

## **A Message of Hope and Glad Tidings to Our Fellow Muslims in Egypt 5**

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In the name of Allah, and praise Allah and prayer and peace upon the messenger of Allah, and upon his family, companions and allies.

Muslim brothers everywhere: peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings, and thereafter:

This is the fifth episode of 'Message of Hope and Blessings for our People in Egypt,' and in the third and fourth episodes I discussed the popular, brave and dignified uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia. And in them I sent greetings for the two righteous populaces in Tunisia and Egypt that have gotten rid of the corrupt and corruptive tyrants, Zain al-Aabideen bin Ali and Hosni Mubarak, and I asked the free, honorable Egyptians that their doctrine and Ummah gain victory through awareness towards deviational attempts in their march or loss of its fruits, and to continue the resistance, steadfastness, jihad and persistence to destroy the corruption and to establish the just system that rules with Sharia, spreads justice, applies the shura, and achieve the country's independence and political freedom and social equality. And I continue my talk today, and I say:

In the beginning, I would like to send greetings to the free, honorable ones who are protective of their religion, honors, countries and dignity, from amongst the sons of our Ummah, who rose and keep rising against the injustice, oppression, tyranny, and dependency on the foreign, arrogant infidel that has launched on our Ummah and our Islam the contemporary crusade war in the name of war on terrorism. Greetings to those free honorable ones who overthrew two of the most corrupt regimes that have ruled our countries; the regime of Zain al-Abideen bin Ali in Tunisia and the regime of Hosni Mubarak in Egypt. And today they are seeking to overthrow the regime of the corrupt and corruptive tyrant al-Qadhafi in the mujahid, steadfast...Libya. I ask Allah to have mercy on their martyrs, and to heal their wounded and release their prisoners, and to reward them for what they offered and keep offering of sacrifices for the cause of victory for their religion and Ummah, and to regain their dignity and glory, and for their victory to be fulfilled in order for our countries to be liberated and for the banners of Islam, glory and dignity to flutter high over their fields.

Also, before discussing this honorable, dignified, righteous and glorified uprising that is occurring across our Ummah, I would like to congratulate our Muslims Ummah on the start of the Americans' withdrawal from the steadfast Afghanistan, as the American forces began handing over the various provinces to the miserable Afghan army, just as declared by the American Secretary of Defense in Kabul the first week of March, that the conditions are now ready to start withdrawing the American forces from Afghanistan next July. And afterward, General Petraeus announced that he would abide with withdrawing the forces next July. And this is masked confession of defeat from the Americans; as the Americans began withdrawing while the forces of the mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate, under the leadership of the Amir of Believers Mulla Muhammad Omar Mujahid—may Allah protect him—are advancing from one victory to another, and their regions of influence are expanding day after day.

And the Americans' break down in Afghanistan and Iraq is [considered] expansion and support for our peoples who rise against the corrupt and corruptive tyrants. Our Ummah is engaged in one battle against the contemporary crusader invaders campaign and against their agents, our corrupt and corruptive rulers, and America's detachment from its allies one after another is one of the signs of its retreat from its conceit and arrogance ever since it was attacked in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania. And the Mujahideen promise their dear Ummah to continue attacking the Americans and their allies in the contemporary crusade war until our Ummah receives its freedom, achieves its sovereignty and unifies the banner of the caliphate, with the help and support of Allah.

My Muslim brothers, I seek your pardon today, as I will extend the talk, which may extend in length, because the events are accelerating and renewing. I also hope that our Muslim brothers realize that our words [sometimes] come late because of the vicious war in which the Mujahideen are fighting America. And I hope that our dear Ummah realizes that our words reach the Ummah drenched in blood, wounded and burdened with the chains of the prisoners. In order for the Mujahideen to transmit their words to their dear Ummah, martyrs fall, [mujahideen get] wounded and prisoners are caught. But the mujahideen are presenting these sacrifices graciously and contently in order for the truth to reach their Ummah, for the lies to be uncovered, tricks to be scandalized, facts clarified and the statements become clear.

Today, I would like to divide my statement into sections:  
The first: on the events in the steadfast and mujahid Libya.  
The second: on the events in the revolting Egypt.  
The third: on the events in the pioneering Tunisia.  
The fourth: some messages.

As for the first section: on the events in the steadfast and mujahid Libya

I would like to greet our people in the beloved, steadfast and patient Libya, who have been patient facing oppression, torture, injustice, lies and suppression for more than 40 years.

Greetings to the grandsons of Omar al-Mukhtar—may Allah have mercy on him—who rose to challenge with their bare chests the viciousness and might of the Qadhafi regime and its crimes. I ask Allah to have mercy on their martyrs, heal their wounded, release their prisoners, and to grace them to support their religion and Ummah and protect their honors and dignities, and to grace them with His dear victory and near openness.

The blood of the hundreds of martyrs al-Qadhafi's regime killed in your blessed revolution will not go to waste Allah-willing, and before them the hundreds he killed, and the suffering of the thousands he imprisoned and tortured.

