

"DO MEN THINK THAT THEY WILL BE LEFT ALONE ON SAYING 'WE BELIEVE' AND THAT THEY WILL NOT BE TESTED? WE DID TEST THOSE BEFORE THEM, AND GOD WILL KNOW THOSE WHO ARE TRUE FROM THOSE WHO ARE FALSE." (TN: QURAN 29: 2-3) IT IS THEREFORE THE UNAVOIDABLE PRACTICE OF GOD, THROUGH WHICH THOSE BEFORE US HAVE BEEN TESTED. IMAM SHAFI'I WAS ASKED, "IS IT BETTER FOR A MAN TO HAVE POWER OR TO BE TESTED?" HE SAID, "HE HAS POWER UNTIL HE IS TESTED." THE MATTER IS SIMILAR TO THIS. PATIENCE IS A MUST. BE STEADFAST. BE STEADFAST. WHAT IS VICTORY BUT THE PATIENCE OF THE HOUR WHICH AFTERWARDS BECOMES EMPOWERMENT, GOD WILLING. SEE HOW THE INFIDELS ENDURE IN THEIR FALSEHOOD. WHAT WE NEED IS ENDURANCE IN THE TRUTH THAT IS OUR RELIGION.

THE BATTLE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE LACKEY REGIME ON ONE HAND, AND THE PEOPLE AND THE ULEMA ON THE OTHER HAND, IS NOT AN EPHEMERAL OR INCONSEQUENTIAL MISTAKE. RATHER, IT IS PART OF THE GREAT PLAN IN WHICH THE REGIME TRIES TO IMPLEMENT DOMINATION BY UPROOTING ISLAM FROM DEEP INSIDE THIS PEOPLE. THE REGIME WILL NOT ALLOW THE BEARER OF TRUTH AND RIGHT GUIDANCE TO DESTROY ITS FALSEHOOD, NO MATTER WHO THE BEARER OF TRUTH IS. DO NOT HAVE VILE DEEDS IN YOUR RELIGION FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD AND A DEBASED LIFE. (TN: THE AUTHOR IS USING WORD PLAY. VILE DEEDS: DANIYYAH, RELIGION: DIN, WORLD: DUNYA). FOR IT IS THE PRACTICE OF GOD TO TEST WHOEVER SEEKS HEAVEN BY ADHERING TO GOD. THEY PROCLAIM THE TRUTH, AND THEY COME OUT OPENLY WITH IT. THEY WAGE JIHAD WITH THEIR TONGUES IN ANNOUNCING THE FALSITY OF THE REGIME UNTIL ALL MEN UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH OF THE WAY OF OUR RELIGION. IT IS THE TRUTH AND HE WHO IS WITHOUT IT IS A DYING LIAR.

THE SECOND OF THESE PRACTICES IS THE PRACTICE OF HELP AND EMPOWERMENT. WE MUST KNOW THAT HELP AND EMPOWERMENT ARE PRACTICES WHICH GOD MADE. THROUGH THIS PRACTICE, VICTORY COMES, AND VICTORY DOES NOT COME WITHOUT THIS PRACTICE. GOD INFORMED US OF THIS PRACTICE IN HIS PLAIN, GLORIOUS BOOK. IN IT, HIS APOSTLE (MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND GRANT HIM PEACE) WROTE THE MOST COMPLETE OF PROOFS. THE LAW DOES NOT EXCUSE SOMEONE WHO ENTERS HOUSES OTHER THAN THROUGH THE DOORS.

OH, MUSLIM PEOPLE, EXPLODING WITH ANGER AT THE SAUDI RULERS AND BURNING TO HELP THE NOBLE ULEMA OF THE UMMAH. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR ANGER FOR THE SAKE OF THE TRUTH. LET THIS ANGER BE NOT DIVERTED INTO CHANNELS OF THE PRACTICES OF CONSOLIDATION UNTIL IT BEARS FRUIT, EVEN IF IT IS SOME TIME LATER. ENDURE THE PRACTICES OF VICTORY AS YOU ENDURE THE PRACTICES OF TESTING, FOR BOTH OF THEM ARE FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOAL THAT YOU SEEK. THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUTH WILL NOT RETREAT FROM THEIR RELIGION. THEY WILL NOT STAND WITH THEIR HANDS FOLDED IN THE FACE OF THESE ACTIONS HOSTILE TO ISLAM. THEY WILL NOT CHEAPEN THAT FOR WHICH THEY HAVE OFFERED THEIR LIVES. TOMORROW IS NEAR FOR THE ONE WHO AWAITS IT.

OH, MUSLIM PEOPLE:

1. RENEW YOUR PURE INTENTION FOR GOD ALMIGHTY. PROMISE TO GOD THE EXALTED, AND PLEDGE AMONG YOURSELVES TO HELP THE RELIGION AND THE TRUTH, TO PERSEVERE IN THIS, AND TO DEDICATE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SPEND TO GIVING AND SACRIFICE. "YOU WILL NOT ATTAIN PIETY UNTIL YOU SPEND OUT OF WHAT YOU LOVE."

2. IT IS NECESSARY TO BE DISCIPLINED AND TO REFRAIN FROM BEHAVIOR AND DISTURBANCES WHICH HARM THE INTERESTS OF THE WHOLE.

3. REVEAL THE REALITY OF THE STRUGGLE WITH THE REGIME TO EVERY ONE YOU KNOW. THE REALITY OF THE STRUGGLE REVOLVES AROUND THE REQUIREMENTS OF 'THERE IS NO GOD BUT GOD.' - AS WE INDICATED IN OUR STATEMENT NUMBER 2. PREACHERS MUST GO FORTH AND REVEAL THE TRUTH. UNCOVER THE FACT OF THE CORRUPTION OF THE REGIME, ITS OPPOSITION TO ISLAMIC LAW, AND VIOLATIONS IT HAS COMMITTED AGAINST THE WORD OF UNITY "THERE IS NO GOD BUT GOD."

4. CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE ARRESTED SHAYKHS AND TO RETURN THEM TO THEIR PULPITS, BUT BE AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT THE END IN ITSELF. WE ARE GOING TO OUR DESTINY, GOD WILLING, TAKING THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF ISLAM UNTIL THE WORD OF GOD IS THE HIGHEST.

"GOD CONTROLS THE MATTER BUT MOST MEN KNOW IT NOT."

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USAMAH BIN MUHAMMAD BIN LADIN

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HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR HARM!!

PRAISE BE TO GOD AND PRAYERS AND PEACE BE UPON THE APOSTLE OF GOD..

AFTER THE SAUDI REGIME CONDUCTED AN INSANE CAMPAIGN OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS AIMED AT STRIKING AND DISTORTING DA'WAH, AND ARRESTING AND IMPRISONING PREACHERS AND SHAYKHS; AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE REGIME TO ATTAIN ITS DESIRE FOR LARGE SCALE SUPPORT FROM THE MAJOR ULEMA WHO STOOD BY THE SHAYKHS; AFTER THE REJECTION OF THE DRIFT BEHIND THE REGIME, AND OF SUPPORT FOR THE 'SAUDIZATION' OF EVERYTHING IN THE COUNTRY, EVEN ISLAM, ITS PEOPLE, AND ITS POINT

OF VIEW, WITH ALL OF THIS BEING THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE RULING FAMILY TO DO WITH AS IT PLEASES, DILIGENTLY SWINDLING THE PEOPLE AND DECEIVING THE UMMAH; AFTER ALL OF THESE THINGS, THE SAUDI REGIME RECENTLY FORMED A COMMITTEE OF HARM TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS. IT IS CALLED THE HIGHER COMMITTEE FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS, SO THAT IT WILL APPEAR TO PEOPLE THAT IT'S INTENT IS TO SPREAD THE DA'WAH AND GUARD THE FAITH.

WHAT IS STRANGE HERE IS NOT THE REGIME'S ACTING IN THIS FASHION TO TRY TO DECEIVE GOD AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE. THESE ARE FAMILIAR AND WELL KNOWN METHODS EMPLOYED BY TYRANNICAL REGIMES AT ALL TIMES TO POLISH THEIR IMAGE, AN IMAGE THAT IS MARRED BY MUCH TRICKING OF ISLAM AND CONSPIRING AGAINST ITS PREACHERS.

BUT THE EFFECT IS THAT THE METHOD USED TO PRODUCE THIS FARCE DOES NOT FOOL ANYONE. THE COUNCIL AND THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO IT, AND THE TIMING AND THE CONDITIONS OF ITS FORMATION, ALL PROVE THE EXTENT OF THE CONFUSION THAT GOVERNS THE ACTIONS OF THE REGIME IN ITS OVERT WAR AGAINST ISLAM AND ITS TRUE PREACHERS. THE REGIME'S HATRED OF ISLAM HAS BLINDED IT SO MUCH THAT IT IS NOT ABLE TO FOOL EVEN A MINIMUM NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE. IF IT MUST CONSPIRE AGAINST ISLAM AND HARM ITS PREACHERS, THERE ARE MORE CLEVER AND SOPHISTICATED WAYS THAN THIS OVERT WAY AND COARSE METHOD.

