

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful



Report on the Commander-in-Chief Saddam Hussein's reception of Sheikh As'ad Bayoud al-Tamimi, the Emir of al-Jihad al-Islami (Beit al-Maqdis)

This meeting took place at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, 9/30/1990, corresponding to 11 of Rabi al-Awwal 1411

Attendees:

Mr. Taha Yassin Ramadan- First Deputy Prime Minister

Mr. Hamid Yusuf Hamadi-The Secretary of the President of the Republic

Lieutenant Colonel Abdul-Hamid Mahmud- companion of the commander-in-chief

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- After a nice exchange of welcome, Sheikh As'ad Bayoud al-Tamimi said:

I am now living the best days of my life, as you lead this great battle.

-The commander-in-chief: Iraqis are also happy, and they say this battle has made many happy and others cry.

- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The main purpose of this battle is to separate the believers from the infidels. In this respect, the kind messenger said: "until people belong to either of two camps: that of faith without infidelity, or that of infidelity without faith"

I have come to pledge allegiance to you.

- The commander-in-chief said:

Glory be to Allah. This is telepathy. I had prepared a speech on the occasion of the birth of the honorable prophet, which has a significance close to this statement. It is that we have become one row, and there is no room for a middle row or point. All the faith is in one row, and all infidelity is in another.

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- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I declared the apostasy of Husni and Hafiz Assad. Since the time of the messenger Muhammad, PBUH, the infidels never came to the Arabian Peninsula. Worse still is that they came at the request of its leaders, which is not upheld by Islam.

In the pilgrimage of welfare, in the chapter of Tawba, the almighty said:

[O you who believe? Verily, the polytheists are impure. So let them not come near al-Masjid al-Haram after this year. And if you fear poverty, Allah will enrich you if he wills, out of his bounty. Surely, Allah is all-knowing, all-wise].

Allah knows that there will come people who will interpret the words of Allah and say those are polytheists, and people of the book, like us. But the messenger, PBUH, said five days before his death: "No two faiths can co-exist in the Arabian Peninsula" and "Expel the Jews and the Christians."

The Christians converted to Islam. As for the Jews, Omar, may Allah be pleased with him, expelled them.

- Mr. al-Tamimi also said:

I consider that which happened in Najd and al-Hijaz to be extremely more dangerous than the fall of al-Quds.

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Therefore, the al-Saud are awaiting their inevitable destiny. Two verses were revealed about the al-Saud:

- They brag that they rebuilt al-Masjid al-Haram and that they serve it. What is the worth of this, according to Allah? Muslims used to prostrate on pebbles. They did not need adornments. Regarding this, Allah, the Great and the almighty said in the first verse:
[Do you consider the providing of drinking water to the pilgrims and the maintenance of al-Masjid al-Haram as equal to the worth of those who believe in Allah and the last Day, and strive hard and fight in the cause of Allah? They are not equal before Allah. And Allah guides not the wrongdoers] (19-al-Tawba).
- Fahd had sent me 3 million Dinars, and asked me not to reveal this verse to people. So, an officer, sent by the Saudi Military Attaché, came to me and said: "Keep quiet and take 3 million Dinars."

The other verse is that they turn people away from performing the pilgrimage to the Beitullah al-Haram. Who will do this, after the infidels occupy Muslim sacred territories? Allah, the almighty, said:

[Indeed, those who disbelieve and avert people from the way of Allah and

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from al-Masjid al-Haram, which we made for people, equal are the resident therein and one from outside. Whoever intends therein a deviation in religion or wrongdoing, we will make him taste a painful punishment] (al-Haj-25).

You, in your messages to the West, and in your speeches to the United States of America and the Soviet Union, you soar spiritually and divinely. When you say in your messages to Bush and Gorbachev: when you meet, angels are on your right and the devil's on your left, and Allah is above you, and the message is sealed with the signature of the servant of the believer, what is this? What is this manifestation? What completeness is this? Allah had prepared you for this matter. Proceed. Keep going, for you will retrieve the glory of Islam. We pledge allegiance to you. We pledge allegiance to Muslims. Declare yourself the Caliph.