[Poetry]

And here, I would like to encourage my brothers from the Egyptian people and especially the western desert tribes to support and back their brothers in Libya with money, medicine, food, and weapons, and to treat their wounded, and to fight along their side against this tyrant who corrupts faith and life.

Our people in Egypt and the western desert tribes must rescue their brothers in Libya; as the Arab governments have disappointed them, and the Arab League was content with demanding the interference of the security council to have a no-fly zone over Libya, so why didn't the

discouraged Arabs intervene to rescue the Libyan people? And where are the Arab armies? Did their role become limited to suppress the people? It gave the responsibility to interfere in Libya to external forces.

We must support our brothers in Libya so the West does not take advantage of their miseries as justification to intervene in Libya, occupy it and control its affairs.

I also would like to alert my Muslim brothers in Libya, Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, and the rest of the Muslim homelands, that if the Americans and the NATO forces entered Libya, their neighbors in Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and the rest of the Muslims must rise to fight both the al-Qadhafi mercenaries and the NATO crusaders.

Al-Qadhafi declares constantly that the continuity of his regime is guaranteed to stabilize the West, and including his declarations on March 9th that Libya's stability—and he means the stability of his regime in Libya—is a guarantee for the stability of the West and Europe and the so-called Israel, as he claims.

I also call upon our people in Libya to be patient, steadfast and coalesced in order for their goal to be achieved by establishing a Muslim state in Libya, to rule by Sharia, bring Shura, spread justice, support the oppressed, and seek to liberate Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan, and every occupied inch of the Muslim homelands.

O' honorable and free people of Libya: your ancestors fought for the cause of Allah in order for faith to be all to Allah, so walk on their path, follow their trace, and be the best of descendents for the best ancestors.

And I warn our people in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and everywhere from the crocodile tears, which America sheds today over the miseries of the Libyans; as America is the last one that has right to speak about freedom and human rights and justice and protection of civilians. Why didn't America mobilize against al-Qadhafi before the uprising of the Libyans people? Wasn't America handing the prisoners to al-Qadhafi in its war on Islam under the name of 'terrorism,' in order to be tortured, beaten and killed? And from them—as we consider him—the martyr Sheikh Ibn al-Sheikh al-Liby, and from them leaders of Islamic fighting groups.

And why did America and the West go silent over the massacre of Abu Sleem prison, where more than 1,200 martyrs were killed? And why didn't it freeze the accounts and investments of al-Qadhafi and his family before?

America, which accuses al-Qadhafi of killing civilians, has killed and is killing civilians everywhere; from Hiroshima and Nagasaki to Iraq and Afghanistan, and from the most recent events killing 60 civilians, amongst them women and children, in Ghazi Abad village in Kunar province in February. And worse than killing them is the declaration by Petraeus' spokesman that the village people were the ones who had burned the corpses and mutilated them. Almost one week after the event the American jets killed 9 children in Kunar also, and Petraeus and Obama presented apologies to Karzai; a silly play between wolves and foxes.

And [the] America that accuses al-Qadhafi of using employing mercenaries has employed tens of thousands of mercenaries, the like of Black Water and its sisters in Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan. America that accuses al-Qadhafi of torturing his people has tortured thousands of detainees in Abu Ghraib, and remains torturing them in Guantanamo, Baghram and secret prisons.

The second section of my statement is regarding the events in the revolting Egypt. I renew my greetings to the popular outrage in Egypt, which revolted against injustice and oppressors. And congratulations to the Egyptian people and all the Arab and Muslims people, and even all the free ones in life, for the departure of the arrogant tyrant Hosni Mubarak. I ask Allah to reward the free, honorable ones who are protective of their religion, Ummah and honors in the beloved al-Kenana [Egypt], and to have mercy on their martyrs, heal their wounded, and release their prisoners.

The Egyptian people's revolution succeeded in removing the tyrant, and then what? And this is the dangerous question and the big challenge.

Our people and brothers in Egypt: many populaces revolted throughout history, but also many of the revolutions ended with undesirable results for these populaces, and sometimes opposite of what they want. Revolutions many times get stolen, and they transform into suppressive and abusive regimes. The French Revolution was transformed by Napoleon into an empire, and the Bolsheviks stole the Russian Revolution after the German government had prepared Lenin's entrance via a German train in order to steal the country's governance, in exchange for withdrawal from the First World War. And then, on his hands and the hands of his successors, Russia, Central Asia and Eastern Europe submitted to one of the worst eras of suppression in human history.

And the revolution of 1952—which the Muslim Brothers protected and which was supported by the people and looked positively at—the regime transformed into an abusive, suppressive and humiliating regime for 60 years.

Also, we should not look at the conditions in Egypt through a narrow outlook, but we should look at it from a wide outlook that comprehends the regional and international reality; as Egypt, with its critical location, cannot be alienated from what goes on around it in the world. We cannot understand the current events in Egypt away from the stance of the West and America toward the Islamic World. There is a contemporary crusade war that has been declared on our Ummah, and the term 'Crusader War' wasn't invented by al-Qaida, but many analysts, writers and thinkers affirmed it. Saad al-Deen al-Shatheli, for example, used to call the war on Iraq—before al-Qaida—the 'eighth crusader war,' when Saad al-Deen al-Shatheli has never in any day been a member of al-Qaida and had no connection to it from near or far.

