Praise be to God, Lord of the Universe and prayers and peace be upon our true and faithful Prophet Muhammad and his family and companions all.

And then,

Our beloved Sheikh abu-'Abdallah, may God protect you and keep you. The peace, mercy, and blessings of God be upon you.

God almighty is in charge, I hope you are all in good health as well as your families and followers.

We ask him to grant you his grace, success, protection, and victory over the enemy.

And then,

I convey my condolences regarding our great brother Sheikh Sa'id (Mustafa abu-al-Yazid), God rest his soul. He died as a martyr during a spy plane attack on the night of Saturday 7 Jamadi Al-Akhira 1431 a.h. (22 May 2010 a.d.) in the area of Muhammad Khayl / Dighun / NorthWaziristan.

By God, we do not know what to write to you...!!

It is a grave loss to us. We are sensitive to the great concern you bear, but God almighty is great, and He is our refuge.

The story of his death, God rest his soul, is very simple. It is practically the same story that gets repeated with most of the bombing tragedies that we suffer from: he was with us in meetings with the media brothers for two days and two nights. On the afternoon of the third day, he went to meet some brothers, planning to come back that night. By God, he was late that night, so he did not come back. He spent the night somewhere else. Then, the next day, he learned that his family (Umm-al-Shayma' and her daughters) had come from the house, which was relatively far away, because of some repairs being made to the house, to somewhere closer, staying with one of the supporters in the Muhammad Khayl area. He went to visit and check on them, but he was not expected to stay long or spend the night there. A spy plane must have started making loops. Especially those distinctive loops (circles) that we all know and, and all the brothers have experienced. They all know that if a plane starts doing those turns, it is going to strike. As I said, he was not supposed to go there nor stay very long or to spend the night, but God controls fate, what He wills is what happens. One cannot see alternatives to fate. This house was, as we say,



completely "burned down". It was well known as a place for the Arabs (the owners are very well known supporters, may God bless them). He stayed for a long time with his daughters that night. When his son Ya'qub ('Abd-al-Rahman) came to take him somewhere else, at around 10 p.m., the spy planes were making intense loops very close by. Ya'qub found him sleeping. They told him, "He is very tired, let him sleep". He left him alone and went. Less than an hour later they were hit.

In short: staying and sleeping at a very, very combustible place (a house owned by one of our well known supporters), in the same rooms known to be the brothers' rooms, built by the brothers. It was the house first occupied by Brother Sa'di. He was followed by Amir al-Fatah then Khalid al-Habib, and others. The rooms are well known (they consist of two rooms and a small backyard with a restroom) and they are attached to the house of the well-known supporter.

Add to that the fact that on that day, and these days, we were anticipating and expecting strikes. We were being cautious, praise God, because that was two days after the huge Bagram operation, which succeeded with God's grace (the operation took place on the Wednesday before). God shamed his enemies. We are accustomed to them taking revenge for every major stand-out operation. As we see it, based on our analysis, they are constantly monitoring several potential, or possibly confirmed targets. But they only hit them if they discover a valuable human target inside, or a gathering, or during difficult times (like revenge attacks for example).

God is sufficient for us, Most Excellent is He in whom we trust.

His Egyptian wife (Umm-al-Shaymah) was killed with him as well as his three daughters and his granddaughter Hafsah ('Abd-al-Haq Al Jaza'iri's daughter, God rest his soul). Umm-Hafsah (Al-Shayma') survived with injuries. She has recovered somewhat and we ask God to strengthen her heart.

One of Abu-Tariq al-Tunisi's young sons was killed with them, he was Abu-Tariq's youngest son.

Some of the supporters were also killed with them; they are the owners of the house that was hit.

We ask God to have mercy on everybody and accept them as martyrs.

Immediately after this happened, I met with the brothers from the Shura who are with us. We think that we must announce his death, because he is a senior person who had addressed the Ummah, and the Ummah knows him. It would be impossible to keep the news secret for long; it will leak out.

However, we decided to hold off for about ten days so we do not provide the enemy an opportunity for joy and gloating.

That is what happened, praise be to God.

Thanks to God the morale among the brothers is good in general, they are patient and steadfast.

2. The weak servant is directing the work right now. I am waiting for you to assign someone and let me go, may God bless you. The responsibility is difficult and harsh, and I can be seen as nothing but too weak to face it, and there is no power or strength but in God.