March for Allah, for victory is in the hands of Allah. When the Jews violated the agreements in the al-Khandaq battle and the hypocrites showed up, the messenger, PUBH, said under siege to his companions: "You are conquering Persia, Rome, and Yemen." How could this be, with him being under siege? But this was what actually happened. Muslims reached Africa, Europe, and Asia.

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You are retrieving for the ummah its life, its glory, its strength. That is why you are the maker of surprising and strong decisions. So proceed. If you do not establish an Islamic Caliphate, then establish an Islamic republic. You are the maker of decisions that surprise the world. If you declare the Caliphate, rulers and sultans will fall in hand. That is why I told you in my first message to you: Declare the Caliphate.

And you also said in the Islamic popular conference that we should repeal all laws contrary to Islam. The time has come. Surprise the public with Islamic laws. Repeal laws that are contrary to Islam. You will see that it creates a revolution among the Muslim public. You have but Islam. You have but Allah. Get closer to Allah day and night. Get close to Allah. We never ever gained victory because of large numbers. When we depended on numbers at the time of the messenger, PBUH, we were defeated in Hunain battle.

(And on the day of Hunain, when you rejoiced at your great number, but it availed you naught and the earth, vast as it is, was straightened or you, then you turned back in flight. Then Allah did send down reassurance on his messenger and the believers, and sent down forces, which you did not see, and punished the disbelievers. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers) [al-Tauba-26].

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You count on the soldiers that we do not see, on the angels. [When you asked help of your Lord, and He answered you, "Indeed, I will reinforce you with a thousand from the angels, following one another. And Allah made it not but good tidings and so that your hearts would be assured thereby. And victory is not but from Allah. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise] (al-Anfal 8-9).

Such is the battle. The messenger, peace and prayer be upon him, addressed Allah in Badr battle, seeing that it was getting more intense, and asked him, "O Allah, accomplish for me that which you promised." He held a handful of dirt from the ground, and faced the polytheists with it. He said, "Damn the faces." Thanks to that handful, he filled up everyone's eyes with dust: [And you did not kill them. Instead, it was Allah who killed them. And you threw not, when you threw, but it was Allah who threw that He might test the believers with a good test. Indeed, Allah is all-hearing and all-Knowing] (al-Anfal-17).

Your enemies now are the devils of Europe and the rulers who are rotting in defeat and ill-gotten property. May the house of Mubarak fall). It is as though he was a descendant of the Jews. It is strange what he says.

That is why the matter is serious. I am with you, as a soldier, not as a fan or a supporter. I am a soldier with you in battle.

The other matter is the Jewish offensive on Jordan. The Jordanian government

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procrastinates on arming the people. If the attack happens, the King will hand over the East Bank as he did the West Bank. I would like you to suggest to King Hussein that he distribute weapons to the people. I have weapons in my house. They came twice and took them from me. They are making fun of the people and say we do civil defense. Of what use will that be? A Jewish attack on Jordan is possible at every moment. But I say if the battle starts and Jordan is occupied, which is likely, this would be the heritage of the Kingdom. King Hussein has never been faithful to this ummah. The Jews may attack at any moment. Therefore, you have no choice but to invade Jordan and establish your borders with Israel.

Sir, surprise us on the day of the birth of the honorable prophet. Amend the laws. If you have Islamic detainees, release them.

- The commander-in-chief said: We have five convicts. Two days ago, we gave orders to release them, one as a result of your petition.

According to our procedure, we do not release or pardon those convicted for murder, drugs, or incest. No pardon applies to those.

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- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The one we are talking about said it was an unintentional killing. The family of the victim can pardon. The brother of the convict works with Yasser Arafat. As for the Islamists for whose release we are petitioning, we have an Iraqi Doctor who is married to a Palestinian man. She is from Basra. She came to me before I headed to Iraq, and begged me to ask you to release a brother of hers.