THE WAY THIS COMMITTEE WAS CREATED LEAVES NO ROOM FOR DOUBT ABOUT THE INTENTION BEHIND IT AND THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING IT. INDEED THE PRESENCE OF PRINCE SULTAN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND PRINCE NAYIF, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, WITH THE PRINCE OF HIS HENCHMEN AT THE HEAD OF THE COUNCIL, IN FACT PROCLAIMS ITS TRUE MISSION. THE MISSION IS THE DESTRUCTION OF TRUE ISLAM AND ITS DA'WAH, SUPPORT FOR THE RELIGION OF THE KING, AND PREPARATION FOR THE HISTORY OF THE TWO BLACK MEN FILLED WITH A MALICE FOR ISLAM AND A HATRED OF ITS PREACHERS AND SHAYKHS. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DOUBT OF THIS FACT. HOW CAN A RATIONAL PERSON, AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THIS GANG IS CORRUPTING THE EARTH AND WAGING WAR ON GOD AND HIS APOSTLE, BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO SERVE ISLAM AND MUSLIMS?

HAS THE TRIAL OF ISLAM AND ITS PREACHERS IN THE PENINSULA AT PRESENT BEEN OTHER THAN BY THESE MEN AND AT THEIR HANDS? HOW CAN A PARTY TO A SUIT BE AN ARBITER, A CRIMINAL, A JUDGE, A LION, A SHEPHERD?

THE SHEPHERD OF THE FLOCK GUARDS THEM FROM THE WOLF.  
WHAT ABOUT WHEN THE WOLVES ARE THE SHEPHERDS?!

IN ADDITION, THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE UNDEFINED (TN: OR UNLIMITED), WHICH MAKES IT HOLD IN ITS HAND ALL THE ROPES, AND COLLECT IN IT ALL IT CAN TO PROFIT IN SERVING ISLAM AND THE CALL TO IT. THIS PROVES THE DETERMINATION OF THE REGIME

TO BE ARROGANT WITHOUT REPEATING WHAT WAS SAID PREVIOUSLY IN EXPOSING SOME OF THE METHODS BY WHICH DA'WAH BENEFITS FROM IT AND BY WHICH PREACHERS EXPLOIT IT IN THE SERVICE OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS.

SINCE WE KNOW THIS, IT IS EASY FOR US TO EXPLAIN WHAT IN THE POWERS OF THIS COUNCIL GOES BEYOND THE FIVE PART COMMITTEE AND THE GRAND MUFTI OF THE KINGDOM, WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THEIR POWERS AND PREROGATIVES WITHDRAWN AND ATTACHED TO THE NEW COUNCIL OF HARM.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT CRISIS, THE REGIME'S UNDERTAKING TO FORM THIS COUNCIL IN THIS WAY CONFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO PROCEED IN THE LINE OF ESCALATION AND THE WAY OF CAUSING CRISES. IT ALSO SHOWS THAT THE REGIME IS NOT READY TO RESPOND TO THE GOOD WILL EFFORTS WHICH SHAYKH 'ABD-AL-'AZIZ ((BIN-BAZ)) AND SOME OF THE OTHER SHAYKHS HAVE UNDERTAKEN, AND WHICH THE REGIME HAS REJECTED. THE REGIME WANTS THIS COUNCIL TO BE PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO CUT OFF ANY ATTEMPT AT REFORM OF THIS TYPE. IN ABSORBING THE MOST IMPORTANT OF SHAYKH 'ABD-AL-'AZIZ BIN BAZ' POWERS, THE EMERGENCY COUNCIL IS PUNISHING HIM FOR HIS GOOD WILL EFFORTS AND FOR HIS POSITION ON THE IMPRISONED SHAYKHS. BIN BAZ CONTINUED PRAISING THE SHAYKHS, AND HE URGED THEM TO BE PATIENT, CONFIRMING THAT WHAT THE REGIME DID TO THEM WAS THE KIND OF TRIAL THAT FELL UPON THE MESSENGERS AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEM.

WE, IN THE ADVICE AND REFORMATION COMMITTEE, DO NOT WONDER AT THE BEHAVIOR OF THIS REGIME, WHICH IS OBDURATE IN ITS HATRED OF ISLAM AND TIRELESS IN PLOTTING AGAINST ITS PREACHERS.

BUT THE STRANGE THING IS THAT THIS REGIME CONTINUES TO FIND AMONG THE PEOPLE OF KNOWLEDGE (TN: ULEMA) THOSE WHO GUARD ITS BACK AND HOLD FATE AT BAY DESPITE THE OVERT WAR AGAINST ISLAM AND ITS PREACHERS THAT THE REGIME IS CONDUCTING. THIS REGIME OPENLY EXPRESSES ITS HOSTILE INTENTIONS WITH COMPLETE CLARITY AND ELOQUENCE. WHAT ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS AND COUNCILS IT HAS ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME EXCEPT A PROOF OF THE REGIME'S DETERMINATION TO PUSH THE COUNTRY TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINY OF PUNISHMENTS THROUGH ITS PERSISTENCE IN SLAYING THE SHE-CAMEL OF DA'WAH AT THE HANDS OF THE BROTHERS OF THE AL-SA'UD, LIKE PRINCES SULTAN AND NAYIF. (TN: THIS IS A REFERENCE TO THE EVIL MEN IN QURAN 7:77 "SO THEY SLEW THE SHE-CAMEL AND REVOLTED AGAINST THEIR LORD'S COMMANDMENT.") ARE THE TRUE SUCCESSORS (TN: OF THE PIOUS ANCESTORS) AWARE AND DO THEY PERCEIVE THE DANGER OF THE POSITION FOR THEM IN PERFORMING THEIR DUTY TO WORK FOR THIS RELIGION? ARE YOU UNAWARE OF THE SACRIFICES AND THE KIND OF TRIALS TO WHICH IT WILL BE SUBJECTED TO CONFIRM THAT THEY TRULY ADHERE TO THIS RELIGION, AND THE PURITY OF THEIR ATTENTION TO GOD? OR WILL PLEAS AND APOLOGIES HAMPER THEM, WITH THE TRAIL BEFALLING THEM, WHICH DOES NOT BEFALL THOSE WHO DO WRONG?

AS LONG SOME OF THE PEOPLE OF KNOWLEDGE WHOM GOD HAS MADE A PACT WITH DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTINUALLY CARRY OUT THIS DUTY, IT IS NOT STRANGE THAT PRINCE SULTAN AND HIS LIKE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO OVERSEE ISLAMIC AFFAIRS (TN: THE WORD 'OVERSEE' IS ALSO USED FOR TENDING SHEEP AND GOATS, AS A SHEPHERD).

HE WHO TENDS GOATS IN A LAND FULL OF LIONS,  
IF HE SLEEPS, THE LION WILL TAKE OVER TENDING THEM.

IN CONCLUSION, WE AFFIRM THAT THE RELIGION OF GOD IS VICTORIOUS AND ITS DA'WAH PROGRESSING, NO MATTER WHO OPPOSES IT. "IF YOU TURN YOUR BACK, HE WILL PUT IN YOUR PLACE A PEOPLE OTHER THAN YOU THEN THEY WILL NOT BE LIKE YOU." (TN: QURAN 47:38)

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ON THEIR BEHALF:

USAMAH BIN MUHAMMAD BIN LADIN

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OPEN LETTER FOR SHAYKH BIN BAZ  
ON THE INVALIDITY OF HIS FATWA ON PEACE WITH THE JEWS

DEAR SHAYKH 'ABD-AL-'AZIZ BIN BAZ (MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM):

PEACE BE UPON YOU, AND GOD'S MERCY AND BLESSINGS. WE PRAISE GOD WHO SENT DOWN THE BOOK OF CLEAR VERSES, AND WHO RAISES UP THOSE WHO BRING KNOWLEDGE. GOD WHO MAKES WITH THEM A PACT TO EXECUTE TRUTH AND ITS PROOF, AND WHO WARNS THEM AGAINST USING IT TO DECEIVE OR CONCEALING IT. PRAYERS AND PEACE BE UPON OUR MASTER MUHAMMAD WHO SAID "THE BEST JIHAD IS THE WORD OF TRUTH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE UNJUST SULTAN" (A SOUND HADITH WHICH IMAM AHMAD AL-TABARANI, IBN MAJAH, AND RELATED BY AL-BAYHAQI).

IT IS WELL KNOWN TO YOU HOW GOD HAS GRANTED TO THE PEOPLE OF KNOWLEDGE (TN: ULEMA) A GREAT PLACE AND GIVEN THEM AN HONORABLE POSITION.

IT IS NO WONDER THAT THE ULEMA ARE THE HEIRS OF THE PROPHETS AND THAT THIS RELIGION HAS BEEN BEQUEATHED TO THEM. THEY KEPT FROM IT THE DISTORTION OF THE STUPID, THE PLAGIARISM OF THE LIARS, THE INTERPRETATION OF THE IGNORANT, AND THE DILUTION OF THE PROFLIGATE TYRANTS. THEY REPRESENT THE GOOD EXAMPLE AND IDEAL MODEL FOR THE UMMAH IN TAKING UP THE BURDEN OF VICTORY FOR TRUTH,

AND AROUSING IT TO HIGH STANDARDS.