After getting guidance from you, Sheikh Sa'id assigned Sheikh Abu-Yahya as second deputy.

I requested from the brothers in the Shurah to write to you regarding their opinions but so far I have not received anything any of them has written.

3. The situation here:

As you know, most of the group is stuck in northern Waziristan. The group includes most of the foreign fighters (Uzbeks, Turks, Azerbaijanis and the likes, Turkistanis, Germans, Bulgarians, Tajiks and others). We have the best of them since we have a full battalion [around 70 individuals] in Nuristan and Kunar, praise be to God.

The roads leaving northern Waziristan are still difficult.

The strikes by the spy planes are still going on, God is sufficient for me; Most Excellent is He in whom we trust. The planes are still circling our skies nearly every day. Sometimes there are fewer of them because of weather conditions like thunder, wind, clouds and the like, then they come back when the sky is clear.

The military security and political situation in northern Waziristan is practically the same.

In the war is still going on in Mas'ud (the Mujahidin are engaging in guerilla warfare against the Pakistani Army). According to news from the brothers in Mas'ud and our foreign brothers who are working with them, the Pakistani Army is losing soldiers nearly every day. There are always several operations under way, mines detonating, snipers, and even assaults on forward army positions.

For the Pakistani army, the war in Mas'ud is lost in every sense.

The brothers of Mas'ud (the mujahidin tribes) are committed to fighting the Pakistani Army until it withdraws.

The Army tried to mount a broad campaign on the tribal area of "Ur Gazai" but it appears like it was not able to. There were many Mujahidin there, ready to repel the army; they did so repeatedly.

Regarding the counterintelligence and espionage warfare, our brothers and the other Pashtun security units are constantly uncovering and destroying spies' networks, may God reward them. Without doubt, they did great work, praise God.

But that has not kept airstrikes from hitting us repeatedly because we continue to make mistakes, and for other reasons. God's will is over all.

I think that in other areas the organization is operating at a medium tempo because of the security situation, of course, and because of their capabilities.

I have good news: God blessed us with a good amount of money this month. The Afghan Ambassador, who was our prisoner for two years, was exchanged. His exchange was delayed because we wanted to trade him for brothers imprisoned in Afghanistan. We submitted the first demand to release a list of prisoners including Arabs (the ones in Pol Sharkhi instead of the brothers in Bagram held by the Americans). Most of them are from Waziristan and Afghanistan. We tried hard and held firm to that request, but we could not accomplish it. The criminals did not respond. So we decided to proceed with a financial exchange and we will set aside a good portion of the money to gain release for the prisoners, God willing.

The amount we agreed on in the deal was five million dollars.

As I write these lines, we have received approximately two million dollars.

We are waiting for the remaining amount.

We still have the man (the prisoner), we will certainly not release him until the amount is paid in full.

As part of the agreement, they agreed to release just two of the Mujahidin prisoners, Pashtun from Waziristan (our supporters) imprisoned in Kabul. We were later surprised to learn – after we went forward with the deal and received approximately two million from them – that they came back and said: "We cannot even release those two". So we said, "We have the right to place other conditions to make up for that." We raised the amount to ten million; meaning an additional 5 million "Because you refused to release the two we agreed upon." [This is what the brother who is negotiating with them told me he said to them. Of course, we will drop the amount when negotiations resume. We might be satisfied with six million, which would mean one million more than original amount, God grants successful]. I told the brothers to proceed with the deal quickly because our situation does not allow for delay or inattention. I am currently waiting for news from them.

For your information: Sheikh Abu-Muhammad brought up a question that we answered through letters to those close to him. Our answer was a start (it fell short) but it had some benefit. I am attaching them with these letters, God willing.

As Sheikh Sa'id, God rest his soul, used to tell you, in the last few months we had some difficult times but, praise to God, now things are easier.

Let us know if you need us to send you some money through the intermediary. We transferred a fair amount to Abu-Mohammad.

I requested from 'Abd-al-Latif that he put a small amount in your box as a gift to you from all the brothers.

We put aside an amount of a quarter of a million dollars as a fund to liberate the prisoners. We placed it under our brother Sheikh Abu-Khalil al-Faltawi.

We distributed the remaining amount to be kept on deposit.

We will make a payment to support the families for ten months; with an extra month as a bonus from the organization in gratitude to almighty God.

We have also designated a fair amount to strengthen the organization militarily, by stockpiling good weapons and ammunitions.

