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“The Life of Baitullah Masood”

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Today, the thing the world of Kufr fears most is the idea of Muslim Ummah gaining sovereignty; and consequently, due to the mischief caused by the world of Kufr, and due to the fact that Muslims have strayed far away from the teachings of the Shariah, the biggest crisis the Ummah faces is that most of the Muslims are unable to recognize their leadership today. Not only are they unable to recognize their leadership, but they get trapped into the deceit and deception spread by the Kuffar, and thus most of the time they even go as far as declaring this very leadership of theirs as their enemy. There is a saying of Ali (ؓ) in which he said, “Recognize the truth, then you will recognize its people.” Therefore, to recognize the leadership of truth, one needs to first recognize the truth itself. Now if the truth is not understood in the light of Quran, Sunnah, the lives of Sahabah (ؓ) and the Salaf (ؓ), and instead one tries to understand truth via the lies of the media, then how could one ever recognize the people of truth? If we view things from the eyes of media, then every person who has a beard on his face, who is absorbed in prostration and recitation of Quran, who has a gun hanging from his shoulder, who starts his talk with the name of Allah and ends it with the name of Allah, who is never ready to negotiate with sin, disobedience, and kufr and Shirk and is ever ready to even give away his life for the establishment of the sovereignty of Allah and enforcement of Shariah will seem to be our enemy. Those who have “*Emaan bil Ghaib*” (blindly believing) in the news of the media, then verily, they will see such people as their enemies or agents of their enemies.

Surprisingly, on one hand, every Muslim is waiting for a Messiah who will take the Ummah out of their state of subservience and suppression and guide it to the path of empowerment and prosperity. But on the other hand, whenever a true believer realizes his religious responsibilities and is grieved at the sorrow state of the Ummah, and thus he seeks the practical solution, shunning worldly affairs and involves himself in improving the worldly affairs and Hereafter of the Ummah, and stops the arrows fired at the Ummah with his own chest, crosses the difficult valleys of Hijrah and Jihad, propagation and warfare, enjoining the good and forbidding the evil, and imprisonment and martyrdom, then let alone accepting him as the “leader”, many Muslims, fall for the propaganda of the infidels and refuse to accept such people even as “their own”! It is this very magic of the infidelic media that Believers such as Baitullah Masood and Abu Mus’ab Zarqawi (may Allah accept them), even after giving their lives for this religion, are still seen by some simpletons as the “agents” of America and/or India. It is the very result of believing in this Dajjalic media, that in regards to the righteous of this Ummah, Amir Al Mumineen Mullah Muhammad Umar and Sheikh Usama bin Laden (may Allah bless them with perseverance) some still ask questions such, “Do these men exist in real or are they just legendary characters?” There is no might no power except by Allah! **“Verily it is not the eyes which are blinded, but rather the hearts in the breasts”.**

Contrary to this, the majority of the masses seem to sometimes run after thieves, crooks and political leaders such as Zardari, Nawaz Sharif, Gilani, Altaf Hussain and Aswandyar, and at other times arrogant army generals such as Pervaiz Musharaf and Pervaiz Kiyani declaring them as their leaders and guides,

despite the fact that none of them are “our own” or are they worthy of being called “leaders and guides”! They are all clear symbols of subservience to the Kuffar and detachment from the teachings of the Shariah in all aspects of both their looks and lives, their character and manners, and every other aspect of their individual and collective lives. How many religious people’s blood have they washed their hands in, how much exactly have they swallowed up from the wealth and resources of the Ummah, and only Allah knows how many what types of plans stir in their minds to keep us subdued. The suppression of the Ummah and the infidels’ authority over us are due to these very slaves of Dirham and Dinar, lust and desires, and slaves of the British and the Jews. May Allah exact revenge from them!

In short, today the problem is not that the Ummah has no leadership. Rather, the problem is that the does not recognize its leadership. As our religion has given us detailed guidance in every other sphere of life, it has also given unequivocal explanations about what kind of leadership Allah loves. People holding the traits of trustworthiness, fear of Allah, adherence to Shariah, religious knowledge, courage, wisdom, and decision making are the ones who are worthy of leading this Ummah. Thus it is important that we keep in mind the characteristics defined by the Shariah for leadership so that it becomes easy for us to realize that our true leadership is not the political and/or military leaders forcefully placed over us, who are traitors of the Deen and the Ummah; rather our real leaders are the religious scholars and the leaders of Jihad. From amongst these very people who fought with Kufr in battlefields and shouldered the responsibility of guiding the Mujahidoon, was the martyr Amir Baitullah Masood Shaheed (may Allah accept him). We pray to Allah that He accept all his efforts and that He grants him the companionship of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) in Paradise. Ameen!