THE TRUE ULEMA OF THE PIOUS ANCESTORS OF THIS UMMAH, AND THEIR GOOD SUCCESSORS UNDERTOOK THIS MISSION. WHAT WAS THE POSITION OF SA'ID BIN JUBAYR IN THE FACE OF THE TYRANNY OF AL-HAJJAJ BUT TO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH? IMAM AHMAD BIN HANBAL CHALLENGED THE TYRANNY OF THE RULERS AND THE SULTAN, AND HE ENDURED THE DISCORD (TN: RESULTING FROM THE THEOLOGICAL DISPUTE) OVER THE CREATION OF THE QURAN. WAS NOT IBN TAYMIYAH AND HIS SUFFERING IN PRISON A VICTORY FOR THE SUNNAH AND A MODEL FOR CARRYING OUT THE DUTY OF HELPING THE TRUTH AND ITS PEOPLE. THESE LEARNED IMAMS MADE TRUTH TRIUMPH AND WERE ZEALOUS FOR THE RELIGION. MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ALL OF THEM.

DEAR SHAYKH: WE WANT TO REITERATE OUR PREVIOUS ADMONISHMENTS ABOUT YOUR DUTY TOWARDS THE RELIGION, REMINDING YOU OF YOUR GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, FOR REMEMBRANCE BENEFITS BELIEVERS. WE WANT TO REMIND YOU AT THIS TIME IN WHICH THE LIAR STRUTS ABOUT, AND EVIL PRATTLERS MAKE NOISE, AND THE TRUTH IS BURIED ALIVE, AND PREACHERS IMPRISONED, AND REFORMERS SILENCED. IT IS STRANGE THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW OF THIS AND ARE SILENT, ESPECIALLY SINCE YOUR FATWAS AND POSITIONS HAVE DEALT WITH THESE MATTERS. WE REMIND YOU, DEAR SHAYKH, OF SOME OF THESE FATWAS AND POSITIONS TO WHICH YOU DO NOT PAY ATTENTION, ALTHOUGH THE UMMAH HAS PERSISTED FOR A LONG TIME IN ERROR, IN ORDER THAT YOU PERCEIVE WITH US EVEN PARTIALLY SOMETHING OF THE DANGER OF THIS MATTER AND THE BAD EFFECTS RESULTING FROM IT.

SOME EXAMPLES FOR YOU:

1. NO ONE CAN BE UNAWARE OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH TREMENDOUS CORRUPTION HAS SPREAD, INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE, SO THAT VARIOUS ABOMINATIONS OF WHICH LIKEWISE NO ONE CAN BE UNAWARE ARE DIFFUSED EVERYWHERE. THE ADVISORY NOTICE THAT THE ELITE ULEMA AND THE PREACHERS OF REFORM PRESENTED GAVE DETAILS OF THIS. THE MOST DANGEROUS THING THEY REVEALED WAS THE ATTRIBUTION OF PARTNERS TO GOD REPRESENTED IN LEGISLATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF POSITIVE LAWS THAT MAKE FORBIDDEN THINGS PERMISSIBLE. AMONG THEIR MOST ABOMINABLE ACTS IS ALLOWING THE PRACTICE OF USURY, WHICH IS SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE LAND. THIS IS DONE THROUGH STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR USURIOUS BANKS WHOSE TOWERS CROWD OUT THE MINARETS OF THE TWO HOLY PLACES (TN: MECCA AND MEDINA), AND THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE COUNTRY SWARMS WITH THEM.

IT MUST BE WELL-KNOWN THAT THE ORGANIZATIONS AND USURY LAWS UNDER WHICH THESE BANKS AND INSTITUTIONS CONDUCT BUSINESS ARE LEGITIMIZED BY THE RULING REGIME AND AUTHORIZED BY IT. STILL, ALL WE HAVE HEARD FROM YOU IS THAT USURY IS HARAM (TN: FORBIDDEN UNDER ISLAMIC LAW) AND NOT PERMITTED!! YOU END UP DECEIVING THE PEOPLE BY NOT MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN RULERS WHO MERELY

TOLERATE USURY AND RULERS WHO LEGITIMIZE AND LEGALIZE USURY.

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO IS VERY CLEAR. HE WHO TOLERATES USURY IS COMMITTING ONE OF GREATEST OF MORTAL SINS. AS FOR ONE WHO LEGITIMIZES INTEREST, HE IS AN APOSTATE AND INFIDEL WHO THEREBY DEPARTS FROM THE RELIGION, BECAUSE HE MAKES HIMSELF AN EQUAL TO GOD AND A PARTNER WITH HIM IN ALLOWING AND DISALLOWING. WE GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL IN A FUTURE STUDY THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON, IF GOD WILLS.

GOD AND HIS MESSENGER HAVE PROCLAIMED WAR AGAINST THE ONE WHO TOLERATES USURY WITHOUT PUTTING AN END TO IT "IF YOU DO IT NOT, TAKE NOTICE OF WAR FROM GOD AND HIS MESSENGER" (TN: QURAN 2:279). YET WE CONTINUE TO HEAR YOUR EXPRESSIONS OF PRAISE AND COMMENDATION FOR THIS REGIME WHICH IS NOT SATISFIED MERELY WITH TOLERATING USURY, BUT HAS LEGITIMIZED, LEGALIZED AND PERMITTED IT. HE (MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND GRANT HIM PEACE) SAID "USURY IS SEVENTY THREE DOORS THE LEAST OF WHICH IS LIKE A MAN MARRYING HIS MOTHER." SOUND, AL-HAKIM RELATED IT. (TN: THAT IS, USURY IS AT BEST AS BAD AS INCEST, ITSELF A GRAVE SIN).

IBN 'ABBAS - MAY GOD BE PLEASED WITH HIM - SAID "HE WHO LIVES UPON USURY, AND CONTINUES TO DO, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE IMAM OF THE MUSLIMS TO CALL HIM TO REPENTANCE. IF HE CEASES, DO NOT BEHEAD HIM." (RELATED FROM JARIR, GOING BACK TO IBN 'ABBAS). THIS APPLIES TO WHOEVER TOLERATES INTEREST. WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT SOMEONE WHO ALLOWS (TN. LITERALLY MAKES 'HALAL', ALLOWED UNDER ISLAMIC LAW) AND LEGITIMIZES INTEREST?

THE COUNTRY IS STRUGGLING THROUGH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISES, AND CRIMES OF VARIOUS SORTS ARE INCREDIBLY WIDESPREAD. THIS CAN ONLY BE A PUNISHMENT FROM GOD AND PART OF THE WAR HE (PRAISE HIM) HAS DECLARED UPON THOSE WHO WILL NOT END THEIR TOLERANCE OF USURY AND SIMILAR ABOMINATIONS, AND ELIMINATE IT, FOR HE HAS RULED AGAINST INTEREST. "GOD WILL DEPRIVE BLESSINGS FOR USURY BUT WILL GIVE INCREASE FOR DEEDS OF BLESSING." (TN: QURAN 2;276)

2. WHEN THE KING HUNG THE CROSS UPON HIS CHEST AND APPEARED WITH IT BEFORE THE WORLD, HAPPY AND SMILING, YOU JUSTIFIED HIS ACTION AND PERMITTED HIM HIS ABOMINATION, AND PERMITTED HIM ALTHOUGH THIS ACT IS CLEARLY INFIDELITY. THIS IS PLAIN FROM THE CONDITION OF THE ONE WHO DID IT FREELY.

3. WHEN THE ATTACKING CRUSADER AND THE JEWISH ALLIANCE- IN COLLUSION WITH THE REGIME - DECIDED IN THE GULF WAR TO OCCUPY THE COUNTRY IN THE NAME OF LIBERATING KUWAIT, YOU ALLOWED THIS WITH AN ARBITRARY FATWA WHICH JUSTIFIED THIS ABOMINABLE ACTION. THIS INSULTED THE HONOR OF THE UMMAH, SULLIED ITS DIGNITY, AND DEFILED ITS HOLY PLACES, ON THE GROUNDS OF ASSISTING THE INFIDEL IN CASE OF NECESSITY, DISREGARDING THE RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE AND THE

RULES ON NECESSITY EXPRESSED IN ISLAMIC LAW.

4. WHEN THE RULING SAUDI REGIME AIDED AND SUPPORTED THE CHIEFS OF COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST APOSTASY IN YEMEN AGAINST THE MUSLIM YEMENI PEOPLE IN THE RECENT WAR, YOU KEPT SILENT. WHEN THESE COMMUNISTS SUFFERED SETBACKS, YOU ISSUED - ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THIS REGIME - A WORD OF ADVICE!! SUMMONING EVERYONE TO RECONCILE AND SHAKE HANDS, CONSIDERING THEM ALL MUSLIMS!! MAKING PEOPLE THINK THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE MUSLIMS MEANS SPARING THEIR BLOOD. WHEN WERE THE COMMUNISTS EVER MUSLIMS? AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO PREVIOUSLY ISSUED A FATWA ON THEIR APOSTASY AND THE NECESSITY OF KILLING THEM IN AFGHANISTAN? OR IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YEMENI COMMUNISTS AND AFGHAN COMMUNISTS? ARE THE CONCEPTS OF THE FAITH AND THE PRECEPTS OF UNITY (TN: OF GOD) LOST AND CONFUSED TO THIS EXTENT?

THE RULING REGIME CONTINUES TO LODGE THESE INFIDEL NATIONS IN DIFFERENT CITIES OF THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE NOT HEARD YOU DISAPPROVING. HE (MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND GRANT HIM PEACE) SAID "GOD CURSES THOSE WHO SHELTER AN INNOVATOR." MUSLIM RELATES IT.

