

TRANSLATION OF TALIBAN AND THE STATE OF THINGS IN AFGHANISTAN

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(TC: PAGES 1, 2 AND 3 AS MARKED IN THE ORIGINAL ARE MISSING. THE DOCUMENT BEGINS IN THE MIDDLE OF A SENTENCE ON PAGE 4. PAGES HAVE BEEN RENUMBERED AS RECEIVED.)

(TC: BEGINS IN MID-SENTENCE)...YOU ARE IGNORANT OF IT AT, WHILE IT IS THE BASIS OF THE FATWA (TC: RELIGIOUS RULING) IN GENERAL AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S JUDGMENT IN THESE CALAMITIES. THEN MAKE THE MUSLIMS PUBLIC SEE CLEARLY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY WHICH HAS HAPPENED FOR THE SUNNIS AND THE (TC: MUSLIM) COMMUNITY. THIS OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED A CHANGE IN THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE MUSLIMS AND THEIR ENEMIES IN THESE DECISIVE BATTLES THAT WE ARE LIVING THROUGH TODAY. MOREOVER, LET US ESTABLISH THE PROOF AND PLEA WITH THE LAST REMAINING RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE FROM THE REMAINING MUSLIM SCHOLARS IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THEM WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S TRUTH AND JUDGMENT TOWARDS THESE CURRENT SITUATIONS AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF MUSLIMS.

ACTUALLY, I CONTEMPLATED THIS, AND I PREPARED SOME PAPERS. I WAS DISTRACTED FROM THEM FOR A WHILE, UNTIL LAST WEEK'S LOCAL AND GLOBAL EVENTS, WHICH PUT ME FACE-TO-FACE WITH THE NECESSITY OF THIS AFFIDAVIT. THE EVENTS HAVE DEVELOPED IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS AS FOLLOWS: -- THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT HAS MOVED FORTH IN CONSECUTIVE MILITARY VICTORIES, TOWARDS THE NORTH, AND ESTABLISHED ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND RULE OF SHARI'A LAW ALL OVER AFGHANISTAN. NO NARROW VALLEY FROM THE NORTH OF KABUL TO BADIKHSAN PROVINCE IN THE AFGHANISTAN NORTHEAST IS MISSING. IN ADDITION, THE BAMYAN REGION, WHERE THE AFGHANISTAN SHI'A MINORITY LIVES, IS ALSO INCLUDED.

-- AFTER THESE TRANSFORMATIONS, THE WEST AND ITS MEDIA WAS MOBILIZED, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE US. THEN RUSSIA AND THE COMMUNIST CENTRAL-ASIAN COUNTRIES, STILL UNDER MOSCOW'S CONTROL, MOVED AND THREATENED TO INTERVENE IN AFGHANISTAN. IRAN ALSO MOBILIZED ITS MEDIA AND THEN CONDUCTED UNUSUAL DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES TO GET THE WHOLE WORLD TO BECOME AN ENEMY OF AFGHANISTAN AND THE TALIBAN. MOREOVER, THE HEADS OF THE TALIBAN OPPOSITION (RABANI, MAS'UD, DUSTUM, SAYYAF, AND HIKMATYAR) ACTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WORLD'S SITUATION. THEY PRESENTED THEMSELVES AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN THE FIELD, READY TO CARRY OUT THE POLICY OF THE NEW WORLD ORDER, IF THEY GOT HELP AGAINST TALIBAN. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, CLINTON CAME TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS WITH YELTSIN CENTRAL-ASIAN AFFAIRS IN THE MIDST OF A STORM OF ECONOMIC FAILURES, WHICH, GOD WILLING, ANNOUNCES THE FINAL FALL OF ASIA FOREVER. THE MILITARY AID WAS

FLOWING TO THE PARTIES OPPOSED TO TALIBAN, ESPECIALLY TO MAS'UD, AND WHAT REMAINS OF SAYYAF GROUPS, BY AIR THROUGH TAJIKISTAN. MOREOVER, DUSTUM, THE SYMBOL OF THE DEFUNCT COMMUNIST REGIME, FLEW TO ISTANBUL AND THEN RETURNED TO UZBEKISTAN.

-- THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS DEVELOPED, AND IRAN ESCALATED ITS ANTAGONIST POSITION BY CONDUCTING MILITARY MANEUVERS ON AFGHANISTAN'S SOUTHERN BORDERS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY BEATING THE WAR DRUMS AND CASTING THE LIGHT ON THE DEATH OF TWO DIPLOMATS DURING THE TALIBAN OVER-RUN OF MAZAR-E-SHARIF CITY. THEN, THE NEWS OF ISRAEL ENTERING THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WAS CONFIRMED. IN FACT, IT (TC: ISRAEL) IS KNOWN BY ITS DEGREE OF ACTIVITY AND SPEED OF DEPLOYMENT IN THE AREAS THAT IT CONSIDERS AS BEING STRATEGIC FOR ITS REGIONAL SECURITY. THE NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF SOME ISRAELI DEFENSE ARMY GENERALS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS THE ARRIVAL OF SOME ISRAELI MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO RABIN AND DUSTUM. MOREOVER, THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA REPORTED THIS ISRAELI PRESENCE IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. IN THE MIDST OF THESE EVENTS, THE U.S. POSITION WAS ESCALATED VERY MUCH WITHIN ABOUT THE LAST TWO MONTHS, WHEN IT LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILES ATTACKS AGAINST THE MILITARY CAMPS OF THE AFGHAN ARAB FIGHTERS. THEN, THE U.S. THREATENED AN OPEN WAR ON THE MUSLIM TERRORIST BASES THAT ARE UNDER TALIBAN PROTECTION IN AFGHANISTAN. FURTHERMORE, THE U.S. IMPLIED THAT, SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY, ALL THE OPTIONS

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ARE OPEN TO THE USE OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL (NBC) WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AGAINST TERRORIST BASES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND THEIR ALLIES IN AFGHANISTAN. IN THE FACE OF THIS U.S. ARROGANCE, THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT RESISTED, AND MULLAH MUHAMMAD (('OMAR)),THE COMMANDER (TC: THE AMIR) OF THE FAITHFUL IN AFGHANISTAN, STATED THAT HE WILL NOT EXTRADITE EITHER USAMA BIN-LADIN OR THE ARAB FIGHTERS. MOREOVER, HE STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT YIELD TO THE U.S. PRESSURE. FURTHERMORE, HE HAD AN HONORABLE STANCE DURING THE VISITS OF U.S., SAUDI, AND PAKISTANI DELEGATIONS TO HIS RESIDENCE IN QANDAHAR.

-- FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, THE MOBILIZATION OF IRAN (TC: REFERRING TO TALIBAN TROOPS DEPLOYED TO IRAN) RESULTED IN WITHDRAWING A LARGE PORTION OF TALIBAN FORCES TO THE SOUTHWEST. MOREOVER, THE THREATS OF RUSSIA, TAJIKISTAN AND UZBEKISTAN AS WELL AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MILITARY MANEUVERS LEAD TO WITHDRAWING A PRIMARY DIVISION OF THE TALIBAN FORCES TO THE NORTH, WHICH IS STILL UNSTABLE. SIMILARLY, THE SHI'A MOVEMENT IN BAMYAN, ALONG WITH THE ARRIVAL OF IRANIAN AIR SUPPORT TO THE SHIITE WEHDA PARTY, LEAD TO WITHDRAWING A THIRD PORTION OF TALIBAN FORCES TO THE FRONTS WITH THE SHI'ITES NORTH AND SOUTH OF BAMYAN.

MOREOVER, IT SEEMS THAT THESE TALIBAN MILITARY MOVEMENTS TO THE AREAS OF TENSION LEAD TO THE CREATION OF MILITARY GAPS IN THE TALIBAN DEFENSES AROUND KABUL, ESPECIALLY NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, ON THE FRONT LINES FACING MAS'UD AND SAYYAF. IT SEEMED AS IF THERE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH THE OPPOSITION FORCES INSIDE THE COUNTRY TO LEAD A SWIFT, SUDDEN ATTACK TO RECAPTURE KABUL. THIS WILL LEAD TO THE WEAKENING OF THE TALIBAN POSITION IN THE NORTH, ESPECIALLY IF THAT ATTACK OCCURRED WITH AN IRANIAN ATTACK IN THE SOUTHWEST OF AFGHANISTAN, WHERE QANDAHAR AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS ARE THE ORIGINAL MIND BEHIND THE TALIBAN. THIS MIGHT LEAD TO AN ARBITRARY WITHDRAWAL AND A MASSACRE SIMILAR TO THE ONE, WHICH TALIBAN SUFFERED IN THE NORTH.