In the following article, we present a concise biography of Ameer Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him) which was personally written by his close friend and the spokesperson of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Azam Tariq.

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{Poetry}

Respected Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him) was born in 1975. His parents initially named him Ubaidullah, but his name was changed to Baitullah when he gained entrance to the Madrasah at which he studied, and then he was called with this name till the end. He (may Allah accept him) was from Shabi Khel Zarai Khel, a subsidiary branch of the Masood tribe. His (may Allah accept him) father, Mawlawi Muhammad Haroon, was a pious scholar who practiced his knowledge.

Mawlawi Muhammad Haroon lived with all his family members in Kotka Nor Baz Dawood Shah, Bannu and the respected Amir’s (may Allah accept him) birth also took place in the very place. However, his ancestry is from the Masood regions of Zangtra and Nargosahi. The respected Amir has four brothers and their names are as follows:

1. Zahir Shah
2. Yahya
3. Ishaq
4. Ya’qoob Khan

Apart from him, one of his brothers, Yahya was also martyred, whereas the rest of the three brothers are alive by Allah’s Grace. He married twice in his life. First marriage took place in 2003. His first wife is from the Afridi tribe. The second marriage took place at the end of 2008 with the daughter of Haji Akramuddin Shabi Khel. Not only was she a graduate in the religious sciences, she also received the blessing of martyrdom along with her great husband.

As we move on to discuss the life of the respected Amir, let us also take a look at his appearance. He was neither short nor tall. He had a wheatish complexion, smiling face, long black beard, thick hair and big black eyes. He had strong health and nerves. Furthermore, Allah had blessed him with a strange set of praiseworthy traits. He had a humble nature, adventurous attitude, eagerness for Jihad, good at making important decision, was a good orator and equipped with leadership qualities.

Since the father of the respected Amir, Maulvi Muhammad Haroon, was of a religious nature, he started his education with religious knowledge. He learned Qaidah Baghdadi from his father at home. Then he learned to recite the Quran from Peepli Madrasah in Bannu. After this, he went to Asad Khel Madrasah to the study of elementary books of the religion. He also benefited from the good scholars in the reli-

gious Madrasah of Akora Khattak for some time. However, he acquired most of his education from Madrasah Nizaamiah, in Mir Ali, North Waziristan.

Along with the religious education, he also acquired worldly education. He studied primary education from Mati School and Chag Jama'at School, then studied in Ayyaz Middle School, and then did his Matriculation from Bannu City School. After Matriculation, he left further studies and focused on the acquiring religious knowledge, which he later left due to his involvement in Jihad.

The Beginning of Jihad:

Since 1993, he took part in the Afghan Jihad along with acquiring his education. However, initially he kept these activities hidden from his father, since his respected father used to emphasize on acquiring of knowledge at the time. Fortunately, Mawlawi Muhammad Haroon saw Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) in a dream one night. Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) told him to devote his son Baitullah in the cause of Jihad and not to create any barriers for him. Immediately after this dream, Mawlawi Muhammad Haroon gave absolute permission to his great son to devote all his time and energy towards Jihad. Furthermore, he also devoted himself for Jihad and left all the comfort and filth of the world forever.

At the fall of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, he busied himself with transporting the Mujahideen of Al-Qaida to safe havens, and for a long time he remained in their service. When the Mujahideen of Afghanistan started to regroup and reorganize to retaliate against the American aggression, the martyr, Amir Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him) established *Tanzeem-e-Taliban*, Masood Division, with the approval of the leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

The first conference of the Tanzeem was held in Barond in the Masood region. In this very conference, the Mujahideen appointed him as the Amir. The second conference was held under his leadership at Makeen, in which the number of Mujahideen was increasing. In this conference, there was special emphasis laid upon the propagation of Jihad. After sometime, the third conference was again held in Makeen. Due to efforts made in the propagation of Jihad, the numbers of Mujahideen were commendable. In this conference, in order to achieve the goals of Jihad, and in order to support themselves, they collected donations from amongst each other. From here was the first group formulated for assaults within Afghanistan, which later conducted some successful operations in Afghanistan inflicting much damage to the enemy. All the Mujahideen returned safely as well.