5. WHEN THE REGIME DECIDED TO ATTACK SHAYKH SALMAN AL-(( 'AWDAH)) AND SHAYKH SAFAR AL-((HAWALI)) WHO PROCLAIMED THE TRUTH AND SUFFERED FOR THE SAKE OF GOD, IT OBTAINED A FATWA FROM YOU ALLOWING ALL - THE ATTACKS AND MALTREATMENT TO WHICH THE TWO SHAYKHS AND THE PREACHER, SHAYKHS AND YOUTH OF THE UMMAH HAD BEEN SUBJECTED. MAY GOD RELEASE THEM AND SAVE FROM THEM THE WRONG OF THE WRONGDOERS.

THERE ARE SOME OTHERS EXAMPLES THAT WE DID NOT INTEND TO OMIT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE TOO MUCH SPACE TO MENTION THEM. WE HAVE IN OUR HANDS YOUR RECENT FATWA ABOUT SOMETHING CALLED SLANDERING PEACE WITH THE JEWS. THIS IS PAINFUL TO MUSLIMS, SINCE YOU RESPONDED TO THE POLITICAL WISH OF THE REGIME WHICH DECIDED TO PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC A COMEDY OF SURRENDER TO THE JEWS IT HAD PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO. THEREFORE, YOU ISSUED A FATWA ALLOWING PEACE (BOTH) UNRESTRICTEDLY AND CONDITIONALLY WITH THE ENEMY. WHO ARE THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ZIONIST ENEMY AND HIS PARLIAMENT THAT THEY CAN BE DEALT WITH AND PRAISED, WHEN THE SAUDI REGIME ANNOUNCED THE RESULT OF ITS INTENTION FOR FURTHER NORMALIZATION WITH THE ENEMY?

IT IS AS IF YOU WERE NOT CONTENT TO OPEN UP THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY PLACES (TN: MECCA AND MEDINA) TO THE JEWISH AND CRUSADER OCCUPATION FORCES. YOU ADDED A THIRD HOLY PLACE (TN: JERUSALEM) BY GIVING A VENEER OF LEGITIMACY TO THE SURRENDER DOCUMENTS THAT THE TREACHEROUS AND COWARDLY ARAB TYRANTS SIGNED.

THESE WORDS ARE A GREAT DANGER. AND A GENERAL CALAMITY IN THAT THEY DECEIVE PEOPLE AND MISLEAD THE UMMAH IN A NUMBER OF WAYS,



INCLUDING:

(1) THE PRESENT JEWISH ENEMY IS NOT AN ENEMY DWELLING IN HIS ORIGINAL COUNTRY, WARRED ON FROM OUTSIDE SO THAT PEACE IS PERMITTED WITH HIM. RATHER HE IS AN ENEMY DESECRATING HONOR AND USURPING SACRED MUSLIM LAND WHICH GOD BLESSED, AND WHICH THE COMPANIONS (TN: OF THE PROPHET) IRRIGATED WITH THEIR BLAMELESS BLOOD. THEY ARE AN ATTACKING ENEMY, ONE WHICH CORRUPTS RELIGION AND THE WORLD. (TN: WORD PLAY. RELIGION 'DIN' WORLD 'DUNYA'). THE WORDS OF SHAYKH-AL-ISLAM (TN: ROUGHLY THE GRAND MUFTI) IBN TAYMIYAH (MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM) ARE APPROPRIATE. "THE ATTACKING ENEMY WHO CORRUPTS THE RELIGION AND THE WORLD MUST, IN KEEPING WITH THE FAITH, BE REPELLED. THERE ARE NO (LIMITING) CONDITIONS. RATHER HE MUST BE REPELLED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE." THE ULEMA, OUR COMPANIONS, AND OTHERS, HAVE STIPULATED THIS." A.H. (JURIDICAL SELECTIONS, PP. 209-210)

IT IS RELIGIOUSLY REQUIRED TOWARD PALESTINE AND OUR OPPRESSED PALESTINIAN BROTHERS THAT MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ESCAPE AND ARE NOT GUIDED. IT IS JIHAD IN THE WAY OF GOD, AND URGING THE UMMAH TO IT UNTIL PALESTINE IS LIBERATED COMPLETELY, AND RETURNS TO MUSLIM CONTROL.

SUCH FATWAS THAT FORSAKE JIHAD AND INCLINE TOWARDS THE GROUND DISPENSE WITH PALESTINE. THESE FATWAS ACKNOWLEDGE THE ENEMY'S OCCUPATION OF THE HOLIEST OF HOLY PLACES, AFTER THE TWO NOBLE HOLY PLACES. THESE FATWAS ALSO APPLY A VENEER OF LEGITIMACY TO THE OCCUPATION AND FORCIBLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE ENEMY TO STRIKE ISLAMIC EFFORTS THAT SEEK TO LIBERATE PALESTINE THROUGH JIHAD. OPERATIONS OF THE STONE THROWING HEROES AND THE MUSLIM YOUTH OF JIHAD IN PALESTINE IS THE ONLY USEFUL WAY TO CONFRONT THE ENEMY AND GUARANTEE THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, IF GOD WILLS.

HERE WE REMIND YOU OF YOUR PREVIOUS FATWAS IN THIS REGARD. WHEN YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT THE WAY TO LIBERATE PALESTINE, YOU SAID, "I THINK THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SOLVE THIS ISSUE EXCEPT BY CONSIDERING IT AN ISLAMIC ISSUE, AND BY MUSLIMS STANDING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TO RESCUE IT. JIHAD AGAINST THE JEWS IS A MUSLIM JIHAD UNTIL THE LAND IS RETURNED TO ITS PEOPLE, AND UNTIL THESE JEWISH FOREIGNERS JEWS RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY." (THE COLLECTED FATWAS OF SHAYKH 'ABD-AL-'AZIZ BIN BAZ, 1/281)

(2) ASSUMING THAT THIS JEWISH ENEMY IS AN ENEMY WITH WHOM PEACE MAY BE MADE, AND THERE ARE CONDITIONS FOR IT, SHOULD THE FALSE, ALLEGED PEACE THAT TYRANNICAL, DEFEATIST GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS MAKE WITH THE JEWS BE CONSIDERED A PEACE WHICH CAN BE MADE WITH THE ENEMY?

EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. THIS ALLEGED PEACE

WHICH BROKEN DOWN RULERS AND TYRANTS HAVE STUMBLERD INTO WITH THE JEWS IS NOTHING BUT A GRAND BETRAYAL. THIS IS REPRESENTED IN THE SIGNING OF THE SURRENDER DOCUMENTS AND THE SURRENDER OF JERUSALEM AND ALL OF PALESTINE BY THESE GOVERNMENTS TO THE JEWS, AND THE RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERPETUAL CONTROL OVER THEM.

(3) THESE APOSTATE RULERS WHO WAGE WAR ON GOD AND HIS MESSENGER HAVE NEITHER LEGITIMACY, NOR SOVEREIGNTY OVER MUSLIMS. THEY DO NOT LOOK TOWARDS THE INTERESTS OF THE UMMAH. BUT YOU, IN YOUR FATWA, GAVE LEGITIMACY TO THESE SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS AND RECOGNIZED THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OVER MUSLIMS. THIS CONTRASTS WITH YOUR WELL-KNOWN PAST DECLARATIONS THAT THEY ARE INFIDELS. THE ELITE ULEMA AND PREACHERS HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR TO YOU IN THEIR EARNEST APPEALS TO YOU IN THE PAST TO REFRAIN FROM THIS FATWA. WE WILL ATTACH A COPY OF THIS APPEAL TO REMIND YOU AND MAKE YOU AWARE.

YOUR FATWA DECEIVED PEOPLE WITH ITS DISGRACEFUL SUMMARY AND MISLEADING GENERALIZATION. THE FATWA DID NOT CORRECTLY DEAL WITH A JUST PEACE, LET ALONE THIS FALSE PEACE WITH THE JEWS WHICH IS A MAJOR BETRAYAL OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS. EVEN AN ORDINARY MUSLIM WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS FALSE PEACE, LET ALONE A SCHOLAR LIKE YOU WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE VIGILANT FOR THE RELIGION AND THE UMMAH.