And America—the head of the contemporary crusader war—has managed up to this day a systematic change in Egypt that seeks to suck off the Egyptian people's honorable, uprising outrage against injustice, and gradually it compromises before the demands of the people, and at the same time it preserves the American interests and the Israeli security.

America—for information—does not care about the structure and nature of the regime in Egypt or other places. America does not care whether the regime in Egypt would be democratic or suppressive, monarchic or republican, individualistic or assembly, presidential or parliamentarian, and it even has no objection whether the regime would be Islamic in its claim, but based on the method of Al-Saud or Amir of Believers in Morocco or the monarchy that descends from the prophet in Jordan, as long as the regime achieves its [U.S] interests.

And a funny story in this regard, or if you will, from the fretting funny ones, what was told about General Schwarzkopf is that he was in a press conference during the gulf war, and sitting next to

him was Khalid bin Sultan, so one of the journalists asked him about the military operations in Ramadan, so Schwarzkopf pointed at Khalid bin Sultan, and said: 'We shall get a fatwa.'

But America would not accept that in Egypt or others a regime it describes as 'radical' be established. And the translation of this American terminology in brief: that the regime would be Shura-based Islamic regime in which the rulers gain their legitimacy from the Ummah and get accounted, and reject an occupation of the Muslim homelands or theft of their wealth, and counter the Israeli expansion.

And so, America wants a regime that gives people some freedoms, and I highlight the word 'some,' but does not threaten its interests and does not touch the security of Israel.

What has taken place in Egypt until now can be summarized as a popular revolution that ended with military overthrow. The tyrant Hosni Mubarak handed the rule to his men in the armed forces.

And we have to look at the facts as they are and not to be led after emotions; as the ruling military council currently is not trustworthy, whether through its historical record or behavior. Muhammad Hussein Tantawi is 76 years old; meaning, he exceeded the retirement age with 16 years. And despite that, Mubarak kept him in his position for almost 20 years because he is his man who trusts him to control the armed forces. So what is the one trait Muhammad Hussein Tantawi enjoys over the rest of the leaders in the Egyptian armed forces, which made Hosni Mubarak keep him and not allow anyone else from the leaders to be promoted to this position for 20 years?

The first thing the council did was declare abidance with the international and regional agreements, including the peace treaty with Israel and the tunnel treaty, which the sanctions on Gaza depend on, although none in Egypt demanded that. And he could have taken an excuse that this would be the job of the next people's council, but he was cautious to quickly announce his loyalty to the international regime led by America, which pays aid to Egypt of almost three billion dollars annually; from those 1.3 billion to the Egyptian army. And the American said clearly that this aid is the price for peace with Israel; meaning, the price of selling Palestine and sanctioning Gaza.

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And with the council's care toward abiding with the international and regional agreements, he did not say one word regarding the sanctions on Gaza or selling gas to Israel, which the Egyptian judiciary ruled it forbidden.

And I wonder, and along with me the free and honorable ones wonder: What is the stance of the military council regarding the Egyptian army's participation with the crusader alliance occupying Afghanistan? And what is the position of the military council regarding the fleets of the crusader alliance occupying Afghanistan passing the Suez Canal? And what is the military council position regarding the military and intelligence cooperation with the United States? And what is its position regarding opening an international torture station for the sake of America in its war on Islam under the name of terrorism? And what is the stance of the military council

regarding the sanctions on Gaza, which the members of its ruling body called upon Muhammad Hussein Tantawi by name to remove the sanctions off it? And what is the position of the military council regarding banning niqab in the universities and university cities? And what is its stance regarding the university guards, which the law forbade them to enter the universities' dormitories in which they humiliated male and female students through beatings and insults?

And what is the stance of the military council regarding the thousands of prisoners who were victims of the military courts, as well as other victims of the emergency law and the special courts? What is its position toward those prisoners of whom many have finished the sentence time of the convictions of the military and special courts, and in spite of that they remain detained based on the emergency law the regime has issued as a method to negotiate with the detainees over their principles. So its message was clear: anyone who does not surrender his principles and does not acknowledge the legitimacy of Mubarak and his regime will not leave prison, and the great majority of those who backed off spent more time than the sentence they were given. They are victims of the ruthlessness, oppression and tyranny of Mubarak and the emergency law. This ruthlessness and oppression that Mubarak's media boasted about in the name of 'compromises,' is an American policy that Mubarak's regime executed and the United Nations welcomed.

The leadership of the Egyptian armed forces is directly responsible—during the rule of Mubarak—for many of the disasters of the political prisoners, whom the military courts sentenced to prison and to death row, and now it is responsible for the misery of all the political prisoners after Mubarak's rule.

