Advice from Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al Maqdisi to the Mujahideen in Shaam

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May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.

May Allah bless you beloved brother.

By Allah my brother, I do not know of any better advice to give you and to your brothers and to your loved ones, than to have fear of Allah.

And I have another advice for you about a matter that is giving me sleepless nights, and I say it summarizing it as:

All praise is due to Allah, and may peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.

I remind you of the Hadith of the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, “There will always be a group from my Ummah following the commands of Allah, they will not be harmed by those who oppose them and those who abandon them, until the decision of Allah comes”.

From amongst the most important advice I have for the Mujahideen in this age is to increase the number of the supporters of Sharia and those who are seeking it, and those who are striving for its establishment, because Allah will ask them about their lives as to how they gave it up, and about their blood as to how they let it spill. The Mujahid did not migrate from his land and carry his weapon except for striving for martyrdom and for the pleasure of Allah and for the loftiest Firdaws (in paradise).

And this matter will not be correct or complete or fulfilled except through sincerity in his intention, speech, action, and his fighting and his striving like how Allah has said “And they have been commanded to do no more than: To worship Allah, offering Him sincere devotion, and inclining only to the truth” (Surah 98:5). So it is not sincerity that the Mujahid desires to raise a banner of nationalism or establish a nationalistic, democratic or secular rule.

Sincerity and Tawheed require that he fight to spread the soleness of Allah everywhere and under
this comes the subject of Allah as being the sole ruler and the sole law maker. And one of the matters which no one can dispute about it today is that there are in the fields of Jihad that which the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has informed us of regarding the existence of various forms of fighting every time. So amongst them are those who fight to be called as a Mujahid, and those who fight for war booty, and those who fight for the sake of a banner whose aim is not clear, or in ignorance or for nationalism. And amongst them are those who fight by taking instructions from foreign countries (whether America or Arab countries), and those who fight for the victory of a group or organization without looking at how close that group is to Allah’s religion, and without looking at its objectives and its banner.

The Muwahhid (the one who believes that Allah alone has the right to be worshipped) does not fight for any of these aims or under any of these banners. But he is as the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, has described “Whoever fights for the Word of Allah to be on top of all, then he is fighting in the path of Allah”. And ‘the word of Allah’ is Tawheed (i.e. the statement “None deserves to be obeyed and worshipped except Allah”).

This contains in it the word “none” which necessitates disassociation from all the false deities regardless of whether they are people, stone, laws, constitutions, or the path of Shirk and secularism. And all those who know the fields of Jihad know that there are groups there that are fighting for the sake of these false deities without any ambiguity in their stances and they openly declare their polytheistic aims. And amongst them are those who are climbing over the skulls of the martyrs and riding over the body parts of the heroes to achieve their nationalistic aims. They do not find any problem in betraying them for that by falsely claiming that they are striving to establish the Shariah, but their statements when they are with the enemies of Allah and their words which they broadcast in the media expose them and show their stances and their real aims without they attempting to hide it...

And you them signing on documents striving to establish the polytheistic democratic state, or collaborating with and supporting the one who openly declares that the type of government that they seek will be based on the choice of the majority...

It is a very common basic knowledge that the field is not lacking in truthful ones who openly state and declare that their aim is to establish the Shariah truthfully and seriously, and they do not say or do things which contradict this aim. So wherever you find these truthful ones, then hold on to their group very firmly, and increase their numbers and do not let your men separate from their men until your soul leaves your body or Allah grants you victory.

And do not be tempted by those who mislead and who want you to spill your blood for their projects which will result in the ballot boxes of the Shirk of democracy, by them quoting the statement of some of the scholars who said “Defensive Jihad does not require prerequisites or conditions”. In fact it is Allah’s words that deserve to be given preference and it is His book that has more right to be used as evidence. He, glory be to Him, says “And they have been commanded to do no more than: To worship Allah, offering Him sincere devotion, and inclining only to the truth”. So He has ordered us that our worship, our Jihad and our actions are to be solely and sincerely for Allah, and this how Tawheed is fulfilled, which is Allah’s right over His slaves.