FOR ANY FATWA THAT DEALS WITH GREAT AND SERIOUS MATTERS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE UMMAH TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF IT IN ALL ITS DIMENSIONS, INCLUDING THE HARM AND DANGER WHICH MIGHT RESULT. THIS KNOWLEDGE IS AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE CONDITIONS FOR A FATWA. IMAM IBN-AL-QAYYIM - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM - SAYS "NEITHER A MUFTI AND NOR A JUDGE CAN REACH A CORRECT RULING WITHOUT TWO KINDS OF UNDERSTANDING. THE FIRST IS UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION AND HOW JURISPRUDENCE RELATES TO IT, AND LEARNING THE FACTS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING, BY EVIDENCE, SIGNS, AND INDICATIONS UNTIL HE COMPREHENDS IT. THE SECOND THING IS UNDERSTANDING OF THE OBLIGATION, WHICH IS UNDERSTANDING OF GOD'S DECREE BY WHICH IT IS ORDAINED IN HIS BOOK OR UPON THE TONGUE OF HIS MESSENGER (MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND GRANT HIM PEACE.). THEN HE APPLIES ONE TO THE OTHER." A. H. (TEACHING OF SIGNERS 87/1)

SINCE THESE CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR A FATWA IN GENERAL, IT IS CERTAINLY SO FOR A FATWA RELATED TO JIHAD AND PEACE AND THE LIKE. IMAM IBN TAYMIYAH - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM - SAYS "OBLIGATION IS TO BE CONSIDERED IN MATTERS OF JIHAD ACCORDING TO THE OPINION OF UPRIGHT MEN OF RELIGION WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE IN WHAT PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD DO, RATHER THAN THOSE WHO MAINLY LOOK AT A MATTER FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF RELIGION. DO NOT ADOPT THEIR OPINION - NOT THE OPINION OF MEN OF RELIGION WHO HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN THE WORLD." A. H. (JURIDICAL SELECTIONS, P. 211)

IF THE PREVIOUS FATWAS WERE ISSUED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOU, LET

IT BE SAID THAT WHOEVER ISSUED IT DID SO ON FALSE PRETENCES. BUT IF IT WAS ISSUED BY YOU, DEFICIENCIES DUE TO GAPS IN YOUR SHARI'AH KNOWLEDGE ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF FAULTS IN IT, BUT RATHER A LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE SITUATION, AND OF THE EFFECTS OF SUCH FATWAS. IF THE FATWA AT THAT TIME DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONDITION, THEN IT WAS NOT CORRECT TO ISSUE IT. THIS REQUIRES THE MUFTI THEN TO VOID THE FATWA OR TRANSFER IT TO SPECIALISTS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF SHARI'AH, AND OF THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION. IT IS CLEAR THAT IMAM AHMAD BIN HANBAL DID NOT PROCEED WITH MANY QUESTIONS AS DID IMAM MALIK WHEN HE WAS ASKED ABOUT READINGS (TN: VARIATIONS IN THE TEXT OF THE QURAN) HE TURNED TO IMAM NAFI', MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ALL OF THEM.

DEAR SHAYKH: OUR GREAT CONCERN FOR THE CONDITION OF THE UMMAH AND ULEMA LIKE YOU IS THAT WHICH IMPELS US TO REMIND YOU THAT WE CONSIDER YOU AND THOSE LIKE YOU TO BE ABOVE BEING EXPLOITED BY THE RULING REGIME SO DETESTABLY. THEY THREW YOU INTO THE FACE OF EVERY PREACHER AND REFORMER. YOUR FATWAS AND POSITIONS SILENCED EVERY WORD OF TRUTH AND TRUE DA'WAH. OUR REPLY WAS ALSO DISCUSSED BY THE "ADVISORY," THE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, AND OTHERS.

DEAR SHAYKH: YOU ARE ADVANCED IN YEARS AND YOU WERE SKILLED IN THE SERVICE OF ISLAM PREVIOUSLY. FEAR GOD AND KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM THESE TYRANTS AND WRONGDOERS WHO HAVE PROCLAIMED WAR ON GOD AND HIS MESSENGER. BE WITH THE SPEAKERS OF TRUTH. YOU HAVE IN THE PIOUS ANCESTORS OF THE UMMAH AND THEIR RIGHTEOUS SUCCESSORS A GOOD EXAMPLE. AMONG THE MOST PROMINENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TRUE ULEMA WAS KEEPING DISTANT FROM SULTANS. IMAM ABU HANIFAH - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM - AND OTHERS FLED FROM WORKING WITH THE RULERS OF THEIR AGE DESPITE THE RULERS' GREAT PROBITY IN RELIGION WHEN COMPARED WITH THE RULERS OF TODAY, WHO DO NOT CONCEAL THE CORRUPTION OF THEIR RELIGION AND THEIR EVIL CONDITION. IN OUR TIME WHEN THE LEARNED SHAYKH 'ABDALLAH BIN HAMID - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM - PERCEIVED THE DANGER OF THE PATH ALONG WHICH THE RULING SAUDI GOVERNMENT WAS PROCEEDING, AND THE DANGER AND HARM ATTENDANT UPON IT FOR ANYONE WHO PARTICIPATED OR BECAME MIXED UP IN IT. HE IMMEDIATELY ESCAPED WITH HIS RELIGION AND RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SUPREME COURT. IMAM AL-KHATABI - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM - SAID, CONCERNING CALLING ON THESE RULERS, "I WISH I KNEW WHO CALLS UPON THEM TODAY AND DOES NOT CORRECT THEIR LIES AND WHO SPEAKS OF JUSTICE WHEN HE SEES THEIR COUNCILS AND WHO GIVES ADVICE AND IS ADVISED BY THEM?" (BOOK OF SECLUSION). AN AUTHENTIC HADITH STATES "WHO COMES TO THE DOOR OF THE SULTAN IS SUBJECT TO TEMPTATION." BEWARE, DEAR SHAYKH, OF INCLINING TO THESE PEOPLE IN WORD OR DEED, "AND DO NOT INCLINE TO THOSE WHO ARE UNJUST, LEST THE FIRE TOUCH YOU AND YOU HAVE NO GUARDIANS BESIDES GOD, THEN YOU SHALL NOT BE HELPED." (TN: QURAN 11:113)

THOSE WHO COULD NOT PROCLAIM THE TRUTH AND SPEAK IT OPENLY, ARE NOT LESS THAN THOSE WHO REFRAIN FROM SPEAKING OTHER THAN THE TRUTH. HE (MAY GOD BLESS HIM AND GRANT HIM PEACE) SAID, "HE WHO BELIEVES IN GOD AND THE LAST DAY, LET HIM SPEAK GOOD OR LET HIM BE SILENT." (AL-BUHAYRI RELATED IT).

FINALLY, WE ASK THAT YOU DO FIND IN YOURSELF THESE WORDS AND CONSIDER THEM POLITE ADVICE. DO NOT REQUIRE THEM TO BE MADE SECRET AND NOT ANNOUNCED. (TN: WORD PLAY. MADE SECRET 'ISRAR' AND ANNOUNCED 'ISHHAR' RHYME) THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE SERIOUS FAULTS, SOME OF THEM GREAT (TN: MORE WORD PLAY SERIOUS 'KHATIR' GREAT 'KABIR. '), FOR WHICH SILENCE IS NOT ALLOWED NOR IS DISREGARD PERMITTED.

WHAT WE HAVE MENTIONED TO YOU IS WELL KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE OF KNOWLEDGE. THE ELITE ULEMA AND PREACHERS OF THE UMMAH HAVE PREVIOUSLY MADE YOU AWARE OF THIS WHEN THEY PRESENTED TO YOU WITH NUMEROUS URGENT APPEALS IN THIS REGARD. THIS INCLUDES THEIR APPEAL TO YOU A WHILE AGO TO REFRAIN FROM ISSUING A FATWA PERMITTING THIS ALLEGED SURRENDER PEACE WITH THE JEWS, POINTING OUT THAT IT DOES NOT FULFILL THE CONDITION REQUIRED UNDER ISLAMIC LAW. THEY WARNED OF THE NUMEROUS RELIGIOUS AND WORLDLY DANGERS AS A CONSEQUENCE OF IT. AMONG THE SIGNATORIES OF THIS URGENT APPEAL WERE THE ESTEEMED SHAYKHS 'ABDALLAH BIN 'ABD-AL-RAHMAN ((BIN-JABRIN)), 'ABDALLAH BIN HASAN AL-((QU'UD)), HAMUD BIN 'ABDALLAH AL-((TUWAYJIRI)) - MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIM, HAMUD BIN 'ABDALLAH AL-((SHU'AYBI)), 'ABD-AL-RAHMAN BIN NASIR AL-((BARRAK)), SALMAN AL-((AWDAH)), IBRAHIM BIN SALIH AL-((KHUDAYRI)), 'ABD-AL-WAHHAB AL-NASIR AL-((TURAYRI)), IBRAHIM BIN MUHAMMAD AL-((DUBIAN)), 'ABDALLAH BIN HAMUD AL-((TUWAYJIRI)), 'ABDALLAH AL-((JALALI)), 'A'ID AL-((QARNI)), AND OTHER GREAT MEN - MAY GOD KEEP THEM ALL. YOU WILL FIND THE TEXT OF THEIR URGENT APPEAL WITH THIS LETTER, IF GOD WILLS.

IN THE RECENT YEMEN WAR WHEN THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY YOU, FIFTEEN ULEMA ISSUED A FATWA OPPOSING IT, EXPLAINING THE SHARI'AH JUSTIFICATION IN THIS MATTER. AMONG THESE ESTEEMED ULEMA WERE: 'ABDALLAH BIN SULAYMAN AL-((MAS'ARI)), HAMUD BIN 'ABDALLAH AL-SHU'AYBI, 'ABDALLAH AL-JALALI, SALMAN AL-'AWDAH, DR. SAFAR AL-((HAWALI)), DR. NASIR AL-((UMAR)), YAHYA BIN 'ABD-AL-'AZIZ AL-((YAHYA)), DR. 'ABDALLAH BIN HAMMUD AL-TUWAYJIRI, AND OTHER GREAT MEN - MAY GOD KEEP THEM ALL.

