the Law of Allah Almighty. Now, they present solutions to people, now the people in
the areas controlled by the Mujahideen live in peace and the finance is boosting, because when peace is
found, trade and agriculture flourish. So this experience is pioneer, an experience that we should benefit
from, now they are dealing with reality and they are presenting solutions to this reality from the Islamic
Sharia. That is why as I said this experience is peculiar and the nations should benefit from it.

**CORRESPONDENT** Our honorable Sheikh there are repeated fears in America and Europe about the rise
of sympathy towards the Mujahideen but the youth of Muslims of American and European origin and that they will perform operations against America and that they are travelling to join organizations that are considered by the west as terrorist. What according to you is the reason that motivates the youth to that?  

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI Lets take for example Nidal Hassan, Nidal Hassan was once, an American Muslim, as America wants, Nidal Hassan used to pray and fast and pay alms but at the same time he was a soldier serving in the American Army and his loyalty was towards America, and then Nidal Hassan changed, due to Americas crimes to a Mujahid in the way of Allah, Nidal Hassan changed from an American soldier to a Mujahid who kills the soldiers who served with him one day, and if the American crimes continue, then we will see other Nidal Hassans too.

And also there are Mujahideen from the West in Afghanistan and Iraq and this phenomenon will surface even more with the American and Western crimes in the Islamic World.

CORRESPONDENT May Allah reward you our honorable Sheikh, at the end of this meeting, a last message to the Muslims in general and to the people of the Arabian Peninsula in particular?

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI To the Muslims in general and to the inhabitants of the Peninsula especially-

We should participate in this Jihad against America. America today is the one that is leading the World Crusade campaign against the Muslims. America today is the Pharaoh of yesterday. So we should participate, and we have a streak of hope in this Mujahid sect in Afghanistan and Iraq and Somalia who could make the American army kneel and it is due to this jihad that the American economy today is faltering. So if this small Mujahid section has succeeded in defeating America, then what if the entire Ummah rises? America can not face the Ummah. America is weaker than that. The plotting of America is weak, weaker than even the house of the spider. America can not face the Ummah. We should only participate with our Mujahideen brothers and aid them with our word, tongue, hand and money and present what we can, and this is an obligation upon us today, for America wants to destroy Islam and Muslims and Allah the Almighty shall protect His religion and Allah the Almighty shall defeat America with these Mujahideen and we ask Allah the Almighty to make for us a portion in that reward.

CORRESPONDENT O Allah, Ameen.
At the end of this meeting I would like to present my greatest thanks to Sheikh Anwar Al Awlaki who answered our call for this interview, and we ask Allah to protect you and bless you in your age, peace and mercy and blessings of Allah upon you

SHEIKH ANWAR AL AWLAKI May Allah reward you with goodness

Remember us in your prayers