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Synopsis

A set of notes covers a variety of themes, including views of the Pakistani government on Afghanistan, the goals of participation in Afghanistan's conflicts, and divergent views on the progress of the fight in Afghanistan, as well as the country's overall utility to global jihad.

Key Themes

The document appears to be several copies a set of notes taken from at least one meeting. As a result, there are persistent themes, but they are often difficult to parse. The notes appear to be talking about at least two 'projects.'

In the first project, the immediate goal of participation is lifting the morale of the Afghans, training Arabs, and instilling the spirit of jihad. The long-term is to wage jihad against the Jews in Palestine.

In the second project, the immediate goal of participation is fighting in battle and following the strategy of the Peshawar leader. The long-term goal is the liberation of South Yemen from Communism.

There are a number of recurring themes:

Sayyaf [probably referring to Abu Sayyaf, a mujahidin leader] is the best leader of the nation, based on the recommendation of 'Abdullah 'Azzam. Hikmatyar is also mentioned as a good leader. It is best to keep silent about their defects.

Some within the Pakistani government are allies, and some are enemies. The mujahidin have apparently done the will of different Pakistani governments on at least one occasion, when they joined Hikmatyar in fighting the Rabbani government in Kabul. Benazir Bhutto is against the mujahidin. The Indian sub-continent is the greatest enemy of Islam.

As the heart of the Muslim world, Egypt is the first place that should have the revived Caliphate, not Afghanistan. There is no hope for Afghanistan, and fighting there is not jihad. It is a lost cause. Instead, people should get training there and go back home. By contrast, the document later says that complete participation is required in transforming Afghanistan into a base for jihad, from which the mujahidin can support the needy through military elements and supplies.