Since Baitullah (may Allah accept him) was inherently equipped with leadership and marksmanship, a new and bright chapter was added to the Afghan Jihad called 'The Caravan of Baitullah'. In the beginning, he opened an office adjacent to Madrasah Nizaamia for his Jihadi activities. The youth joined the Caravan of Baitullah in abundance, and the numbers of Mujahideen kept increasing. New centers were established in Miranahah and Degan. The pressure of Mujahideen attacks on the Taghooti powers in Afghanistan kept increasing; impenetrable camps were utterly destroyed, and large districts of Afghanistan were recaptured by the Mujahideen. Thus, the Caravan of Baitullah caused a revolution in the Afghan Jihad against the American aggression.

The respected Amir threw the parliaments of Kufr and Atheism in sheer awe when he established the 'martyr brigade' in his military arsenal. The Taghooti powers in Afghanistan had great pride and arrogance at their weaponry, tanks, missile launchers, helicopters and jet aircrafts. They believed the drone attacks and long-range missiles to be the antidote for Mujahideen. However, the martyr brigade, presenting a new stage of sacrifice, rubbed all of the pride and arrogance of the Taghooti powers in dust, leaving them in utter shock. It also pumped fresh blood in the Mujahideen in their fight against the forces of Kufr and Atheism. This method of sacrifice created havoc in the parliaments of Kufr, and thus Shaheed Amir Baittullah Masood (may Allah accept him) became a thorn in the eyes of America and the European alliance on one hand, and on the other hand he became an ideal for the Mujahideen all over the world.

The forces of Kufr engrossed themselves in planning against the Caravan of Baitullah. Thus, they prepared their subservient Crusader slaves, the Pakistani government and military, to take the Caravan of Baitullah head-on. The respected Amir, keeping a close eye on the national situation, shifted his centers from Northern Waziristan to his ancestral region of Masood, making it the center for his Jihadi activities.

Encounters with the Pakistani Government and Military

The government of Pakistan, showing its loyalty to America and fulfilling the responsibilities of a true slave, bombed the region of Badawazhdela with jet fighters and helicopters on 9th of September 2003, and as a result, martyred tens of innocent Taliban fighters. The Mujahideen, after the burial of their martyrs and under the leadership of the respected Amir, decided to take on the Pakistan Army in different localities. Just a couple of months before this fresh incident, the Mujahideen had clashed with Pakistan Army near the region Madejan, in which 48 soldiers were killed and 12 of their vehicles were destroyed. With this one clash, the Mujahideen had a clear idea about the competence and cowardice of the Pakistan Army. Therefore, the respected Amir, by Allah's Grace, brought forth his Jihadi wisdom when he visited the region in detail. He started to tighten the noose around the Pakistan Army as planned, and then started his attack. Alhamdulillah, with each of the attacks by Mujahideen, the Pakistan Army suffered huge casualties and heavy damages. As a result, the government, keeping in view the heavy losses incurred to the Army, eventually decided to negotiate. The negotiations started, in which the national advisors from the Darray Masood region also participated. Finally, a ceasefire agreement was made between the government of Pakistan and the Caravan of Baitullah on 18th of February 2005 in Sararogha. The terms of this agreement, upon which the respected Amir forced the government of Pakistan to accept in the presence of the national advisors, are safe and preserved, even to this date.

Army convoy arrested in 2007:

In 2007, violating the agreement, Pakistan Army once again tried to capture the Masood region. For this purpose, a military convoy laden with heavy artillery and military equipment left for Ladha subdivision from Shakai Camp under the leadership of Colonel Zafar. When the Mujahideen received the news

about this movement, the respected Amir made an extraordinary and organized plan to arrest the military convoy at Khaisorah, Shoolam and Momi Katram.

No one had ever dreamed of the idea that such a heavy number of soldiers laden with military equipment could be arrested. However, by Allah's Grace, and then due to the military strategy and wisdom of the respected Amir Baitullah Masood, 280 armed soldiers, their small and large vehicles, and all the equipment were seized.

At this incident, a havoc rocked Pakistan, and to save itself from disgrace, the Army made negotiations with the national advisors from Darray Masood, which resulted in the release of these soldiers. The respected Amir, as per the agreement, released and returned all soldiers to the government. It should be noted, that these soldiers were held by the Caravan of Baitullah for 65 continuous days.

Founding of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan:

After returning the arrested soldiers to Pakistan, the respected Amir focused on the unification of the various Jihadi groups fighting in different tribal regions and unite them into a single organized and powerful force. To achieve this, visits were made to other tribal regions, meetings were held with the leaders and responsible people of different groups, and the importance and potential fruits of establishing the Tehreek-e-Taliban was discussed. Not only in the tribal areas, but Mujahideen from other regions as well, such as Swat and other cities, were also included.