IN CONCLUSION WE ASK GOD (MAY HE BE BLESSED AND EXALTED) TO SHOW US THE TRUTH AS TRUTH, AND GIVE US THE GRACE TO FOLLOW IT. SHOW US FALSEHOOD TO BE FALSEHOOD, AND GIVE US THE GRACE TO AVOID IT. MAY HE ESTABLISH FOR THIS UMMAH GUIDANCE BY WHICH PEOPLE WHO SUBMIT TO HIM MAY BE HONORED AND THE PEOPLE WHO DISOBEY HIM BE DEBASED. MAY THE GOOD BE COMMANDED AND THE BAD FORBIDDEN. MAY

DECEPTION COME TO AN END, AND MAY THEY BE RULED WITH JUSTICE AND SPEAKING THE TRUTH OPENLY. MAY THE RIPPLING FLAG OF JIHAD BE RAISED HIGH SO THAT THE UMMAH MAY RESTORE ITS HONOR AND DIGNITY. MAY THE FLAG OF UNITY BE RAISED ABOVE ALL THE STOLEN LAND OF ISLAM BEGINNING WITH PALESTINE AND CONTINUING TO ANDALUSIA, AND OTHER LANDS OF ISLAM LOST DUE TO THE TREACHERY OF RULERS AND THE HELPLESSNESS OF MUSLIMS.

WE ALSO ASK GOD TO LOOK OVER US AND KEEP EVIL FROM US. WE ASK HIM TO HELP US TO SPEAK CORRECTLY AND TO DO RIGHT, AND TO SUCCEED IN DOING WHAT HE LOVES AND WHAT PLEASES HIM SO THAT WE MAY BE SATISFIED IN LIFE AND COME TO A GOOD END IN DEATH. HE CONTROLS THIS AND HAS THE POWER TO DO IT. FINALLY WE PRAY 'PRAISE BE TO GOD THE LORD OF THE WORLDS.'

DATED: 27/7/1415 AH  
CORRESPONDING TO 29 DECEMBER 1994 AD

ON THEIR BEHALF:

USAMAH BIN MUHAMMAD BIN LADIN

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REFORM AND ADVICE FOUNDATION  
OFFICE BRANCH, LONDON

REPORT NO. (12)  
THE SECOND LETTER

TO SHAYKH ABD AL-AZIZ BIN BAZ  
PRAISE TO ALLAH WHO PROVIDED THE HOLY BOOK TO LEAD PEOPLE FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT.

TO SHAYKH ABD AL-AZIZ ((BIN-BAZ)),

WE, AT THE REFORM AND ADVICE FOUNDATION, HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH AN OPEN LETTER IN OUR REPORT (11) REMINDING YOU OF ALLAH AND YOUR RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION TOWARDS THE UMMAH/(NATION). WE ALSO CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO A VARIETY OF FATWAS (TN: FORMAL RELIGIOUS LEGAL OPINIONS) AND POSITIONS REFLECTED BY YOU, WHICH INFLECTED HARM ON THE UMMAH AND THOSE WORKING FOR ISLAM, SUCH AS SCHOLARS AND PREACHERS.

THESE LATEST FATWAS HAVE SCARED MUSLIMS IN GENERAL AS WELL AS FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WEAKER MEN/WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PALESTINE IN

SPECIFIC. THEY SHOWED A DISTINCTIVE RELIGIOUS ASPECT TO ARAB LEADERS' POLITICAL TREASON BETRAYING ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER. YOU CONSIDERED WHAT THESE LEADERS DID, FROM SIGNING PEACE TREATIES CONSISTING OF TURNING PALESTINE OVER TO JEWS AND RECOGNIZING THEIR ETERNAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER IT, AS PERMISSIBLE RECONCILIATION WITH THE ENEMY.

WHEN THIS FATWA REACHES A DANGEROUS LEVEL AND SCHOLARS' VOICES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY DISCREDITED IT, ALONG WITH OUR PREVIOUS REPORT REGARDING THIS ISSUE, WE EXPECTED YOU TO TAKE A STAND AND REVERSE COURSE AFTER THE TRUTH CAME OUT AND EVIDENCE INDICATED THE INVALIDITY AND MISREPRESENTATION OF ITS CONTENTS.

EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED, NOT BECAUSE YOU CONFIRMED YOUR PREVIOUS FATWAS ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE "AL-MUSLIMUN" (MUSLIMS) NEWSPAPER ON JANUARY 20, 1995, EDITION NO. 520, BUT RATHER BY THE ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF HAVING PEACE WITH THE JEWS. THESE EXPLANATIONS CONTAINED CLAUSES THAT JEWS AND THEIR AGENTS DID NOT EVEN DREAM WOULD BE ISSUED WHEN THEY PRAISED AND CLAPPED THEIR HANDS AT YOUR PREVIOUS FATWA.

IN THIS LETTER WE WOULD LIKE TO BRIEFLY DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO SOME ISSUES NOT COVERED IN OUR PREVIOUS REPORT AND OTHER MATTERS TRIGGERED BY YOUR SECOND FATWA. WHAT WE HAVE STATED EARLIER, IN ADDITION TO THE CONTENT OF SCHOLARS' LETTERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, POINTS OUT THE INVALIDITY OF THESE FATWAS. THIS IS SUFFICIENT ENOUGH NOT TO LENGTHEN OUR TOPIC BUT TO SUMMARIZE IT AS FOLLOWS:

1) EVIDENCES YOU PROVIDED IN YOUR FIRST AND SECOND FATWAS ARE THE ULTIMATE PROOF TO PERMIT A TRUCE WITH THE ENEMY BASED UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY CONDITIONS.

RELIGIOUSLY SPEAKING, SCHOLARS SHOWED THAT WHAT IS CURRENTLY GOING ON IN PALESTINE IS NOT A TRUCE BECAUSE CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN MET, EXCEPT FOR WHAT THE ENEMY WANTS. THE SECOND PART OF THE DEAL CAME FROM A GROUP OF APOSTATE SECULAR ARAB LEADERS. THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE ON PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, AN ISLAMIC LAND, WHERE THE PROPHET ASCENDED TO HEAVEN. THE AGREEMENT'S CONTENT INDICATES THE JEWS' ETERNAL OWNERSHIP OF THIS LAND, -THUS PERMANENTLY CALLING OFF JIHAD. SINCE THE AGREEMENT WAS BASED ON AN INVALIDITY, IT MEANS THAT ANY AGREEMENT OF OWNERSHIP OF ANY PART OF ISLAMIC LAND IS VOID, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THE SO-CALLED "PEACE" IS INVALID IN ITS ENTIRETY.

STRANGE IS YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SO-CALLED "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY" AND HIS SECULARISTS GROUP AS BEING "IN CHARGE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE." FOR THIS REASON, IT HAS TO HONOR ITS OBLIGATIONS AND TREATIES WITH THE ENEMY. IT IS KNOWN THAT FATWAS FROM SCHOLARS INDICATE THAT

SECULARISM AMOUNTS TO ATHEISM; YOU WERE AMONG THOSE WHO CALLED FOR IT ON MANY OCCASIONS. THOSE INDIVIDUALS NEVER DID CONCEAL THEIR SECULAR IDEOLOGY, WHETHER IN THEIR ACTIONS, SAYINGS OR WRITINGS. HOW CAN THIS BE RIGHT IN LIGHT OF HOW THEY DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS BEING IN CHARGE OF "MUSLIM AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE?"

2) THIS FATWA'S CLAIM OF MUSLIMS' WEAKNESS AND INABILITY TO FIGHT JEWS IS INVALID, BECAUSE, ON THE ONE HAND, SUBJECT EXPERTS DID NOT ISSUE IT. WHOEVER IS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THESE MATTERS DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO ARBITRATE, EVEN IF HE IS CORRECT. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE, WHO AMONG THESE EXPERTS SAID THAT MORE THAN A BILLION MUSLIMS WHO OWN THE LARGEST NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE WORLD WITH STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ARE UNABLE TO DEFEAT 5 MILLION JEWS IN PALESTINE?

TODAY, THE MUSLIMS' AILMENT IS NOT MILITARY WEAKNESS OR FINANCIAL POVERTY, BUT RATHER THEIR LEADERS' BETRAYAL, REGIMES' FAILURES, PLUS SCHOLARS' ACCEPTANCE OF CURRENT SITUATIONS AND BEFRIENDING BAD LEADERS. THE ISLAMIC NATION DOES NOT HAVE A SHORTAGE OF MONEY, MANPOWER AND/OR EQUIPMENT. IT DID NOT WIN ITS HISTORIC WARS BASED ON THAT; BUT IT IS MISSING SCHOLARS SUCH AS "BIN TAYMIYAH" AND LEADERS LIKE "SALAH AL-DIN" (VAR: SALADIN) , MAY ALLAH HAVE MERCY ON THEIR SOULS.

THE HEROIC OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY YOUNG PALESTINIANS CONFIRM THIS THEORY. IT HAS CREATED FEAR AND INFLICTED HARM ON THE ENEMY. WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE IF THE NATION'S EFFORTS WERE GEARED TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE?

3) REGARDING YOUR STATEMENT ABOUT HAVING PEACE WITH THE JEWS, INCLUDING AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION; THIS CONTRADICTS WHAT YOU DECLARED WHEN YOU SAID THAT JEWISH OWNERSHIP OF PALESTINE IS A "TEMPORARY ONE." ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, A DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE, WHICH "PEACE" INCLUDES, IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATION FORBIDDING ONE COUNTRY FROM INTERVENING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WHICH COULD UNDERMINE ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TOTAL CONTROL OF ITS TERRITORIES.