And the small number the military council released from the military and special court victims is not significant in any way, but they are even a very small percentage of thousands of oppressed prisoners in the regime's prisons. And those must be released immediately because remaining there is but a continuation of Mubarak's injustice and oppression against the Egyptian people.

It is not enough that the military council issues pardons for the political prisoners, but it must also seek forgiveness from them for what the military courts committed of crimes against them and their families.

And here I congratulate my brothers from prisoners who were recently released, and I ask Allah to accept from them their sacrifices dedicated to Him, and to grace them so their release can be of service to Islam, support of Muslims and the rest of the weakened and oppressed. And I dedicate this greeting especially to the kind brothers, the gracious: his graciousness Sheikh Aboud al-Zumur and his graciousness Sheikh Tareq al-Zumur and his graciousness Sheikh Muhammad al-Zawahiri, and I asked Allah to grace them so their release can be the beginning of an advocacy, encouraging campaign to create more awareness in the Ummah and gather them to demand that the Islamic Sharia be ruling not ruled in Egypt. And I advise then to not forget the rest of their oppressed prisoners in the regime's prisons, and to not stop working on releasing them, and to be, with the grace of all, always as every loyal hopes them to be: leaders and pioneers in defending the rights of the Muslim Ummah in Egypt and the rest of the Muslims, and in helping every oppressed of Muslims and others.

And the leadership of the armed forces is not only responsible for the miseries of the thousands of prisoners in Egypt, but also they are responsible for the miseries of thousands of Egyptians who are pursued outside Egypt due to the oppression, ruthlessness and injustice of Mubarak. It is the right of those to return back to their country and for this injustice to stop against them. It is their right to return to their families, parents and homes, and for all the unjust sentences to

fall, which were issued by the military and special courts against them, and the Egyptian regime must stop practicing the role of the policeman, chasing after them for the account of America.

The military council must demand the American government the return of the scholar, mujahid and steadfast, his graciousness Sheikh Omar Abdulrahman back to his home, after all the persecution he faced and all the suffering he's facing. The regime of Hosni Mubarak coordinated with the American government in persecuting his graciousness Sheikh Omar Abdulrahman, and the military council today must be demanded to bring him back to his nation, between his family, beloved ones and students.

And the military council must also declare honestly and clearly the halt of the Egyptian security forces' role in helping America in its war on Islam under the name of terrorism, and to immediately halt the policies of using Egypt as an international torture station, and to uncover for the Egyptian people the details of America's use of Egypt's detentions as part of the secret American prisons series, and to unveil the names of those who were tortured in Egypt of Egyptians and others for America's sake.

And unfortunately, the military council has not released until now most of the victims of the military and special courts. The military council even affirmed an extension to the emergency act for another six months in order to allow America to prepare the conditions, and so the council can detain whomever it wants without a charge or trial.

The military council has not moved until now except under a volcano of popular outrage, and this mighty outrage must continue until Egypt is purified from the ruins of the collapsed regime.

And here we must dedicate greetings to the free honorable ones who destroyed the idol of the state security apparatus and infiltrated its headquarters, and forced the military council to declare freezing [operations] and place many of its officials under investigation, and put its leadership under house-arrest. This victory like others of Egyptian revolution victories didn't occur except under pressure from the popular outrage in order for Egypt to be purified from the corruption of Mubarak's era and establish a righteous and pure regime that would bring for Egypt back—just like it used to be—leader of the Islamic and Arab world, and victor of the oppressed and the weakened.

The attack on the state security apparatus is a heroic act that will be remembered with honor in Egypt's history, and this heroism must continue until the oppressed political prisoners are released. And the families of the prisoners and the free and honorable ones in Egypt must transmit these protests to al-Tahrir Square, and in front of the armed forces leadership, and in front of the prisons in order to release the political prisoners there.

And Egypt's prosecutors of state security officers and leaders must be pursued, whether those who remain in the state security administration, or those who retired like Fouad Allam, or those who participated in the people's council like Muhammad Abdulfattah Omar, or those who were relocated to other security position like Mohsen Hefdhhi and their likes.

And I call upon every honorable and free lawyer and journalist, and everyone who possesses details on the corruption of the security forces in Egypt, to publish them and trace those criminals.

Establishing a national security sector inside the ministry of interior is not enough, but the people must know who is responsible for it? And were former people's prosecutors assigned

there? Those who worked in the state security administration. Also, what does it mean by saying that this sector will be assigned to counterterrorism. What is this 'terrorism'? Is it the terrorism in the American-Israeli meaning, which was prevalent in the collapsed era? And consequently, participating in invading Iraq and Afghanistan is countering terrorism? And establishing secret prisons in Egypt and transforming them into international torture stations is counter terrorism? And chasing the mujahideen of Gaza and torturing them to know the locations of their leaders and their headquarters and their financing tunnels, and informing Israel about them, is countering terrorism? And working according the signed security agreements with the United Nations is countering terrorism? And protecting the Israeli prostitution trade in Sinai, with the collapsed regime's gaining its profits, is countering terrorism? And oppressing the people of Sinai in protection of Israel, and in deterring them from supporting their brothers in Gaza, is countering terrorism? And is arresting everyone who tries to participate in Jihad in Afghanistan, Iraq and Gaza, or supporting them financially, is countering terrorism? What is this 'terrorism'? Explain to us so the deception doesn't continue and the prosecutors return in new forms.