We gave some money to our brothers and neighbors.

We still have a pretty good amount (I don't know how much right now). All this is thanks to God, and it is part of the two million we received until now.

We are still waiting for the rest. Most of it will be funds for the organization ... God grants success.

As you know you cannot control the news, it is impossible because of the intermediaries and others. As of now, nearly all of the Waziri and Mas'udi groups and others know about this and they are asking us to give them money, may God help us. Of course, we will give to every small and large party according to their need.

In summary: most of our problems are due to spies and the espionage war, resulting in a lack of commanders and staff.

We have some other problems we mentioned before, like dissent and lack of discipline from some young men (from the Peninsula, Kuwait and other places), who do as they wish and roam

in the markets. They are not associated with any group and they have no obedience. Sometimes, some of them participate in jihad with some of the Taliban factions, while others make no contribution to jihad. A solution to the problem they represent has escaped us, but we are still trying. God grants success.

Our brother al-Sa'di (Ihsanullah), may God rest his soul, was the latest to become a martyr. He was killed about a week ago, also by air raids. We ask God to accept him among the martyrs.

The mid-level commands and the staff members are hurt by the killings.

Compensating for the loss is going slowly, God grants aid, and the ongoing war of espionage does not give us much chance.

Unfortunately, we do not have effective solutions to the espionage issue, God is our only master, we rely upon him, and seek refuge in him. There is no strength or power but by him. We do our best with the resources available: mostly and especially using passive methods, with some active attempts to strike them or their bases. We also work hard using jamming technology against them, and try to hack them (there are many attempts going on, but no results so far. However, they are continuing) or other options. Praise be to God, lord of the universe.

Our current view of the situation: we need to reduce operations and activities, focus on "persevering and survival." We will f ocusing on defensive security (counterespionage) by focusing on striking the spy plane bases using special operations, and on patience, persistence, hiding as well as decreasing our presence at least this year because it is an important year. Next July is the date of the American withdrawal from Afghanistan, God willing, broken and defeated.

In Pakistan, we sent verbal messages, even written ones, through some of the couriers telling the Pakistanis, "We are aiming our war against the Americans in Afghanistan. If the Pakistani Army and government leaves us alone, we will leave them alone. If not – if they direct any harm against us, if they do not leave us be, if they stand with the Americans in the espionage war and so on – then they will see amazing events in Islamabad, Bandy and elsewhere...

Through intermediaries (Jihadists who have relations with the state, the government, intelligence services, and others), we have let slip that we (al-Qaeda) have readied enormous, earthshaking, destructive operations within Pakistan. But the leadership gave the orders to halt the operations and de-escalate if Pakistan stops causing us harm.

In fact, we do have major operations that are nearly ready, praise God.

These are the most important issues for us.

We would like your guidance.

Especially on this idea: reduce the work; meaning stopping many of the operations so we can move around less, and be less exposed to strikes. Along the same lines, pulling a large portion of the group out of Waziristan. For example, we can send some brothers and their families into Pakistan, to areas like Sind and the surrounding areas and villages, as well as Baluchistan, and so on. We can send many of our brothers from our military brigades if they come later to their brothers in Nuristan, and we might send groups to other tribes like Khyber... and so on and so forth.

There is an idea preferred by some brothers aiming to avoid attrition (the loss of staff, leaders, and the organization's old elites). The idea is that some brothers would travel to "safe" areas with their families, just for protection. They would only stay for a time, until the crisis is over, maybe one or two years. They have proposed locations inside Pakistan, like the areas around Sind and Baluchistan, in those areas, and Iran.

If possible, give us guidance on this matter.

Among the ideas mentioned above, we think, beloved Sheikh, that you should have fewer exchanges of correspondence with us during this period. Make the period between contacts longer and farther apart. Take excessive caution and care, especially this year.

May God protect and keep you, and grant his success.

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Note: regarding the security report you were asking for, the brothers (from the security committee) prepared it but I reviewed it and found them to have fallen very short in the report. It was very brief and did not give a good picture of the situation. I asked them to review it and improve it. They might have done so by now, but I have not received it yet. I will make sure I receive it soon and send it to you. I may include it here, with this correspondence, or next time with God's aid.

4. Operations in Pakistan:

I suggest a full review of the work in Pakistan (the Jihad and war we are waging against the Pakistani government). I will ask the leaders of the Pakistani brothers to prepare a study and a full report on the gains over the past three or four years (following the Lal Masjid and the Osama bin Laden's call to jihad against the apostate government in Pakistan). We may form a committee from those brothers for this purpose, and then submit it to you, God willing.

