

Speech of Mr. Abd Rab Al-Rasoul Saiaf
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In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate,

Praise be to God, Blessings and Peace be Upon Our Master, Beloved and Imam; Imam of the pious and Leader of the Mujahidins - Our beloved as well as His; Peace and Blessings be upon Him, His Kinship, His Companions - and those guided by His guidance till the Day of Judgment.

I pray to the Almighty to make you and me among the most triumphant who said: "Those who believe, and have left their homes and striven with their wealth and their lives in Allah's way are of much greater worth in Allah's sight. These are they who are triumphant. Their Lord gives them good tidings of mercy from Him, and acceptance, and Gardens where enduring pleasure will be theirs; there they will abide forever. Lo! With Allah there is immense reward." And those about whom Prophet Mohammad Peace and Blessings be upon him, says: "In their work is commitment, a day spent in His name is better than the wealth of the whole world; the slave endeavors, in His name is better than the wealth of the whole world." They are those about whom He also says: "None of the slaves whose feet are dust-covered in God's name, will Fire touch them."

My Brother in God, King of Saudi Arabia

My Brother in God, the Second Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense and Aviation and the Inspector General

Your Excellencies

Your Eminences

Eminent Audience

Brethren in Religion, Doctrine and Faith, Peace, Mercy and Blessing be upon you;

Dear Brethren,

In considering my gratitude for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its King, government and people and in its recognition and support for struggling Afghanistan and its poor hungry and homeless Mujahidins, whose homes were destroyed and their country burnt down and whose children and women slaughtered in front of their sight, I call for my brothers, in my country, from this place and ask their permission to receive this prize, which they themselves won and which I receive on their behalf, in this gracious ceremony. I have, but to say that: "Go on in your righteous path for you are used to facing a fierce enemy who wishes to inflict your nation and encircle the Islamic World as well as eradicate its Religion and Faith. You have saved nothing for your mundane world; you have sacrificed soul and property for nothing but for God's Word; you have sacrificed your heads for the dignity of Islam"; I cannot but say: "Go on in your path between fires and in the showers of shells and missiles, but remember God's Messenger's Words to Yasser Family: "Patience Yasser Family! Paradise is your promise!" Therefore, Patience! People of Afghanistan, children of the nation, you who renewed your nation's history with your

blood; Patience People of Afghanistan! Victory and Paradise are your promise – God Willing”

I request permission from those children, to receive this prize, which expresses an insight of recognition and appreciation of the Kingdom and its cherishing Jihad and Mujahidins; I ask for God’s forgiveness for receiving the prize while Holy Jerusalem is in the Jews’ hands. I don’t consider myself deserving this prize; for how can I deserve it while dear Afghanistan is bleeding? The Islamic states in Russia moan under the feet of the Russians. I appreciate the Kingdom’s recognition of Jihad and Mujahidins but still say I do not deserve the prize while Islam is fought by its enemies; I do not consider myself worthy of life when I remember Abu Bakr, God bless him, saying: “Will Faith be criticized while I am still alive?” Oh God! Awaken, in our souls, this religious zeal.

Afghanistan is considered an outlet for the achievements of the Islamic Nation; Afghanistan is fought for defending sacraments of this nation; it is fought for withstanding an enemy wanting to eradicate our roots. Muslims of the world: do not forget it, do not forget Afghanistan lest you should – God forbid, say: “We were devoured when the white ox was devoured.” Today, Afghanistan is considered the breathing lung of the Islamic Nation for its great Jihad which is the symbol of our dignity and we will never restore such symbol except through Islam and Jihad which is waged for God’s word.

Brethren, in short, be at rest that Afghanistan will continue in its struggle against communism and return to the faith of Islam where the freedom can surpass, it will continue to struggle for its nation’s being, its nation’s faith and its nation’s honor. Afghanistan will never retreat, even if we have to sacrifice the last drop of our blood. Rest assured that the future is for ~~the~~ Islam; rest assured that the leadership of the world will return to the Muslims – God willing – and that domination of the world will return to the hands of the believers – God willing. Our causes, be it Afghanistan’s or Palestine’s or elsewhere will never be solved but through Jihad; the fate of nations is written in blood not in ink. And we – if God will – will write our fate with our own blood and will clarify the path of Paradise with blood too. This blood will strengthen the tree of religion and faith – God Willing – and the tree of the call for Allah because the tree of the call for Allah, religion and faith grows and prospers in blood. We are prepared to irrigate it with blood – God Willing – for we see no solution for our cause except in the battle of trenches; no solution except through the fields of Jihad. Amidst our preoccupation with our cause and despite the fact that Afghanistan is transferred into ashes, where you find neither village nor field nor town in Afghanistan but burnt down; but despite all, we will never precede Afghanistan to Holy Jerusalem; Jerusalem is in our hearts, and we long to be among those who fly the Jihad flag for its liberation; it is an honor to do so. We pray to God, the Almighty, to verify the spirit of Jihad in all Muslims and unify the hearts of our Islamic Nation’s people as well as unify their endeavors and achieve, with their hands, the Muslim aims.

And lastly, I repeat thanks and gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in its appreciated support for the Jihad and solidarity of the Mujahidins in Afghanistan. In considering my gratitude to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for its offering refuge and

support for the Mujahidins, I pray to God, The Almighty, to guide us for the service of Islam and for the adoption of the Shari'a, God's principles and the spread of His call; Allah is Hearing, Near and Responsive.

Blessings be upon Mohammad, his kinship and his companions.

May the peace and blessings of God be upon you.