My free, honorable brothers in the revolting Egypt: many institutions of the former regime are still the way there were. The Presidential Institution, which is the strongest institution of the former regime, remains as is, and Omar Suleiman and Zakariya Azmy are still managing it from the republic presidential headquarters. And Hosni Mubarak and his cronies are still plotting schemes from Sharm al-Sheikh. And the governors and security leaders are still the one way they were, as well as the leadership of the central security. And the regime's media and newspapers remain managed by the same people who used to praise the former regime. And the military institution that was the primary support for the collapsed rule, which Mubarak chose the leaders of and then assigned it to manage the country, is the same way.

And the general attorney's office is the same, and the state prosecutor Abdulmajeed Mahmoud is one of the collapsed regime's gang members, and he is from the school of Rajaa' al-Arabi, the general attorney of the state security office and then the former general prosecutor, and it is the gang that used to coordinate with the state security intelligence and leaked the investigations to the intelligence, in order for the detainees to be re-interrogated and confess to whatever the state wants.

And the general attorney Abdulmajeed Mahmoud did not initiate investigating the ministers of interior, tourism, housing as well as Ahmad Ezz, until Mubarak sacrificed them in a last attempt to rescue himself. Otherwise where was the general attorney from their corruption thirty years ago?

And who would bring whom to trail? And who would interrogate whom? Would the gang member interrogate his colleagues?

As for the ministry of Essam Sharaf: Essam Sharaf was a minister in Ahmad Nadheef Ministry for more than a year from 2004-2005, and it is known that the ministry is one of solidarity; as Essam Sharaf is considered responsible for what the government committed in the year he spent [in the government]. So, was Hosni Mubarak a holy saint at that time and then turned into a forbidden devil in 2011?

As for the state secretary Nabil al-Arabi, he became stained in the quagmire of Camp David, as he was in the delegation of the Anwar Sadat negotiations. Then, this man is from the school of Camp David, and it is not only a secular school that submits to America and submits to Israel. But also, it is a school that despises the rights, feelings, emotions and hopes of the Arab and



Muslim peoples. Both the Camp David and the peace with Israel agreements are betrayal to the Muslim Ummah and Palestine, and this agreement passed under scandalized fake referendum.

I remind the kind audience that Egypt's secretary of state Ismail Fehmi and state secretary for internal affairs Muhammad Riyad resigned from their positions due to Sadat's announcement having intentions to visit the Knesset. And then they were succeeded by Muhammad Ibrahim Kamel, who traveled with Sadat to Camp David but couldn't bare the burden, so he resigned from his position [while] at Camp David, and Butrus Ghali, state secretary for foreign affairs, remained, whom Muhammad Hasanein Haikal described as not having anything to lose. And also the rest of the team that allied with Sadat remained collapsed, and from them Nabil al-Arabi. And because this man is from the Camp David school, he recently announced to al-Shurooq Newspaper that the peace agreement with Israel must continue. Then, this is man agrees with and coordinates with the military council policies, which gained the praise of Obama and Mullen. Then, this man will manage the Egyptian policies according to the Camp David mentality and in the direction of the peace agreement and normalization with Israel.

And I wonder and with me every free and honorable is wondering: what is the stance of this man regarding the cooperative Arab defense agreement, which was openly killed by the peace agreement with Israel, which dictated it being a priority over other agreements? Also, this man was Egypt's Ambassador to the United Nations; meaning, he was a representative of Mubarak's foreign policy; the policies that participate in the war on Islam in the name of war on terrorism, and support normalization with Israel and even acknowledge its takeover of Palestine, and which bases the right of return for the refugees—according to the Arab Initiative—on the agreement with Israel, and which abides with the agreement of nuclear weapons non-proliferation, although Israel does not abide by it.

As for what was linked to him of declarations about the illegitimacy of the Gaza sanctions, this will be placed under a hard test with his participation in the government that indeed sanctions Gaza, despite calls from the Hamas government to Muhammad Hussein Tantawi to remove the sanctions.

Also, this man three years ago was one of the biggest consultants in Zaki Hashem's law offices, and Zaki Hashem was minister during Sadat's era, and his officer is in a cooperative dependency and relation with the American law and consultancy company Patton Boggs in New York and Washington. And this company is the sponsor of Mubarak and his family in the militarization and investment deals and what results from them of problems.

As for the justice minister Muhammad Abdulaziz al-Jundi, he was a general attorney in the beginning of the nineties—meaning, the period of time during which the most extreme of violations were practiced by the state security intelligence in prisons against the detainees in general and the Islamists in particular. And he used to shut his ears away from the complaints of the lawyers and the families of the detainees, which were dropping like waterfalls on his office.

