



## Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri: "A Call to Help Our People in Gaza"

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"...In the name of almighty Allah, praise be to Allah, and peace be upon his messenger and his servants. To our Muslim brothers everywhere, may peace be upon you and may you enjoy the mercy and blessings of Allah."

"Israeli aircraft are bombarding our people and brothers in Gaza—the result of a decision by America, a siege by Egypt, and a conspiracy by the Arab [rulers]. The conspiracy in Gaza has achieved success. The Jewish bombs are falling on the heads of our people, the Israeli tanks are aimed at their hearts, and the Egyptian border and security forces are at their backs—refusing to offer them any assistance, interfering with food and medical supplies, preventing evacuation of the wounded, and imposing a siege on them from the southwest until the Jews are able to determine the best ways of killing and imprisoning whoever they wish, and destroying whatever they want. [Egyptian President] Hosni Mubarak is repeating the same dirty role with the Jews that was played by Lebanese Christian forces in Sabra and Shatila. The faces may have changed, but the essential issue remains the same. It is the same treachery under a different slogan."

"Hence, O' Muslims, today is your day. Attack the interests of the Jews and the Americans and all of those taking part in the offensive against the Muslims. Select your targets, collect the appropriate funds, assemble your equipment, plan [your attacks] accurately, and then charge towards your targets, while placing your trust in Allah and asking him to permit you to die as martyrs and ascend to paradise. O' Muslims, your cries during public demonstrations have created an atmosphere of anger, [but] they have been fruitless. If, today, you abandon our people in Gaza to their fate while you limit yourself merely to shouting and demonstrating, then tomorrow the circle will close upon you, and the Christians and Jews will kill you while others may be shouting and demonstrating. There is no place today for those who claim that the battlefield with the Jews is limited to Palestine, and we have to obey the call of Allah to 'fight the infidels everywhere as they fight you everywhere and know that Allah is with those who obey him.'"



“Let us hit their interests everywhere, as they hit our interests everywhere. Let them know that for every dollar they invest in killing Muslims, we will pay them back with blood. Any bullet that they fire at us will be returned upon them as a volcano. They will not be allowed to curse and ridicule our prophet, may be upon him, while living in safety and security in their own countries, all while the Jews kill our persecuted and besieged brethren. This evil alliance between the crusaders, the Jews, and the Arab leaders—such as Mubarak, al-Saud, Ibn al-Hussein, and their ilk—demonstrates its cruelty and depravity to us on a daily basis. They impose sieges on our brethren, torture our mujahideen and arrest them, and they have recognized Israel. Moreover, we have been ruled by beggars and helpless rulers who believe humiliation will favor us, and surrender will save us.”

“Let us confront this evil alliance. Let us cast out its lies. Let us defend our people with our money and ourselves—and not just with shouting and screaming. Our final call is to almighty Allah; may the prayers of Allah be upon his messenger Mohammed, and may peace, Allah’s mercy, and blessings be upon you.”