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Synopsis

A letter to Ottman or Abu Baqar that details the current needs of the mujahidin in Somalia, and negatively assesses the personality of the Islamic youth, the current state of jihad and the leadership of the local jihad movement.

Key Themes

The first section is a list of requested items, with costs, for the mujahidin: Kalashinovs, BKMs, and RPGs, as well as rice, dates, and semolina. The leader also requests five open-backed Toyota Land Cruisers, communications devices,

The author then negatively assesses the youth involved in the movement. They are rash, shallow, have no preparation, and foolishly rushed into the city.

The author divides the fight in the Mogadishu and Luuq regions into at least three steps. The first step is unintelligible. The second period [but not step] involves attacking the leaders of the tribes, hopefully by finding some way of turning tribal allies (presumably of al-Qaeda) against other members of their tribes. This will likely be difficult. The second step [but not period] consists of fighting from within the cities, using different types of cells – ambushes, light arms, hand guns, explosives, etc. The third step is quick occupation of the cities by special forces in case the Americans leave, after which the group's forces will target Somali authorities and tribal leaders. The author doubts that the Americans will ever leave.

After much unintelligible writing, the author assesses the state of the jihad movement and its leadership. The leadership is terrible, and the author does not expect this to change, even with the new shura council. He suggests entering the political arena themselves, connecting with the base, and preparing some youth groups in the face of the poor leadership. The brothers have good intentions, including assassinations, and training in the cities, but they need encouragement. These brothers have an extremely low opinion of the leadership, blame it for the failure of jihad, and are threatening to leave the movement.