- The commander-in-chief said:

We do not call those Islamists. They are the Khomeini group. We believe they stand with the devil.

In our system, we do not stay neutral. And we do not find it enough to apply the law to the bad person. Instead, after the law is applied, we try to encourage him to reform. That is why whenever we are sure a convict has cleaned himself up and has broken with the cause of the punishment, we are happy.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

May Allah bless you. You are in a position of power, by Allah and by the people. And you have the ability to make those and others happy.

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- The commander-in-chief said:

We will look at the issue. A while ago, we issued a pardon and excluded such types as indicated.

- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We expect good things from you.

- The commander-in-chief said:

God willing. Your work will not be disappointing.

- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The situation of those who were in Kuwait has worsened. They need a solution, and ask you to allow them to replace the Dollar with an official Iraqi Dinar rate.

-The commander-in-chief said:

You are aware there is an embargo on us, and our resources depend on oil. Now oil does not sell. But this is a temporary situation, God willing.

- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We, as an Islamic Jihad movement, hope you open an office of the movement in Baghdad and a training center, if you will.

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- The commander-in-chief said:

Regarding the declaration of the Caliphate, let me ask: what do you mean—form, or content?

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi:

Content, of course.

-The commander-in-chief said:

We should accomplish content before names. A little while ago, you said my message to Bush was signed under the name of Abdullah al-Mumen. This is a kind of defiance of the sham splendor of big names in the world, an assertion that Earth should be ruled with faith, even though big names are a part of our heritage. Now the more we focus on content, without the formalities about which there are disagreements, the better it will be. And whenever there are differences over basics, we have to postpone and avoid them.

What is required at this stage?

It is the revival of faith with its human and divine conditions without the interference of the form of civilization, which may disable faith and its efficacy in the relation to the one and only one God.

This is the fundamental question. And we should avoid any intervention contrary to this method.

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Now, the conflict with the United States and Israel is not because of Kuwait. You know that Kuwait has become a hypothetical headline after a period of conflict that manifested itself most fiercely in the frenzied and successive campaigns against Iraq all the way from February 1990 to 8/3/1990. So, did all those campaigns take place before 8/3/1990? It is because Iraq ably put the underlined faith and slogans that had been forgotten such as the liberation of Palestine, the liberation of the Arab individual, the use of Arab funds in a just and correct manner, and doing justice to the poor.

These issues are no longer in the headlines for rulers who seized the funds and use them in incorrect and illegal ways, which is to stand for injustice and tyranny that the Arab person does not live his life in freedom. All these attracted the infidel West.

The focus should not be placed on these slogans. For example, were Saddam to declare the Caliphate, many would not agree with it. And if we are to lose because of these kinds of slogans and because of an issue that can be compensated for by the accomplishment of content, then we have to choose an alternative with which we will lose none.

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- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The messenger, peace and prayer be upon him, said: (The nubuah will come with you. It will, and then Allah will lift it if he wills to do so. Then it will be a nubuah in the method of the prophet, and it will be as Allah wills it to be. He will lift it if he wishes to. Then it will be a firm rule as Allah wills it to be. Then he will lift it if he wills to do so, and then it will be a divine rule, as Allah wills it to be. He will lift it if he wills so, and then it will be a caliphate in the method of the prophet).

He then was quiet.

And then it will be a predestined rule.

It is as though we are at the end of this journey. The coming of Kuwait, you are amazing, can transform you into something astonishing.

The messenger, peace and prayer be upon him, said: "Then it will become, with you, a caliphate in the method of the prophet."

We want you to be the lucky one in this.

- The commander-in-chief said:

Does the messenger, Peace and prayer be upon him, speak from whim?

Then, let us leave the matter to Allah, the Great and the Almighty to decide. He is better.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

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That suffices us for what we ask of you today, even though we were saying you declare, at least, an Islamic republic.

- The commander-in-chief said:

What tired people out are the names that do not provide justification for why.