We want your assessment, for you to follow the issue, and then give us guidance.

As you know, our organization's Pakistan operations section is led by brother Abu-'Uthman al-Shahri. I want to ask about our brother Abu-'Uthman. Did he swear fealty to you? In any case, Sheikh Sa'id took a renewed pledge from him when he started working for us and when I assigned him to the Pakistan operations after the death of Usamah al-Kini, God rest his soul.

Also, if you have any assessment of the brother or guidance, send it on.

He is with us, he is good and active, may God bless him. However, we see some flaws in him, that make us wonder about him a bit. The brothers working with him complain about him a lot, but his positive aspects are stronger, may God bless him. Among his apparent flaws: the way he interacts and how he talks resembles diplomatic talk; lots of exaggeration and lack of precision. Some people of them nastily described him as "beating around the bush"! And so on. That is one of the worst flaws with some "discretion"! Sometimes we have to be firm about controlling him and keeping after him, but I would like to repeat that there is a lot of good in him.

Another issue is his continued fondness for "the party" and the "engineer," as he calls him. It is still the same. He talks about it sometimes, though we have emphasized to him that he should not talk about it. Some of our Pakistani brothers (Pashtuns and Punjabis) caught wind of it . Not long ago some Pakistani brothers with us in the organization came to me complaining that Abu-'Uthman was praising the party and the engineer during some of his sessions with people. They said that when he mentions the Amir al-Mu'minin [the Leader of the Faithful], he calls him "our brother Mullah Mohammed Omar"!

By God, if you have any guidance regarding him, it would be good. Also, I was sure to write to you about him as well about bringing him into our Shurah Council. He has virtually all of the required nominations but I have put a halt on making it official. I did not inform him or any of the other Shurah members about member election process being complete, because our Shurah Council is doing partial meetings, not with all members. I sat with some of the members, and Sheikh Sa'id, God rest his soul, sat with some of them. He asked the brothers to nominate new members. Abu-'Uthman was one of the candidates who received the most votes (one of the requirements for him to be a member of the Shurah is for him to lead an important operations sector, for him it is Pakistan operations). What do you think?

5. Afghanistan: Our groups inside Afghanistan are the same as for every season for many years now. We have groups in Bactria, Bactica, Khost, Zabul, Ghazni and Warduck in addition to the battalion in Nuristan and Kunz.

We have very strong military activity in Afghanistan, many special operations, and the Americans and NATO are being hit hard.

The last special operations we participated in was (the Bagram operation), in summary: We cooperated with Siraj Haqqani and another commander down there (Kabul/Bagram) and the idea was: sneak into the Bagram base with the infiltrators unit wearing explosive vests, a good amount of Kalashnikov ammunition, some with Beka [PK machine gun, called BKC in Arabic], and some with R.P.G. Almost every one of them would carry one or two small magnetic mines with timers. Everybody trained to use them. The plan: infiltrate at night before dawn or at dawn time from three sides: two sides with barbed wire they cut with special cutters and the third side was a wall (the brothers found a door, broke it and went through it). After they went in, the brothers went in three directions: one group took the right where the planes are stationed, another group went to the left where kerosene tanks and other facilities are present and the third group went to the center where the sleeping quarters, the command centers, and other annexes are, and where all the sectors of the base join.

The plan went approximately as expected and even better, God made things easier, blessed and struck.

After the entry, the brothers walked around for 20 minutes without shooting one bullet. They (the brothers) were the ones who started shooting and surprised the enemy. They blew up the tanks and probably some ammunition depot. They destroyed an unknown number of planes, went to the center, engaged and killed soldiers and commanders among others. Thanks to Allah, the operation spanned from 3 AM when the brothers went in (dawn of Wednesday, 19 May) until the afternoon, and some said until the evening, and others even said there was some shooting until the next day.

Thanks to Allah, all the brothers agreed that the operation was very big and more successful than we ever thought or planned.

The result is not very specific, as usual the Afghans talk big, but what we are sure of is: destroying an unknown number of stationed planes, killing and wounding dozens of US soldiers, may God curse them, destroying ammunition depots of unknown number and size, burning and destroying kerosene and petrol tanks on the base. We are completely sure of that on the morale level, it is considered one of the most powerful missions against the enemy in terms of psychological war and causing fear and terror, may God be blessed.

