



Ayman al-Zawahiri: “Annapolis: The Betrayal”

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“...Recently, the Annapolis conference was convened in order to Judaize Palestine. At its opening, the crusader Emperor of Washington gathered sixteen Arab countries with the paralyzed and weak members from the [Arab] League and the League’s Secretary General, Amro Musa—who is the first such official to sit in the same room and at the same table as the Israelis. The governments and the League attended the conference as the corrupt witnesses to the last deal in a line of treacherous deals to sell Palestine, a land that so often they have abandoned, washed their hands of, and passed on to the Jews. [Ehud] Olmert stood at the conference and urged the Palestinians to acknowledge the Jewish state of Israel. He spoke about Jews as victims and called upon the Arabs to normalize the relations with them. At the same time, Mahmud Abbas stood by and ignored the killing and starvation of Palestinians.”

“To complete the deception of the crusaders, America is preparing a proposition to present to the United Nations Security Council which includes the agreements from Annapolis. It is meant to force a decision, on behalf of the Council, on the Muslim nation in Palestine and on the rest of the Islamic countries in the name of their new religion of ‘international legitimacy’. I am astounded by the actions of the diplomats, who conceded 80% of Palestine and empowered Mahmud Abbas to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians in the palaces of Mecca. Afterwards, they condemned the conference once they perceived the future disaster being wrought by their brother President Mahmud Abbas. And yet now, even after condemning the conference, the traitor Abbas is still president, the agent Abbas still continues to call for dialog, and the salesman Abbas keeps on receiving legitimacy. We must return to the pure uncompromising faith, which forbids these political tricks and diplomatic fraud that destroys both the religion and the world.”



“It is about time to declare that you [the Palestinians] are mujahideen who aspire to implement Shariah law—and that you renounce popular sovereignty and every other sovereignty besides that of the Quran and Sunnah. You must declare that you will take action to support the cause of establishing the Caliphate and fight until Allah’s word reigns supreme, and religion shall be

exclusively for Allah. You will act to free every conquered part of the Islamic world—starting in Andalusia and ending with Chechnya. You, the rest of the mujahideen, and Muslims in general will form a united jihad of one nation against the Zionist crusader enemy. Likewise, it is time to declare that you wash your hands of the Mecca agreement and the international agreements that have sold out Palestine. You must also resist everything which was forced upon you by the global crusade known as ‘international legitimacy’, which is designed to remove the skin of Palestine and judaize it.”

“Moreover, it is time you declare that you are not a national resistance movement—but rather a fighting Islamic movement, which is above nationalism and believes in Islamic brotherhood, and will not accede anything but Shariah rule. It is also time for you to offer a rope of brotherhood and friendship to all the mujahideen—among them, those in Chechnya whom you abandoned for the sake of false promises from Russia, which stem from a political scheme which brings nothing but loss. It is also time for you to know who your real brothers are—those who haven’t abandoned you, even though you accused them of terrorism and radicalism. [They] won’t stop working to free Palestine and encouraging the Islamic nation to do the same, even if you flatter the West by condemning them.”

“It is time that you understand that mujahideen everywhere are closer and more faithful to you than Mahmud Abbas, Mohammed Dahlan, and the rest of them. Why do you pretend that you have forgotten about Abu Musab al-Zarqawi (may Allah have mercy on him), who said: ‘we fight in Iraq while our eyes are fixed on Jerusalem’, but you still remember your brother president, who keeps selling you out over and over again, as in Annapolis?”

“My Muslim brothers in Palestine: we and the rest of the mujahideen are steadfast alongside you in your jihad and your confrontation against the Zionist crusader enemy. We won’t abandon you, with the help of Allah, no matter what concessions may be offered by your politicians, even if they are from genuine Islamic movements. For this is a religious matter and a commandment—one of the most sacred places in Islam, which we will redeem with our souls, our sons, our families, and our money. My Muslim brothers in Palestine: join together under the flag of Islam and the path of jihad in the cause of Allah, and abandon these secular organizations that have sold you out in Madrid, Oslo, Camp David, Wye River, Sharm al-Sheikh, and Annapolis—and, instead, put your trust in almighty Allah.”

“As for the mufti of the Saudi royal family who claims that his ruler [the King of Saudi Arabia] is the guardian of the Muslims and their honor—we ask him, what do you say about the Annapolis conference? Is it another link in the chain of the sale of Palestine or is it a doorway leading to goodness and profit? Abdullah bin Abdelaziz [the King of Saudi Arabia] consented to it and Saud Bin Faisal [the Minister of Foreign Affairs] attended as one of the corrupt witnesses, as a sign of deference to the crusaders. Tell us, O’ Mufti, why don’t you say anything about the Annapolis conference? Or are you waiting for the Saudi family to brief you, as they are waiting for the Americans to brief them?”

“As for the cowardly reformers—those who have recognized [Egyptian President] Hosni Mubarak as the guardian of Muslim affairs and watched as Sadat was assassinated, those who condemned the attack on America, those who were surprised that the Taliban didn’t hand over Usama Bin Laden, and wondered how they didn’t profit from the Americans, those who promised to hand over anyone who seeks to harm their benefactor Mubarak—I ask of them... is what you said in Annapolis an invention of your guardian [Mubarak] and his son, the rising star in the field of surrender to America? Is it part of the Zionist crusader plan to take over the land of the Muslims? Or is it another success on the path started by your martyr, Sadat?”