Now, regarding the flag hoisted by Fahd, which is (there is no God but Allah)—see where it has led. He is opening the gates of Mecca and Medinah to the invaders and infidels.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

By Allah, this is true. Indeed, Allah will make the earth swallow him.

-The commander-in-chief said:

God willing.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

And in another Hadith, the messenger, peace and prayer be upon him, said:

“A disgrace will happen in the Mashreq, the Maghreb, and the Arabian Peninsula.” And he says: “Kaaba will be invaded by an army, from head to end.” The situation is dangerous, when I think of infidel occupation of the holy land.

- The commander-in-chief said:

This has not happened, and nobody dared to do it, neither those from inside the Arabian Peninsula nor those from outside it.

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-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

For that reason, Allah will swallow the earth from under them. I am sure that Allah is with you and that the hand of Allah will strike with you. But give the public something, so that they advance with you more.

All press agencies and newspapers came to me. They were surprised at my position. French TV asked what had happened. I said to them: Saddam has declared Islam and I am with him. It is true I have no hostility towards him. He represents my faith and my creed, though. So do not speak about he who extends peace to you. They asked me, "What is the meaning of Jihad?" I said, "It is to fight the infidels. We thank Bush because he provided the opportunity to revive jihad. We will defeat you, under the leadership of Saddam."

Therefore, we are experiencing glorious days. In my life, I experienced only defeats and betrayals. As for now, we are living in glory. I have seen no ruler like you.

-The commander-in-chief said:

Do not grant us all this. We are sure victory is on our side, with permission from Allah.

- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

Like Abu Hanifa, I have never praised a ruler in my life at all.

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from this podium. I am compelled now to pledge allegiance to he who has become the hope. Light will shine again from Baghdad, the capital of the caliphate. After that, al-Quds will be recovered.

-The commander-in-chief said:

Allah willing, al-Quds will return to its people.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

It must return. The Israeli Minister of Justice gathered a few notables from the West Bank and said, "We do not want to talk politics, but the economy." He said, "We will give you such and such." He then said, "Why do you stand by Saddam?" They said, "This is political talk." He said, "There is no avoiding politics." They said, "We are with Saddam because we want this to be over with" He said, "He will hit us and you." And they said, "We do not care."

-The commander-in-chief said:

The position of our Palestinian and Jordanian people is amazing. And Jordanian women volunteering to breastfeed the children of Iraq is a great expression of the level of their solidarity with their brothers in Iraq. History will never forget such positions.

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- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The Iraqi media is still weak and does not cover the required channels.

-The commander-in-chief said:

This is the deluge of the hostile media. And it is difficult for small outlets to cover all this.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

That is the reason why they say that the Iraqi media cannot keep up with president Saddam.

-The commander-in-chief said:

Placing the flags now is better.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I noticed that on television the oath is repeated several times by the people's army, and the oath alludes to socialism. I said socialism is finished, but brothers are still holding on to it.

-The commander-in-chief said:

What is meant is Islamic socialism and justice. It is in our heritage.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

So, replace it with social justice, because not even Europe could tolerate socialism

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for more than 50 years. You need to get close to Allah with all your senses, because the hostile campaign is massive, but you will stand against it.

-The commander-in-chief said:

The battle is worth fighting only when it is as such and at this level. When the battle is small and the forces of darkness are limited, it is not worth fighting like it is at our current level.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We would like a special message from you to the people of Palestine, because their attachment to you is astonishing. They are awaiting you to give them a motivational force for the first time. They need to feel that and to feel that you remember them.

-The commander-in-chief said:

I wrote a speech on the occasion of the birth of the honorable prophet, and included in it a special greeting for them.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I represent Islamic jihad in al-Quds.

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The Palestinian leadership consists of the unified Intifada leadership, the Brotherhood and Hamas, Fatah Organization, and the Islamic jihad. We, the Islamic jihad, conducted all the military operations from 1989 to 1990 including the Haifa bus that fell in the valley, in Jerusalem. We set Carmel parks on fire, killed some income tax officials, the Isma'iliya bus with the Jews onboard, and conducted other operations. Hamas was not part of these operations.