JEWS NEVER DREAMED OF INVADING THE ISLAMIC NATION NOR EXPLOITING ITS RESOURCES MORE THAN WHAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED THEM BY GIVING RELIGIOUS CONSENT TO ESTABLISH EMBASSIES, ISLAMIC COMMERCIAL CENTERS IN FRONT OF THEIR EMBASSIES, ESPIONAGE CENTERS AND LAUNCHING IMMORALITY AND IDEOLOGIES. THIS IS A NECESSARY STEP LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GREATER ISRAEL, EXTENDING FROM THE NILE TO THE EUPHRATES AND THROUGH LARGE PORTIONS OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA.

4) ACCORDING TO THIS ALLEGED PEACE, YOU STATED THAT JEWS' OWNERSHIP OF PALESTINE IS A "TEMPORARY ONE," WHICH CONTRADICTS

REALITY. MOST OF THESE TREATIES' CLAUSES INCLUDING THE CAMP DAVID ACCORD WITH EGYPT, GAZA AND JERICHO ACCORDS WITH PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AND WADI 'ARABA'S ACCORD WITH JORDAN, INDICATE AN ETERNAL OWNERSHIP. MOST OF THESE ACCORDS WERE THE ONES THAT CALLED FOR A RETURN OF WHAT WAS OCCUPIED IN PALESTINE DURING THE 1967 WAR IN RETURN FOR ARAB RELINQUISHMENT OF WHAT WAS OCCUPIED DURING THE 1948 WAR. THIS IS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "LAND FOR PEACE." LET US ASSUME THAT JEWS GIVE UP WHAT THEY OCCUPIED IN 1967, -WHICH IS UNLIKELY BECAUSE THEY INSIST THAT JERUSALEM, OCCUPIED IN 1967, IS THEIR ETERNAL CAPITAL. UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY CAN THEY INSIST ON HAVING WHAT WAS OCCUPIED IN 1948, KNOWING THAT ANY AGREEMENT FOR WHICH MUSLIMS GIVE UP LAND IS INVALID?

IF YOU WANT TO CONFIRM THIS, YOU CAN REVIEW ALL ACCORDS; THEN YOU WILL KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT. IT IS A DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF JEWISH ETERNAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER WHAT WAS OCCUPIED IN 1948. WITHOUT SUCH RECOGNITION, JEWS WOULD NOT HAVE LAND; HENCE NO COUNTRY WITH WHICH TO RECONCILE, HAVE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE, COMMERCIAL COOPERATION, AND OTHER THINGS THAT YOU SAID WERE PERMISSIBLE. IT IS KNOWN THAT ANY SO-CALLED ISRAELI LAND WAS EITHER OCCUPIED IN 1948 OR 1967. IT DOES NOT POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL LAND. SO HOW COULD IT BE STATED THAT THEIR LAND OWNERSHIP IS TEMPORARY KNOWING THAT ALL PARTIES DESCRIBE WHAT IS GOING ON AS "TOTAL AND ETERNAL PEACE"?

THE UMMAH, IN GENERAL, AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, SPECIFICALLY, WERE EXPECTING YOU TO HONOR YOUR RELIGIOUS DUTIES BY INSTIGATING JIHAD AND SUPPORTING MEMBERS AND GROUPS BEHIND IT. THEY DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO ANNOUNCE SUCH A FATWA THAT ACCUSES FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF A SIN FOR WANTING TO LIBERATE JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE. YOU ACCUSED THEM BECAUSE THEY CONDUCTED JIHAD OPERATIONS AGAINST JEWS BREACHING THE GAZA AND JERICHO ACCORDS SIGNED BY "THE GOVERNOR OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE" AS YOU CLAIMED. BREACHING SUCH AN ACCORD SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE PROHIBITED.

THIS FATWA HAS FRUSTRATED THOSE WHO PROVIDED THEIR SONS, BROTHERS AND HUSBANDS AS MARTYRS FOR ALLAH'S SAKE TO LIBERATE JERUSALEM AND PALESTINE. ACCORDING TO THIS FATWA, THESE INDIVIDUALS DIED AS SINNERS SINCE THEY BREACHED AN ACCORD SIGNED BY "THE GOVERNOR OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS IN PALESTINE." THAT IS WHAT YOUR FATWA MEANT. ARE YOU AWARE OF WHAT YOU ARE SAYING? OR ARE YOU SAYING ABOUT ALLAH WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW? IF YOU HAPPEN NOT TO KNOW, THAT IS A PROBLEM. HOWEVER, IF YOU KNEW, IT IS EVEN WORSE.

5) WHAT IS FRIGHTENING IS NOT THIS FATWA'S ISSUANCE, BUT RATHER THE PROCEDURAL BASIS THAT YOU FOLLOWED IN SUCH ISSUANCE. WHAT DISTINGUISHES THESE FATWAS IS THE FOLLOWING:

1) IT STARTS WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF CONFORMING WITH LEADERS IN THEIR POLICIES AND APPROVING THEIR BEHAVIOR



- 2) FOR THIS REASON, TRUTH GETS TWISTED TO MEET THESE WISHES
- 3) IF IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE, LEADERS WOULD FIND A WAY AROUND IT
- 4) IT IS PROHIBITED TO ISSUE A FATWA THAT IS BASED ON LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
- 5) IN RESPONSE TO LEADERS' EVER-CHANGING DESIRES, THIS FATWA IS CHARACTERIZED BY CONTRADICTION AND OPPOSITION

WE HAVE STATED EXAMPLES IN OUR PREVIOUS LETTER THAT CONFIRM WHAT WE ARE SAYING.

THIS METHOD IS INVALID BECAUSE THE ISSUANCE OF A FATWA IS BASED ON ASPIRATION. AS BIN AL-QA'IM SAID, GOD BLESS HIS SOUR, AND AS JUDGE ABU AL-WALID AL-BAJI NOTED TO HIS FRIEND ABOUT SOME PEOPLE DURING HIS TIME WHO CLAIMED CREDIT FOR ISSUING FATWAS, "IF SOMETHING GOOD COMES FROM IT, HE WOULD CLAIM TO HAVE ISSUED THE FATWA. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AS AGREED UPON BY THOSE WHO SPECIALIZE IN THIS AREA."

IF THIS WERE THE JUDGMENT OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE WHAT SERVES THEIR NEEDS, WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE FOR THOSE WHO MAKE UP FATWAS THAT OPPOSE THAT WHAT SCHOLARS HAVE AGREED UPON?

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CRITIQUE IS TO SHOW MISTAKES TO BE AVOIDED. THIS IS THE SCHOLARS' RIGHT APPROACH. IMAM AL-NAWAWI SAYS, "SHOW WHAT IS PREFERABLE, DISCREDIT WHAT IS NOT RIGHT, FALSIFY WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AND EXAGGERATED IN DISCREDITING ITS AUTHOR. I MEAN TO WARN AGAINST DECEPTION."

WE ARE WARNING THE UMMAH OF THE DANGER OF SUCH DISCREDITED FATWAS THAT DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE ASKING UMMAH TO GO BACK TO FATWAS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THOSE WHO COMBINED RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE WITH CURRENT AFFAIRS, WHO BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF ALLAH AND WHO DID THE RIGHT THING AND DID NOT FEAR ANYONE BY NOT SPEAKING OUT. THE REGIME BECAME UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THEM. IT PUT THEM IN JAILS, EXPELLED THEM FROM THEIR JOBS AND BANNED THEM FROM VOICING THEIR CONCERNS.

WE ARE CALLING ON YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM THOSE CORRUPT LEADERS WHO USED YOU FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES, AGAINST PREACHERS AND REFORMISTS. WE ARE MAKING YOU FEAR WITH WHAT ALLAH HAS FRIGHTENED HIS MOST PREFERRED CREATURES AND HIS LAST MESSENGER WHEN HE SAID, "AND THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO TEMPT THEE AWAY FROM THAT WHICH HE HAS REVEALED UNTO THEE, TO SUBSTITUTE IN OUR NAME SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT (IN THAT CASE), BEHOLD! THEY WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE MADE THEE (THEIR) FRIEND! AND HAD WE NOT GIVEN THEE STRENGTH, THOU WOULDST NEARLY HAVE INCLINED TO THEM A

LITTLE. IN THAT CASE WE WOULD HAVE MADE THEE TASTE A DOUBLE PORTION (OF PUNISHMENT) IN THIS LIFE, AND AN EQUAL PORTION IN DEATH: AND MOREOVER THOU WOULDST HAVE FOUND NONE TO HELP THEE AGAINST US!"

IF THIS THREATENING LANGUAGE WAS FROM GOD TO HIS MOST PREFERRED CREATURE SO HE WOULD NOT BEFRIEND THEM, EVEN LITTLE BIT, WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE FOR THE ONE WHO BEFRIENDS THEM A LOT?

WE ALSO REMIND YOU OF THOSE OF WHOM ALLAH SAYS, "THEY MAY BEAR, ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, THEIR OWN BURDENS IN FULL, AND ALSO SOME OF THE BURDENS OF THOSE WHO ARE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE, THOSE WHOM THEY MISLEAD. ALAS, HOW GRIEVOUS THE BURDENS THEY WILL BEAR!"

DESPITE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS ISSUE, THE UMMAH BEGAN TO MOVE AWAY FROM THESE FATWAS THAT YOU ISSUED AS MANY VOICES OF CONDEMNATION AND REFUSAL ROSE AGAINST THEM, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. TRUST HAS BEEN PUT UPON THOSE SCHOLARS AND PREACHERS, THOSE BEHIND BARS, UPON WHOM THESE FATWAS HAVE INFLICTED HARM FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THEM, SUCH AS SHAYKH SALMAN AL-(( 'AWDAH)), SHAYKH SAFAR AL-((HAWALI)) AND THEIR BROTHERS, MAY ALLAH RELIEVE THEM.