And it is known to everyone that Mubarak's regime politicized a big part of the judiciary, and turned the general state prosecutor's office into a legitimate forefront for the state security intelligence in pursuing the protestors and abusing them.

Then, the military council formed a ministry comprised of the former personnel team of the Hosni Mubarak era.

Then, we are before a popular revolution that turned into a military coup, carried out by the former regime, under encouragement from America. America transferred the rule from an agent to another in order to guarantee a calculated change in Egypt away from the goals that threaten the rule, and they are: governing with Islam, canceling the peace agreement and relations with Israel, and stopping the intelligence, military and economic dependency on America.

America does not care who rules Egypt after Mubarak; whether a military or civil government, or democratic or suppressive, but it cares that the governance transfers peacefully, in a calculated way, to a government that walks the same footsteps of Mubarak in fighting the Islamic forces, protection of Israel's security, sanctions on Gaza and service to the American interests. And America's interests are entangled with Mubarak's interests as well as the military institution.

The special American President envoy to Egypt Frank Wisner used to work as a consultant to Patton Boggs Law and Law Consultancy in New and Washington for two years, and it is the company mentioned earlier when I spoke about Nabil al-Arabi. And this company is Mubarak and his family's sponsor in the militarization and investment deals and what results from that of problems. Meaning, Obama sent Wisner to the agent of his company in order to manage the matters in a way that does not oppose the interests of everyone. And Wisner's relation with Patton Boggs is not secretive, but public. Patton Boggs announced openly that it 'represents some of the biggest Egyptian economic affairs and companies,' and that 'it was their representative in the oil, gas, and communication infrastructure projects.' And one of its partners was the head of the Egyptian-American house of commerce, and it used to intervene in the conflicts of brokers in selling weapons, which the Egyptian Army gains through military aid, and which reaches \$1.3 billion annually.

Also, Patton Boggs Company announces openly without hiding that it offers consultation to the Egyptian army and to the Egyptian Economic Growth agency, and the triangle of the Egyptian Government in law incidents in Egypt and the United States.

Then, we are before a network of interconnected interests that remain in governance until today. And so, we should not close an eye away from the dimensions of the true struggle, and not imagine that our problems will only be solved with changing Hosni Mubarak or changing his regime. There is another, more dangerous enemy that is ambushing us and keeps interfering in our affairs.

And so, I call upon every Muslim and every free and honorable one in Egypt to call for and seek a holistic reform of the situation as we are in front of a regime that is collapsing, so we have to build a righteous regime instead, and this is a rare, historic opportunity and it should not escape us.

And the anticipated holistic reforms can be summed in three ways, and they are: the legislative, political, and social reforms.

As for the legislative reform, it must discuss affirmation of the Sharia legitimacy; meaning, the Sharia becomes ruling not ruled, and branching of that is providing all the laws that guarantee the right of the Muslim Ummah to choose the rulers and hold them accountable.

The advocates and scholars and Islam partisans in Egypt must call for a popular campaign to demand that the Sharia be the source of legislation, and for the Sharia to be ruling not ruled,

and not to be content with the trickery of the second article of the constitution, which dictates that the principles of the Islamic Sharia would be the main source of legislation.

Every free and honorable who works for Islam must seek that, and I call all the workers for Islam to unite their efforts in making the people more aware and encourage them to demand that, and to rise above their institutional loyalties, and to unite, cooperate and coalesce for that noble cause, and to lead a wide advocacy campaign to pressure the ruling military regime, which does not answer the demands except through pressure to achieve them.

And I warn those who seek or try to bury the Islamic identity of Egypt; they would be farming in the sea and igniting a blind Fitna. Jamal Abdunnasser tried that and ended with the biggest disappointment in contemporary Egyptian history. And then Anwar al-Sadat tried that and he was killed, and he had attempted that in uglier methods than Hosni Mubarak'a, and he is welcomed by the waste can of history.

Egypt was never and will never be the Egypt of Bonaparte's Sari 'Askar or the Egypt of Mu'alleem Yacob, or Egypt of Salam Moussa or Egypt of Faraj Foudeh, or Egypt of Farouq Hosni. But, it was and it will remain—with the grace and help of Allah—the Egypt of Amro bin al-Aass—may Allah grace him—and the Egypt of Imam al-Shafii and Egypt of Salahudeen al-Ayyubi, and Egypt of al-Ezz bin Abulsalam and Egypt of Sayfudeen Qutz and Ruknudeen Beibars, and Egypt of Ibn Taimia and Egypt of Omar Makram and Egypt of Suleiman al-Halabi, and Egypt of Shaykh Eleish and Sheikh Hasan al-Adawi and Egypt of Hasan al-Banna and Ezzedeem al-Qassam and Abdulqader Oudeh, Sayyid Qutub and Abdullah Azzam, and Egypt of Khaled al-Islamboli and Essam al-Qamari and Suleiman Khater, and Egypt of All Abdulfattah and Abu Obeida al-Banshiri and Abu Naffs al-Mesri and Muhammad Atta, may Allah have mercy on all of them.