Allah has says “Whoever does righteous deeds, whether male or female, while being a believer, they will enter Paradise and will not be wronged, [even as much as] the speck on a date seed.” (4:124)

So He has made Imaan (belief in Him) a condition for righteous actions and for Jihad and for
others likewise, just as He has made it a condition to receive His promise. And the saying of the scholars that “There are no conditions for defensive Jihad”, if it is without restrictions like how some ignorant ones understand, and by which some of those who deceive their followers got misled, it would still be incorrect to use that as evidence since there exists Mujahid groups that fight in the path of Allah and that raise the banner of Tawheed clearly, and they openly announce their aim of implementing the Shareeah. So as long as these types of groups exist, it will be obligatory on everyone who long for Allah and for the afterlife to increase their numbers, and it will be obligatory on him to fight alongside them, and he must remind them that he only joined them because of their aim to implement the Shariah, and that if they abandon this aim then he will abandon fighting alongside them, not by abandoning fighting altogether but that he will join the ones who have this aim, and are under this banner and have this goal of implementing the Shariah.

Every fighter should give his pledge to the leader of his group upon this condition in all clarity, so that the fruits of Jihad are not hijacked again just like how it had happened in the other lands of Jihad when the thieves who steal the sacrifices of others climbed over the skulls of the martyrs to reach the positions of power to rule people by their polytheistic democracy.

So I emphasise on this matter which should be self evident and clear for every Muwahhid because we see today in Syria that there is an increase in the traders of Jihad and the thieves who steal the sacrifices of others by deceiving the youth and misleading them and who have ties to foreign countries and who conspire against the Jihad. So it is the duty of every fighter to purify their ranks from these, and it is the duty of every preacher and student to expose these traders of Jihad with clarification. And it is the duty of every leader and official to not betray those upon whom Allah has given them leadership by them hiding this matter from them and their blood being wasted for the victory of such kind of traders who exploit other’s Jihad.

And in the Hadith narrated by Ma’qil Bin Yasar, may Allah be pleased with him, he says “I heard the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, say “If Allah makes His servant a leader over a people and he dies by having betrayed those under him, then Allah will prohibit him from entering paradise”. (Bukhari & Muslim)

And I have come to know unfortunately that some of the Muhajireen conceal some of these details from their followers and even prevent them from reading the news to know the differences existing among the groups and what is being said by the Sheiks and scholars on these critical and important topics, by them claiming that they are afraid of them falling into Fitna (trials). I say to them “Surely they have already fallen into Fitna” (Surah 9:49). It is because their brothers are fighting sincerely and fiercely, and they have migrated from their lands to give victory to the religion of Allah and to establish His laws, whereas their leaders know that some of these groups that have signed on the documents for democratic state are using them and bringing them close to them to benefit from their fierceness in fighting and to exploit their sacrifices to widen the area that is under their control which will at the end be governed according to what these people have signed on the documents and agreements under the supervision of the Tawaghit who are funding them. So there is no doubt that hiding this matter without advising their brothers, there is no doubt that this is a betrayal towards Allah, to the believers, to Jihad, and to their sacrifices. Allah says “O you who have believe, do not betray Allah and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence]” (Surah 8:27).

And all praise is to Allah, by His grace, I constantly comment on these dangerous issues, and I advise on this topic, since they are very grave issues that are related to the blood of the Mujahideen and their sacrifices, and so I always advise them about it, and I warn against stealing
the fruits of Jihad and trading on the sacrifices of the martyrs. And because of that, we became enemies of the thieves of Jihad, and to its tradesmen and to those with distorted projects and who are financed by the Taghut regimes.

And whatever be the case, I will not stop warning against that and cautioning and advising about that, even if all of them become our enemies. And we will not allow them to tamper with the sacrifices of our martyred brothers or to steal the blood of the Mujahideen to waste them on their dirty projects to carry out the conspiracies of those who finance them.

And we will not give up advising our brothers and warning them about this very serious matter even if the whole world turns against us.

Our comfort comes in the saying of the Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, which we have mentioned in the beginning of this talk which is "There will always be a group from my Ummah following the commands of Allah, they will not be harmed by those who oppose them and those who abandon them, until the decision of Allah comes". We ask Allah the most high, to make us from among them.

"And Allah is predominant of His affair, but most of the people do not know". (Surah 12:21)

We ask Allah to protect you and to grant you steadfastness, and to use you to make His religion victorious, and to join together the hearts of the truthful ones to implement His Shariah and to establish His religion.

And may peace and blessings of Allah be upon the messenger of Allah.

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