The number of infiltrator brothers who were able to go in the base was 16. All of them became martyrs in the operation after doing excellently, may God reward them and accept them in heaven, amen.

The leader of the infiltrator martyrs was our brother Abu Talha Al Almany (Moroccan), may God grant him and his brothers mercy.

You would be surprised by this; we had received a letter from you asking whether he is suitable to execute an external work or something similar. We got the letter and I read it with Sheikh Saeed. At the time, the brothers were in the last few days before launching the operation. We were sure of one thing: we cannot reverse our decision regarding Abu Talha because initially he was not suitable for the work mentioned; not because he is not personally able, he has a good mind and is capable, God willing, but because he wasn't ready psychologically. Our brother Abu Talha– my dear Sheikh – came three years ago seeking martyrdom. He agreed with our brother Abdul Hameed (Abi Ubayda Al Masri) may God have mercy on him. Abi Ubayda stalled him and wanted him as a leader and an effective element. The stalling took enough time, Abu Ubayda passed away, and we kept stalling him and always trying to activate him. We talked to him about the Germany program aiming to put pressure on Germany and psychological warfare etc. However, every time he insisted on the martyrdom operation and reminded us of his provision that he came based on an agreement, commitment and promise. We agreed with him that after we were done with the German issue (after the end of the German elections) we would give him the permission. In fact, soon after, we told him "you have the permission but will do our best to prepare for you an operation worthy of you". Months passed by (more than half a year) and he was waiting until the Bagram operation came up and we told him that is no one better than him to execute it, and we relied on Allah.

This man reached a high level in wanting martyrdom and we think that we would not have been able to keep him away from this for a long time. Sheikh Saeed, Sheikh Abu Yaya, myself and others talked to him and we tried with him until we got desperate. Sometimes, I was even worried that he might get sick!

Let's ask God to accept him in heaven and to promote him and his brothers in heaven. Those martyrdom seekers were really an amazing group.

Our brothers in As-Sahab are busy preparing a film about them and about the operation, and God would grant us success.

6 – External work: as Sheikh Saeed agreed with you, Sheikh Yunis is ready to move and travel. The destination, in principle, is Iran, and he has with him 6 to 8 brothers that he chose. I told him we are waiting for final complete confirmation from you to move, and agree on this destination (Iran). His plan is: stay around three months in Iran to train the brothers there then start moving them and distributing them in the world for their missions and specialties. He explained those to you in his report and plan.

We are waiting from you for the last confirmation if possible, may God keep you in good health. You also wrote to Abi Mohammad and sent him what Sheikh Yunis has written (practical steps) and others. I wanted him to convene with you too.

As for the Turkish brother we told you about before and who was assigned to start a branch in Turkey, he left two months ago and got there safely. He did not communicate with us yet because we agreed that he would start working quietly, even if he is late in communicating with us so as to allow him to start up with stability and plainness.

You requested some information about him but, unfortunately, he had already traveled when your letter reached us.

I will tell you I would write to you some basic information about him:

The name: (we did not take his real name nor his address and his parents' address. That is due to our simple and primitive methods) but he is known among us by his field name, his region, some of his history, skills and friends. So that is a good deal of knowledge and documentation. The city in Turkey: Konya.

Age: 25 or 26.

Description: He is wise with good manners, educated and considered among the best of the brothers. He is one of the respected Turkish brothers, we sat with him for long sessions and we know how he thinks. Our brother Abdul Hafeez (Abu Saleh Al Somali) lived with him more because he was working with him here for some time and he really likes him and always commends him. The brother went to Iraq during the Zarqawi days, may God have mercy on him, and then he was appointed in the administrative work in Syria and was part of the documentation team. He has good experience with documents and he really benefited the brothers here and trained some. He also has experience in community medical work since he already has a small group in Turkey, similar to an elite unit.

Maybe when we get in contact with him we would ask him to fill up the paper that you requested, God willing.

7 – Iran: The last brothers to come from Iran were Abu Dajana Al Basha, the son-in-law of Sheikh Abi Mohammad, Abu Hammam Al Saeedi, then lately Abu Anas Al Libee came only a week ago and I met him and sat with him, blessed be Allah.

I directed him to work with the brothers in the security committee. I told them to sit with him and introduce to him the work and the world etc. It is normal for any person after a long absence, especially in jail, that he needs some time to figure out how things work.