I expect an operation to be carried out in the next two days in Europe. We are extending our hand to you to be your soldiers and to be the soldiers of Islam.

Qaddafi invited me three months ago. They told me, "Do not go. You will disappear like al-Sadr. He will slaughter you." But I went and we sat down in the tent. The name of the state of Libya is too long. It is difficult to remember it.

-The commander-in-chief said, smiling:

At the Baghdad summit, I thought I would be able to remember the name. But I had to ask Qaddafi what we should call him.

-Sheikh as'ad al-Tamimi said:

I said to Qaddafi, "You consider the Baghdad summit to be better than the last

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one? You are lying. What has the Baghdad Summit conference done? You rulers want to betray and you want the sheikhs to say, 'May Allah support the sultan.' May Allah not support you."

-The commander-in-chief said:

Protocol officers were preparing tea. I said to him, "What is your problem with the Sunnites? Why do you get in their way? Sunnites interpreted the provisions of Islam, and everybody agrees on that. The disagreement is between Imam Ali and Muawiyya.

You are free. You need scholars to show you the way. Be godly.

I said to him: I gave a speech in 1983 for which I was imprisoned. It was about the Sabra and Shatila massacres. I said in it: who will protect Damascus and prevent the Jews from entering it? Is it Asad? What Asad is this? He is an infidel Baathist Nassiri Alawite."

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-The commander-in-chief said:

The important thing is that the Baath of here believes, and that Baath of their disbelievers. Common people think the Alawites are Shiites. We think we should focus on Nassiri instead of on Alawite, because it is them who coordinated with the French during the occupation to use Alawite instead of Nassiri, as their name.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I then attacked Fahd. He opened the gates of the Medinah to the infidels so that Golda Meir, who said one day that she wanted to smell blood in Kheibar, could achieve her dreams. This infidel received Bashir Jmeyil in Ramadan and congratulated him on killing children. Then Morocco after that. You attacked by means of Michel Aflaq. Then Qaddafi said, "I am not the President of a state."

- The commander-in-chief said:

You did not meet the late Michel Aflaq. Had you seen him, you would have liked him.

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- Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

You declared the caliphate.

-The commander-in-chief said:

We hid his conversion to Islam for quite some time, so that the question would not be understood to be a media issue. The opinion of Abu al-Haitham, may Allah have mercy on him, was to declare his conversion. But I intervened and said the issue of conversion to Islam is for Allah, and that it was better not to reveal it so that the question would not appear to be a media and political issue. But we were forced to reveal his conversion after his passing, because of the relation of that to legal issues that have to do with burial according to Islam. I have not seen a fellow so abstaining and good-hearted as him.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I hope all people will follow the well-guided path. Proceed then, Master. You are the leader and the pioneer of the ummah. Seek Allah's assistance, and prostrate for him. Pray Allah in the last hours of night. Allah our lord descends at this time and says: "I shall provide for him who prays for me" and "I will come to the help of those who ask me." This is the time of sleeplessness and responsiveness.

Indeed, Allah shall help you in your responsibility. But these wrongdoing forces cannot change the command of Allah.

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A verse in this regard is: [As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, "Who is greater than us in strength?" Did they not consider that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength? But they were rejecting our signs] (Fussilat-15).

[So we sent upon them a screaming wind during days of misfortune to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing, and they will not be helped] (Fussilat-16).

By Allah, they are experiencing it this ninth month, a month of hell in the Gulf.

-The commander-in-chief said:

By the way, no such thing happened in the past.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The verse:

[Then, do those who have planned evil deeds feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them] (al-Nahl-45).

You represent the challenge in the verse. One who lacks the spirit of challenge dies. You are the hope looked up to by the women, children, and all the people of Palestine.