Those who try to cover the truth about Egypt's Islamic orientation and its exceptional role amongst Muslims, and its leadership of the Islamic world for centuries; those didn't only give up the pillars of Aqeeda and roots of Islamic ruling, but also they are exceedingly and blindly avoiding historic and geographic facts and rules of consensus.

I warn those who are trying to establish a regime in Egypt that is estranged from its religion, that they are creating an extended Fitna that won't calm, and they should only blame themselves. And I know that some of the opportunists are going to turn my words as if I am threatening with bombings and clashes, but every rational and wise one knows and agrees that I am speaking about a wide, extended error, historically, politically and socially that is very far and highly enraging, should the dwarfs attempt to manipulate the truth of Egypt's Islamic orientation.

And I hope from the opportunists also not to mix the papers by claiming that advocacy toward governance with Sharia in Egypt and gaining back its pioneering leadership of the Islamic and Arab worlds, and its stance in defending against the oppressions over its Ummah against the enemies, headed by America and Israel, contradict living and coexistence with the nation's partners of Christians and non-Muslims. This is an unacceptable, intentional and subjective mixing; we have lived with non-Muslims in the Islamic homelands, and we remain living and will live Allah-willing [with non-Muslims], and any problem that faces them...be solved—if the relation is based on peace and loyalty— through wisdom, piety and accountability. [Verse]

My Muslim brothers in Cairo, Baghdad, Mecca and al-Madina, Algiers, Istanbul and the rest of the great Islamic centers: the West's project—that overthrew the Caliphate— tried and tries to

divide us to more than 50 torn apart pieces, and each piece is occupied with itself, calls for nationalism that divides it from its sisters, and then thereafter they seek to tear apart the previously-torn. So, advocacy toward secularism, the nationalist state and absencing the Sharia are dangerous advocacies that have political, publicized and military dimensions that are greatly harmful. It is an advocacy toward dividing us into weak and weakened entities America and her allies could corner individually.

It is an advocacy to alienate Islam from impacting its own societies and Ummah so Muslims can lose the great power of Aqeeda, which has turned them [Muslims] from lost tribes in the desert of its peninsula into leaders of the world and teachers of Tawhid, values and morals. [Excerpt]

This was discussion of the legislation reform side. As for the political reform side; from the most important of its requirements externally is Egypt's return to its leadership role within its Muslims Ummah and the Arab world and Third World, and that would be through disavow toward the peace agreement with Israel and what follows that of secretive and public obligations, and cutting diplomatic relations with Israel and removing the Israeli Ambassador from Cairo, and the immediate removal of the Gaza sanctions, and supporting all the Muslim Ummah's affairs, as well as the weakened and oppressed in the world.

And from its most important requirement internally is to liberate the Ummah from the shackles of oppression and fear in order to practice its role in commanding with what is good and forbidding what is malicious. And this requires removing the emergency situation and halting the military trials of civilians and canceling all of their rulings, and canceling the security forces that were built on suppressing, crushing and humiliating the people and treating them as insects. Repeal of the state security intelligence is not enough, as other security forces keep practicing the same policies, and so building new security forces that are based on respect toward the legitimate rights of people is needed, which the caliph Omar bin al-Khattab affirmed when he said: 'since when you enslave people when their mothers birthed them free.'

The state security force fell under the hands of the heroic and free sons of Egypt, and now we have to drop down the fear of the state security and the abuse of the government from our hearts. And so, I call upon my brothers who are victims of the concessions that were managed by the leadership of the state security intelligence through blackmailing, negotiations, threats and attractive offers, to realize that the idol of the state security is crushed, and they have to take off to serve their religion because the criminals who imprisoned, negotiated with, tortured and attacked them, their honors and privacies have been defeated. They have to return to their role—awaited by every loyal person—in service of Islam and its victory, and in encouraging the Ummah and bring it around the cases of reform, and starting with the legislation reform to govern with Sharia so it can be ruling not ruled.

As for the social reform side, from the most important requirements is halting corruption, removing the suffering off the shoulders of the poor, and just distribution of the wealth, and support of the main products and the necessary services to the people of education, health and residence. Most Egyptians suffer critical problems like more than one family sharing one apartment, absence of toilets in the suburban residences, spread of slums and street kids, the problems of spinsterhood and drug addiction. Today in Egypt, there are 7 million drug addicts, and the addicts in Egypt are rising on a scale of 20 thousand annually. Social reform requires a righteous government in its behavior and practices that preserves morals and values, and stops the spread of vice and dissolution.

People of Egypt: those who seek to alienate Sharia from governance so America can be content will spread amongst you usury, adultery, insobriety, moral dissolution, familial schisms and all kinds and forms of crimes, which the man-made laws add to the increase and spread of. And, I experienced prisons and lived in them, and I know their [negative] effects on the human soul and the human instinct. The man-made ordinances turn people in prison into beasts that fight over three things: homosexuality, drugs and gambling. These are the fruits of the ordinances.