“As for those who seek to retreat... those who humiliate the Muslim nation for its devotion to jihad and demand that it be patient while its enemies are on the attack and exploit its resources and land... Oh, those who surrender, guide us to correct the mistakes you have made in Annapolis in the same way you did for what you claimed were the mistakes of the mujahideen. It is your

treacherous guardian who sends a delegation to take part in this deal. What is your ruling regarding him? Is he a Muslim caliph or a despicable traitor, bowing to the Jews and crusaders? Tell us, so that the facts will be revealed.”

“Here, I move on and address the lions held in the crusader jails, who are steadfast in their beliefs: Don’t be afraid of the media coverage surrounding those who surrender, because they will soon be exposed... This American religion is a false one, because it is in opposition to Allah’s command. In the meantime, Muslims witness as their enemies attack them, their religion, their homelands, and their sacred places. And this is the simple truth, which was revealed by those who have struggled, such as El-Hajj Malik al-Shabazz, or Malcolm X, who discovered that Islam is the religion of freedom.”

“Meanwhile, those who claim to be knowledgeable rely upon a media campaign to try and confuse Islam and humiliate the Muslim nation. Therefore, the Muslim nation must be cautious when reading religious verdicts and of these various claims, which try to infect the nation with the illness of deference to the wishes of the crusaders and Jewish enemy. This is because one Mufti allows a Muslim to fight under the American flag against his Muslim brothers in Afghanistan, a second forbids helping other Muslims without approval from the official in charge (who is an agent of crusaders), and a third tells us to be silent and invest in developing our resources and nurturing our children because we are helpless and poor. All these claims serve the interest of the enemies our Islamic nation, and that makes them pleased. We will reply to these claims and will reveal the truth to the nation. I want to note the connection of these claims to Annapolis and the damage that they are causing to the Islamic nation during this sensitive period. Those who make these claims desire to weaken the Islamic nation in general, while ignoring its magnificent victories in Afghanistan and Iraq and the failure (praise be to Allah) of the American plan to swallow the region.”

“O, our Muslim nation! This is a new plot against Palestine and the lands of Islam. Stand by your brothers in Palestine, don’t reject the mujahideen, and don’t abandon them between the hammer of their own politicians and the anvil of the Zionist crusader enemy. Stand by them in any way you can—with your souls, your money, your knowledge, and eliminate Zionist crusader targets.”

“I address to the Muslim nation in Egypt in particular: where are you in the fight against the enemy? How can you let Egypt to become a base of support for the crusaders? Work to oppose this, and be aware of the sedatives of weakness and surrender that your treacherous government is trying to administer to those who support retreat and surrender, who claim that we must unite with Mubarak to fight against Israel. I ask them, where are we supposed to unite with him? In Oslo? Sharm al-Sheikh? Annapolis? And what are we going to agree with him about? Training thousands of Palestinian police officers to fight Hamas? Or about the trucks loaded with weapons that he supplies to Mahmud Abbas and Mohammed Dahlan? Or about cutting Gaza off to prevent the provisioning of weapons and aid to the mujahideen? He keeps food and medications from reaching all Palestinians! Or how about the arrests and torture of anyone who tries to help the mujahideen in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Palestine? Or perhaps about the imprisonment of women, children, and the sick at the Rafah border crossing, according to the plans of Washington and Tel Aviv? Or should we agree with him over the abuse of thousands in the Sinai in order to protect Israeli commerce there?”

“...Soldiers of Islam... your ancestors emerged from the Arabian Peninsula in order to fight for Allah and in order to spread Islam, whereas, the regime of Mubarak today wants you to serve the despicable interests of Israeli commerce in the recreation centers of the Sinai. The regime of Mubarak—which has killed your youth, jailed your sons... invaded your houses, and wounded your pride—now wants you to join it in laying siege to your brothers in faith in Palestine, while Allah wishes for you to follow his path [of jihad]...”

“I say to the soldiers and officers in the Egyptian army: do not help the crusaders and Jews in blockading your brothers in Palestine merely because America seeks to surround the Muslims in

the Gaza Strip. Support Allah and his messenger, and not them... You must pass along to your brothers, the mujahideen in Palestine, whatever they need, despite of the opposition of the crusaders and their agents.”

“I say to the Muslims in the lands of the Islamic Maghreb [North Africa]: your governments have sent delegations to Annapolis to bear witness the sale of Palestine, while your brothers and sons—the mujahideen—are sacrificing their blood and souls in the fight against the crusaders and their agents... My Muslim nation: we swear to Allah that we will refuse to lay down our weapons, we will not stop waging jihad, and we will not surrender our faith, nor Andalusia, nor Ceuta and Melilla, nor Bosnia, Kosovo, Cyprus, Jerusalem, Haifa, Um Rashrash [Eilat], Baghdad, Kabul, Kashmir, and Grozny—even if they hold a thousand such conferences in Oslo or Annapolis or London...”