THESE MILITARY EVENTS, WHICH ENSUED NEAR KABUL LAST WEEK, TILTED THE BALANCE TOWARDS THIS SCENARIO, WHICH WE HAVE PRESENTED AND TO WHICH THE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS WERE POINTING TO IT.

ON THURSDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, THE FORCES OF MAS'UD AND SAYYAF BEGAN ATTACKING THE NORTH DEFENSES AROUND KABUL, NORTH OF THE CAPITAL, ON TWO PRIMARY FRONTS, ONE OF WHICH WAS LESS THAN 15 KM FROM KABUL'S CENTER. IT SEEMED THEN THAT THE CAPITAL'S DEFENSES WERE SUFFERING FROM THE LACK OF FIGHTERS' NUMBERS AND AMMUNITION, WHICH WERE PULLED OUT TO THE NORTH, THE SOUTHWEST AND THE BAMYAN FRONT LINES. THE ATTACKING FORCES SUCCEEDED IN OCCUPYING SEVERAL IMPORTANT SURROUNDING HILLS CONTROLLING KABUL'S ENTRANCE. THE BATTLES WAS BETWEEN THESE FORCES, SOME OF THE TALIBAN, THE ARAB FIGHTERS, THE PAKISTANI FIGHTERS, AND FIGHTERS FROM OTHER MUSLIM NATIONALITIES. THE ATTACK REACHED ITS PEAK ON SUNDAY NIGHT, 7 SEPTEMBER, WHEN A INTENSE BATTLE LASTED 13HOURS UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THAT NIGHT, THE ARAB FIGHTERS, THEIR PAKISTANI, UZBEK, TURKISTANI, AND OTHER BRETHREN COMPANIONS, RESISTED, UNTIL NEW TALIBAN FORCES ARRIVED TO FILL THE EXISTING GAPS. THE ATTACK BROKE DOWN, AND SAYYAF FORCES, WHICH WERE THE KEYSTONE OF THAT ATTACK, WITHDREW, LEAVING LARGE LOSSES IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION TO SOME TALIBAN, FIVE DIED, AMONG THE DEAR ARAB FIGHTERS BRETHREN, MAY GOD RECEIVE THEM IN HIS MERCY, AS WELL AS 20 BRETHREN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

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THE SECOND SOURCE OF RESEARCH: THE MISGIVINGS RAISED AROUND THE TALIBAN AND THE RESPONSE TO THE LIKE.

SOME YOUTHS RAISED MISGIVINGS AROUND THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT, AND THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE ARE THE FOLLOWING:

-- FIRST: THEY ENDORSE THE POLYTHEISM OF THE POLYTHEISTS WHO WORSHIP THE GRAVES. THEREFORE THERE ARE POLYTHEISTS WITH THEM.

-- SECOND: THEY ADOPT THE POSITIVE (TC: AS OPPOSED TO DIVINE) LAWS TO ASSESS TAXES ON PEOPLE.

IN RESPONSE TO THESE MISGIVINGS, WE SAY:

-- ABOUT THE FIRST ONE: IT IS BASED ON TWO PREMISES AND ONE CONCLUSION: THE FIRST PREMISE IS: POLYTHEISTS WHO WORSHIP THE GRAVES WERE FOUND IN AFGHANISTAN. THE SECOND ONE IS THAT THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS, CONDONED IT AND ENDORSED IT. THE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE TALIBAN MOVEMENT (TC: MEMBERS) ARE THEREFORE POLYTHEISTS.

-- ABOUT THE FIRST ONE, WHICH IS: THE PRESENCE OF POLYTHEISTS WHO WORSHIP THE GRAVES IN AFGHANISTAN, WE SAY THE FOLLOWING:

-- 1 THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WORSHIPPING ANYTHING BESIDES GOD, SEEKING HELP FROM ANYONE BUT ALL MIGHTY GOD AND GETTING A BENEFIT, OR PUSHING HARM, IS A SERIOUS ASSOCIATION "LAPSE" WITH GOD. THEREFORE, IT IS GROUNDS FOR LOOSING THE (TC: ISLAMIC) FAITH.