People of Egypt: those who seek to alienate the Sharia so America can be content are fooling themselves before fooling others.

America that raided the al-Jazeera offices in Kabul and Baghdad cries over the safety of journalists in Egypt. America, whose forces fire live bullets on protestors in Afghanistan and Iraq, cries over the protestors in Egypt. America that signed anti-torture treaties is practicing torture in Guantanamo, Bagram and Abu Ghraib, and in its secret prisons in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Poland and its vessels and planes, while crying over the torture victims in Egypt. America that signed the Geneva convention agreements regarding prisoner treatment does not apply these agreements on the prisoners of al-Qaida and the Taliban. America that pressures Omar al-Bashir and al-Qadhafi and threatens them with the International Criminal Court refuses to apply the agreement of that court on its own citizens. America that declares settlements illegitimate used the veto power in the Security Council against the project that was presented by the Arab states in condemnation of the settlements on the occupied land of Palestine. Even more so, America that boasts that its president [Woodrow] Wilson decided people should determine their fate has completely forgotten that with the Palestinian people, which it removed from their land and put instead people from faraway places, and refuses the return of the land-owners, the Palestinians.

This is the truth about the international credibility the army's leadership rushed to acknowledge, its decisions and agreements; it is the legitimacy of the arrogant' control of the weakened.

And America that cries over democracy does not acknowledge Hamas government in Gaza and the West Bank. America is the last one that has the right to speak about democracy and human rights.

This is the truth about democracy; it allows everything regardless of it being degrading or contradictory, as long as the majority agrees with it. Democracy in reality is the games of the number of votes without any moral, valuable or religious reference.

This is an essential difference between the Shura that depends on the reference of the Sharia and Democracy that has no reference. In Shura, for example, the Muslim state cannot abide by agreements regarding prisoner treatment or preventing torture and then violate these agreements just because the majority in the Shura council wants that. For example, in Shura violating the rights of the poor like their share in Zakat and charities and loots, or their general fulfilling rights, just because the majority in Shura wants that, is not allowed.

And here, I call upon the needy, deserving people in Egypt to demand the Egyptian government to rule with Sharia, which gives them [needy] the right for Zakat. The companions, under the leadership of the great companions [Abu Baker al-Siddeeq], fought the apostates in protection of the Zakat pillar, so fight O' people of Egypt for your rights if you are not answered.

In Shura, for example, it is not allowed to give licenses to the alcohol manufacturer or the heresy and adultery locations or the dissolute, collapsed media, which cause corruption in the country,

even if the majority of the Shura agrees. In Shura, neither is affirming Israel's takeover of Palestine allowed, nor recognizing the international resolution and peace treaties and Arab initiatives, which they affirm and recognize that, even if the majority of the Shura council agrees.

As for the third section of my statement, it is about the events in Tunisia. I call upon our dear Ummah in Tunisia to continue the resistance and jihad until achieving victory, as the road is still long and they must continue demanding reforms until Tunisia returns to being a castle of Islam, steadfastness and jihad, and a light house in the Islamic Maghreb."

As for the fourth section of my statement, I direct a number of messages:

The first message: a call to the Muslim Ummah in the Arabian Peninsula, in Yemen and the Haramain, to rise up against the unjust tyrants who turned the native land and extension of Islam into bases for the Crusader campaign on Islam and Muslims. And I assure our people and brothers from the dear Yemeni people that we are with them in their uprising against injustice, tyranny, corruption and dependency. We are with them in their rejection to the regime that submits to America, which turned Yemen into a settlement for the Crusader American forces, killing whomever they please, imprisoning whomever they please, achieving whatever they please and looting whatever they please.

The musky blood that were shed in the Taghyeer Square [Change Square] and other locations won't go to waste Allah-willing; as this blood were shed by American orders, which seeks with efforts to preserve its submissive corrupt regime in fear of an Islamic transformation in the Yemen of faith and wisdom that disowns the biggest of criminals. Be steadfast O' people of Yemen; people of rescue, expansion, pride, honor, sacrifice and benevolence, as you are fighting the battle of the Ummah by one of its most important fronts, and we are with you in the same battle, so be patient, steadfast and solid because the victory of Allah is near, Allah-willing.

The second message: to the Muslim Ummah in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Algeria and Jordan, the Mujahideen are with you, they affirm you in your outrage and uprising, and they are fighting on your side in one battle against America in its Crusader campaign and against her agents, and each victory for the Mujahideen is but power to you for the sake of reforms and change toward victory of the Ummah against dependency, tyranny and corruption.

The third message is to the Muslim Ummah everywhere: America is dwindling—with the grace of Allah—under the attacks of the Mujahideen, so mobilize and rise and resist against America and her allies with your tongues, hands and money, and break the chains of fear and life-yearning and do not fear the enemies of Islam. [Verse]

And our last prayer is praise Allah Lord of the Worlds, and prayer and peace upon our master Muhammad and upon his family and companions.

And peace be upon you and Allah's mercy and blessings.

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