THIS DISINTEREST IN YOUR FATWAS, EVEN OF PEOPLE LESS DANGEROUSLY (TN: THAN YOU) WHO ARE MISGUIDED, DOES NOT EXCUSE YOU FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT HAS BEEN PUT UPON YOU TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.

FINALLY, WE TELL YOU, IF YOU CANNOT BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SPEAKING THE TRUTH AND OF SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST LEADERS, THEN YOU SHOULD REMOVE YOURSELF FROM OFFICIAL POSITIONS IN WHICH THE REGIME HAS PLACED YOU, AND LEAVE THOSE LEADERS WHO DECLARED WAR AGAINST ALLAH. IN THIS WAY YOU WILL NOT SUFFER AS THEY WILL. FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH AS DETERMINED BY THE PROPHET, PEACE BE UPON HIM, WHEN HE SAID "WATCH YOUR TONGUE, LET YOUR HOUSE BE SPACIOUS AND CRY OVER YOUR MISTAKES."

WE ASK ALLAH WITH HIS 99 ATTRIBUTED NAMES TO PROVIDE THIS UMMAH WITH SINCERE SCHOLARS, IMAMS AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS SO THAT THIS UMMAH WILL RECLAIM ITS GLORY AND BE THE BEST. WE ALSO ASK HIM TO GUIDE US TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

USAMAH BIN MUHAMMAD BIN LADIN

DATE: JAN/29/1995

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PRINCE SALMAN AND RAMADAN' ALMS

THE SAUDI REGIME EXPLOITED THE NATION, BESIEGED ITS RESOURCES AND HAD ITS HANDS ON ITS CAPABILITIES (I.E. ASSETS) IN ORDER TO PREVENT IT FROM SERVING ISLAM AND ALLOWING MUSLIMS TO BENEFIT FROM IT. ACCORDING TO THIS POLICY, THE REGIME HAS SEIZED ITS CITIZENS' LIBERTIES AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS. THE REGIME SILENCED, JAILED, AND DEPRIVED SCHOLARS AND THOSE SPEAKING THE TRUTH OF THEIR RIGHTS. IT PUNISHES WHOEVER EXERCISED HIS RIGHTS AND HIS DUTIES IN DEFENDING THE UMMAH'S RELIGIOUS RIGHTS BY FACING THE REGIME'S INJUSTICE.

BESIDE THE REGIME'S POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL BLOCKADE, IT ALSO EXERCISED A HARSH ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL (POLICY) AS WELL. PART OF THIS BLOCKADE WAS DISSOLVING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT USED TO DELIVER DONATIONS FROM CITIZENS TO THE MANY NEEDY PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. IT REPLACED THEM WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND FOUNDATIONS SUBSERVIENT TO ROYAL FAMILY MEMBERS AND PARTICULARLY, PRINCE SALMAN. IT IS AS THOUGH HE IS SAYING TO THE NATION, YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF THESE DONATIONS. TO GIVE IT A RELIGIOUS LEGITIMACY, HE (THE PRINCE) DESCRIBED IT AS A POPULAR ONE, AND A FATWA WAS ISSUED BY ONE OF THE REGIME'S MUFTI (TN: RELIGIOUS LEGAL ADVISORS WHO ISSUE RELIGIOUS/FORMAL LEGAL OPINIONS). SHAYKH BIN BAZ CLAIMED THAT IT WAS RELIGIOUSLY LEGITIMATE AND URGED DONATIONS. IT IS KNOWN THAT HEADING THESE FOUNDATIONS WITH PEOPLE LIKE SALMAN REMOVE ANY POPULAR LEGITIMACY FROM THEM. IN ADDITION, BIN BAZ'S FATWA DOES NOT GIVE IT A RELIGIOUS LEGITIMACY BECAUSE OF WHAT WAS KNOWN ABOUT HIM (TN: BIN BAZ) REGARDING ISSUING FATWAS FAVORING THE REGIME. SOME EXAMPLES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN OUR PREVIOUS REPOSSES, SUCH AS THE LEGALITY OF PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) PRINCE SALMAN WAS NEVER KNOWN TO BE INTERESTED AND CARE FOR MUSLIMS' AFFAIRS. ON THE CONTRARY, HE WAS KNOWN FOR WORKING AGAINST ISLAM AND ITS PEOPLE
- 2) THE SAUDI REGIME IS KNOWN TO TAKE OVER ALL DONATIONS, SUCH AS THE CASE WHEN IT USED POPULAR DONATIONS FOR AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AS A MEANS TO PRESSURE THEM TO SECURE WESTERN AND PARTICULARLY U.S. POLICIES. IT ALSO USED IT FOR ITS OWN PERSONAL GAINS. LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM DONATIONS FOR PEOPLE IN BOSNIA HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO GERMAN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION THERE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE SAUDI REGIME'S SPENDING GOES TO SUPPORTING COMMUNISM AND CHRISTIANS AGAINST MUSLIMS; SUCH AS THE CASE OF YEMENI COMMUNISTS, DUSTUM, AN AFGHAN COMMUNIST, THE "AL-KATA'IB" PARTY IN LEBANON AND OTHERS.
- 3) THE REASON BEHIND THIS PROCEDURE DOES NOT ENCOURAGE GOOD DEEDS, AS THE REGIME CLAIMS, BUT RATHER THE FOLLOWING:

1) PREVENTS THESE FUNDS FROM BEING DELIVERED TO AREAS WHERE THEY COULD BE USED TO SERVE ISLAM AND MUSLIMS FOLLOWING THE PRINCIPLE "DO NOT SPEND ON THOSE WHO ARE WITH THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH TILL THEY DESIST." THIS EXPLAINS THE TIMING OF THE REGIME'S LATEST WAVE REGARDING THIS ISSUE AND THE US PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO FREEZE ISLAMIC FOUNDATIONS' ASSETS THAT OPPOSE THE "PEACE" PLAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THESE PROCEDURES ARE A PART OF THE JOINT POLICY OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO FREEZE SUPPORT RESOURCES INTENDED FOR ISLAM, MUSLIMS, FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OTHERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW OUR BROTHERS' ATTENTION TO THE DANGER OF DEPOSITING THEIR MONIES INTO US BANKS BECAUSE IT COULD BE FROZEN, BASED ON THESE ALLEGATIONS.

2) THE REGIME TRIED TO CONCEAL ITS WRONGDOINGS AGAINST ISLAM AND MUSLIMS BUT ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ENEMIES AS WELL. IN ADDITION, IT FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED THE ALGERIAN REGIME WITH \$2 BILLION TO SUPPRESS MUSLIMS THERE. ON ANOTHER FRONT, IT PROVIDED THE SOVIET COMMUNIST REGIME WITH \$4 BILLION TO OPPRESS THE MUSLIM POPULATIONS THERE, AS IS THE CASE IN CHECHNYA. IT IS KNOWN AMONG SCHOLARS THAT SUPPORTING INFIDELS AGAINST MUSLIMS IS AGAINST ISLAM.

3) BASED ON WHAT WAS STATED, WE, AT THE REFORM AND ADVICE FOUNDATION, WHILE CELEBRATING THIS BLESSED MONTH AS A MONTH OF GIVING FOR ALLAH'S SAKE, WISH TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF ALL DONORS TO THE DANGER OF DONATING FUNDS OR ZAKAT TO THESE FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE REGIME IS USING THEM AGAINST ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER. WE ARE ASKING THE DONORS TO PROVIDE THESE FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE NEEDY, WHETHER, INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. THEY COULD ALSO PROVIDE IT TO THOSE TRUSTED INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL DELIVER THEM (TN: TO TRUSTED PEOPLE). THIS WAY, HEARTS WILL BE ASSURED THAT THESE DONATIONS ARE DELIVERED TO LEGITIMATE NEEDY PEOPLE, WITHOUT HAVING ABUSERS FROM THE AL-SA'UD (FAMILY) MEDDLE WITH IT. ALLAH SAYS, "ALLAH ORDERS YOU TO GIVE CONSIGNMENT TO HIS PEOPLE." IT IS KNOWN THAT THESE LEADERS CANNOT BE TRUSTED. THERE ARE OTHER SAFE WAYS YOU THAT CAN ASSIST IN DELIVERING FUNDS TO THOSE WHO DESERVE THEM. AMONG THEM ARE, BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATIONS IN QATAR, KUWAIT, JORDAN, YEMEN, SUDAN, AND OTHERS. TO ASSURE THAT THE FUNDS TRANSFER TO THESE FOUNDATIONS' BANK ACCOUNTS, WE DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSFERRING THESE FUNDS OUTSIDE THE PENINSULA, AWAY OF THE PURSUING REGIME'S SPIES.

FINALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MUSLIMS OF THE BENEFIT OF GIVING FOR ALLAH'S SAKE, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS MONTH.

WE ASK ALLAH TO ACCEPT FROM US ALL OUR FASTING, OFFERINGS AND ALL WE DO, NOT ONLY IN THIS MONTH (RAMADAN), BUT OTHERS AS WELL. PRAISE BE TO ALLAH.