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- The commander-in-chief said:

Allah willing, we will not disappoint you.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The messenger of Allah, peace and prayer be upon him, said: (Before the hour strikes, imposters of about thirty will be sent, each claiming to be the messenger of Allah). Conquerors and victorious one? None. It has been just lies after lies. The people do distinguish between honest and liar. You had recourse to Allah. That is why you are other than this.

-The commander-in-chief said:

I want to tell you something: We have not made public what we have. We emphasize that only after victories and after Allah granted us victory in al-Qadisiya and the war ended. We have always used this method, the method of belief in Allah. Even though our statements expressed this method all along the past ten years, it rose only after our state reached, by traditional standards, the highest levels of power. It was at that time that we declared our method with emphasis, so that the matter, in case of other circumstances, is not understood to be merely an attempt to imitate instead of it having an authentic method.

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-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

Bush called the entire infidel world to come here. That is worse than the early crusades where only Europe participated. As for this one, both infidel East and West do. This is astonishing. That is why this battle is for Islam, for the Quran. It is the battle to prove oneself.

-The commander-in-chief said:

Praise be to Allah. Our heart is cold, because our conscience is clear. What greater pride than that of faith? This is the greatest pride. Praise be to Allah.

Because our people reached this level of stability, faith, and readiness for sacrifice, we find ourselves in a stage of worship, since this confrontation that we are engaged in is not in defense of worldly accomplishments. Instead, the conflict has risen to another level, which is worship at its highest levels.

Now, what do they want to frighten us with? Is it with destruction of factories? Then let them destroy them. We will rebuild them. But this battle will cleanse

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bodies, and souls, of defilements that are attached to them, so that they come out pure. This is the substantial achievement, according to us.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

The Islamic delegation said in Amman, "Let us go to Jeddah, because they are this and that." I am biased. They were surprised to find me in Baghdad when they arrived.

The Department of Endowments organized a party, and I gave I speech: What happened is dangerous. What do you want of al-Saud? They reneged and disbelieved. What occurred is more dangerous than what happened to al-Qods. Now we have to take Iraq's side. When you return to your peoples, revolutionize them against al-Saud who destroy the creed, defy the Quran, and challenge the messenger of Allah.

I said: "We do not call to reconcile with al-Saud. They are infidels and immoral. Our lord wrote them off. They seized the fortune of the ummah and mismanaged it."

I want you to call King Hussein to arm the people.

-The commander-in-chief said:

You know that king Hussein is a king in his country.

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And it is true we have evidence against him. But we also know he has better judgment on such matters. He must think that the matter is not dangerous.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We tested him. He delivered the West Bank and none of his soldiers was killed.

-The commander-in-chief said:

We wish him well, Allah willing. And as long as he is with us, we value that. Allah, the Great and the almighty wished to teach us humans when he said, [If you are grateful, I will give you more]. Allah the almighty is not in need of the gratitude of his servants. But he wanted to teach us this kind of ethics, and said, "I am Allah, and I ask for the gratitude that I do not need." People should thank one another for what they offer.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We would like you to surprise us by repealing some laws.

-The commander-in-chief said:

Expect good things. The most important thing is that you are satisfied with the

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core of the process. As for the other matters, leave them. We should not lose the unity of our people in every step we take.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

We want to open a training office and center for jihad.

-The commander-in-chief said:

We have asked people to volunteer for jihad.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I have taken a lot of your time.

-The commander-in-chief said:

You are in your country. May Allah bless you.

-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I hope you have time to listen to the sermon I gave on Friday.

-The commander-in-chief said:

I will listen to it, Allah willing. Speech is not the arrangement of words. It is words and faith. That is why, one hears language that does not affect the citizens. There are also ones who make people cry when they speak. That is because they

interact with the words and with their meaning, and this way they open the hearts of their listeners. Such is faith.

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-Sheikh As'ad al-Tamimi said:

I thank you for your hospitality.

-The commander-in-chief said:

What hospitality? You are in your country. We greet all the people in Amman and the righteous ones whose position lifts us up with pride and glory. This is a pure and faithful Arab people. Rejoice, Allah willing.

Signature

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