He asks about you a lot and wants reassurance about you. We reassured him and told him about your letters and that you follow his news through us.

If you can consider sending him a letter, he will really appreciate it.

We are still waiting for the gradual coming of the brothers. Although their coming is a joyful event for us, at the same time we really worry because of our present security situation (the airstrikes that really wore us down)! Therefore, we do not know when Zayyat and the important brothers come what we should do and how and where we meet them and what would be their situation. They are leaders who are supposed to take charge of the work and the responsibility, but as you know everybody is threatened – as long as he moves – by a missile, and God is sufficient for me, most excellent is he in whom we trust.

By Allah, give us direction and God will help us, and you and he make things easy for everybody. Amen.

8 – The districts: I think Sheikh Saeed sent you the letters of Algeria and others. I would make sure that they were sent to you. The brothers in Algeria are definitely waiting for an answer regarding the truce with the apostates and the ransom of their prisoners. We wrote to them before, and we told Sheikh Abi Yehya to look into this matter further and I hope that you will write to them and us.

We have attached our opinion in that matter.

We got a letter from Iraq after the deaths of the two Sheikhs and the new command taking charge, attached.

There is nothing new for Somalia and Yemen during this period, and the brothers in Somalia are waiting for your answers and your guidance.

9 – Abu Mohammad, may God protect him:

Blessings to Allah, we are in contact with him again and whoever is with him, and God is responsible to protect them and guide them.

He also sent you letters and they are attached.

10 – Miscellaneous:

- The letter of your son Khaled has been published and I think Sheikh Saeed sent you all the documents.
- We stopped the publishing of the letter of Maryam as you ordered.
- I am attaching the statement regarding the announcement of the martyrdom of Sheikh Saeed, may God give him mercy.
- The Western brothers in the organization. We have a number of them, some of them are good for external work according to an evaluation, and others are suitable for other areas. I would like to mention the ones that come to my mind: two British brothers of Algerian descent (one of them is, in fact, working in the external work committee and he's good); the other is also good for external work but he does not want it and now he works in the military and training field. We have Hamza Al Australi (Abu Suhayb), he is still the same in the military filed and has been inactive for some time. We have a Canadian brother of Ethiopian descent working on the foreign work committee. We have a number of brothers from the Maldives Islands, some of them are in the external work committee and active and some of them are in the military work in Pakistan. We have a German brother of Lebanese descent working in the military field in Afghanistan. He is militarily oriented and has good training. On the field now, there are a number of Germans who came lately [not that long ago]. They are a group and they want to work with us but we are still getting to know them and [learning to] trust them and we told them: we have to go through the meeting phase and understanding and gaining trust etc. through cooperation and coordination in the first phase. We have a German brother of Syrian descent, another of Algerian descent, and still another of Persian descent (the three of them were chosen by Sheikh Yunis and they are with him now). Surely, we have many Turkish brothers and some from the "Russian" countries: Bulgarians, Azeris and Caucasians, some of them are officially with us, others cooperate with us and we are trying to orient some for external work. The brothers already took directives and are working on them.
- We have no news about our brother Abi Mohammad Al Almani, we ask God to look after him wherever he is.
- We have attached for you the file of media guidance [advice] that we sent to all the regions and media organizations on the Internet.
- We are attaching letters to you from (Munir) and from (Elias Kashmiri).
- Attached also is an old letter from Sheikh Saeed that he might have sent to you.

- Attached is a letter from Tayeb Agha, the friend of Amir Al Mo'mineen, and we are in contact with him, thanks to Allah. The letter seems to be a reply to another, older letter from Sheikh Abi Mohammad Ayman that we sent to them maybe a year ago. It includes a warning, reminder and discussion about: Iran, UAE and some expressions that they use
- Attached is also other miscellany.

May God look after you and protect you through his grace, goodness and success.

In the end and before I conclude I would like to note, my dear Sheikh, the matter for which we ask your guidance. If there is any upcoming communication within one month to one and a half [months], maybe (the beginning or middle of Shaaban [Month in Muslim calendar covering mostly July]), then we would wait for it. We are relying on personal judgment regarding the issue of Sheikh Yunis, his group, direction or other issues. As always, most important for us is your security and your safety, and God grants success, he is the best protector and the most merciful, there is no God but him alone. Peace be upon you and the blessings and mercy of Allah.

Mahmoud.

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