By Allah's Grace, the conference constituting all these groups was held at an appointed date. The founding of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan was unanimously brought into decision, and the respected Amir Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him) was formally appointed as the Amir. Mawlawi Fazlullah from Swat and Mawlawi Faqeer Muhammad from Bajaur were appointed as his deputies. Mawlawi Muhammad Umar was given the post of spokesperson. Due to the efforts of the respected Amir, various unorganized Jihadi groups were successfully brought under the single banner of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

Army aggression in December 2007:

The fear of the Taghooti powers kept on increasing due to the successive feats of the respected Amir. Not only did the establishment of TTP pose a new challenge to the Pakistan government and military, this development was a huge setback for America and its allies. Therefore, they now considered the respected Amir to be a permanent threat.

In December 2007, Pakistan Army, fulfilling the orders of America, attacked the Taliban in the region of Darray Masood from all four sides: Spenkai-Raghzai, Braund, Makeen and Khaisorah. Under the leadership of the respected Amir, the Mujahideen ferociously fought at every side, and huge losses were suffered by Pakistan Army. Even though the army indiscriminately used tanks, missiles and helicopters and destroyed the local villages in Spenkai-Raghzai, Chagmalai, and Khaisorah, the spirits of the Mujahideen

remained high and the respected Amir made it clear to the government of Pakistan that they would only receive burnt tanks and corpses of the soldiers in return. This materialized into reality. Fighting continued for two months. Eventually, a ceasefire was agreed upon in February 2008, and the Army, in order to save itself from further losses, once again signed a peace agreement in April 2008.

The Forces of Kufr Spurring into Action Once Again:

Respected Amir, Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him), even while being involved in clashes with the Pakistani Army, continued to attack the American and Allied forces within Afghanistan. Furthermore, he always remained in direct contact with leadership of the Islamic Emirates and would follow their orders strictly.

After the peace agreement of April 2008, the Taliban of the Masood region and the Taliban Mujahideen of the Wazir tribe formulated another alliance by the name of "Shura Ittehad-e-Mujahideen". The establishment of this alliance was the hope of every sincere Mujahid, since due to this the Mujahideen present at the epicenter of the Jihad, Waziristan, grouped under a single banner and vowed to help each other in any kind of external attacks. This alliance was another setback to America and its allies, especially Pakistan. Once again, the forces of Kufr from all over the world were stabbed, and they started to plan conspiracies against this alliance. At this point in time, the respected Amir Baitullah Masood (may Allah accept him) became the most important of their targets, and hence information about him was obtained from the security agencies of Pakistan.

On 25th of May 2009, the security agencies of Pakistan once again decided to pursue the respected Amir and to attempt to crush the military power of the Mujahideen. Nine drone aircrafts continuously kept encircling the skies over Masood region. Using all the spying resources, a full-fledged series of drone attacks started. Fighter jets also bombed the area indiscriminately. This continued for a few months, and just recently a land operation against the Mujahideen has also started, the army approaching from three sides. This battle between Kufr and Islam still continues in the region of Masood.

However, even with all this, the respected Amir spent day and night organizing the military force of the Mujahideen. The bombing of the fighter jets and attacks by drones could not discourage him. By Allah's Grace, all the while he successfully organized the battlefields, analyzing each personally, guiding solving the problems of each.

One night in this continuous struggle, he was blessed by seeing the Prophet (ﷺ) in a dream. In the dream, The Prophet (ﷺ) told him: "That's enough Baitullah, now you should come!" The respected Amir discussed this dream with his mother and brothers, and certain trustworthy friends in the Tanzeem. He asked his younger brother Is'haq give alms, which was immediately done. He also gave some money to certain friends associated with the Tanzeem and asked them to give alms as well. He (may Allah accept him) had realized that the time for his martyrdom was near.

Date of martyrdom:

On the night of the 5th of August, he was resting in the house of his father in law, Akramiddin Shabi Khel in the region of Zangtra, when two missiles fired from the spy drone landed on the house, which [injured him] and later led to his martyrdom.

We pray to the Allah the most Merciful, to accept his life long struggles, and to grant him the Paradise of Firdaws.

Verily, the life of Amir Baitullah (may Allah accept him) is a model for the Muslim Ummah. It is a glowing chapter in the history of Islam. We request the entire Muslim Ummah, especially the youth of Islam, that they follow the footsteps of Amir Baitullah, benefiting from them to stand up to defend Islam and wage Jihad against the infidels.