-- 2 PRONOUNCING SOMEONE SPECIFICALLY AS AN ATHEIST CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED SIMPLY BY HEARSAY AND ASSUMPTIONS. INSTEAD, IT MUST ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CONDITIONS FOR PRONOUNCING IT AS ATHEISM MUST BE MET, AND THE ABSENCE OF ITS ANNULING FACTORS MUST BE ESTABLISHED.

IF WE ASCERTAIN THAT, LET US THEN APPLY IT TO THE PROBLEM WE ARE FACING. WHAT IS THE STEADFAST PROOF THAT PEOPLE ARE COMMITTING THE ACTION LEADING TO ATHEISM IN AFGHANISTAN?

THIS QUESTION DOES NOT MEAN NEGATING THE EXISTENCE OF SOME OF THEM OR CONFIRMING IT. HOWEVER, THE SUBSTANTIATING PROOF ON WHICH THESE YOUTHS BASED (TC: THEIR JUDGMENT) MUST BE PROVIDED, NOT ONLY BY PRONOUNCING THE PEOPLE WHO CARRY OUT THESE ACTIVITIES AS ATHEISTS, BUT BY PRONOUNCING AS ATHEISTS THE OTHER PEOPLE TOO, WHO ACCORDING TO THESE YOUTHS, DID NOT EXPRESS THEIR MISDEEDS.

DID THESE YOUTHS SEE WITH THEIR OWN EYES SUCH CASES? SEE THE TALIBAN CONDONING AND ENDORSING THEIR ACTIONS? INDEED, THEY DID NOT MENTION ANY PROOF PROVING THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH CASES. HOWEVER, WHAT THEY HAVE IS MOSTLY HEARSAY AND ASSUMPTIONS OR RUMORS.

WHILE NOT REFUTING THE EXISTENCE OF CASES OF HERESY OR ISLAMIC LAW VIOLATIONS IN A SOCIETY WHERE ILLITERACY REACHES 90 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, DURING ALL THE YEARS WE HAVE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY, WE HAVE NOT WITNESSED ANY HERESY CASES, SUCH AS SEEKING HELP FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN GOD, PROSTRATING TO THE DEAD OR SLAUGHTERING SACRIFICES FORTH OCCUPANTS OF THE GRAVES. YES, THERE ARE CASES WHERE THE BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

HAS BEEN SOUGHT OR THE LATTER HAVE BUILT UPON. WHILE THESE ARE VIOLATIONS OF ISLAMIC LAW AND HERESIES, THEY DO NOT REACH THE LEVEL OF ATHEISM, WHICH WOULD BE GROUND FOR LOOSING THE (TC: ISLAMIC) FAITH.

THE FIRST ARGUMENT THAT IS USED TO RESPOND TO THESE YOUTHS' MISGIVINGS IS THAT THEY DID NOT PROVIDE SUBSTANTIATING PROOFS, WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF THEIR MISGIVINGS. THEY ARE CONTENTED WITH RUMORS, AGAINST WHICH THE QUR'AN WARNED BY SAYING THE FOLLOWING VERSE (TC: QUR'ANIC VERSE ABOUT ASCERTAINING RUMORS FROM A DEBAUCHED). THE PROPHET, BLESSING AND PRAYERS OF GOD BE UPON HIM, ALSO WARNED AGAINST THEM IN HIS SAYING: "GUARD YOURSELF FROM ASSUMPTIONS. THE ASSUMPTIONS ARE THE BIGGEST LIES OF TALK." HE ALSO SAID: "MAN MAKES ENOUGH SINS TALKING ABOUT ALL HE HEARS." THEREFORE, WHAT ABOUT THE ONE WHO PRONOUNCES THE SENTENCES OF ATHEISM BASED ON WHAT HE HEARS?

THE WEAPON OF RUMOR IS AMONG THE DEADLIEST WEAPONS IN DIVIDING THE MUSLIMS.