

Press Release:

Regarding the circumstances of the French crusade on Muslim Mali

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Two months have passed on the crusade, and various types of misleading propaganda spread about events on the land of Muslim Mali, especially in the Azawad region, where the heroic battles are going on, between the Awliya of Allah and His enemies, the Media Affairs Office of Jamaat Ansar Al-Din – after a long absence due to the war circumstances – is pleased to issue this statement to comment on some of the current events and send some messages, so we say and success is from Allah:

1. It has become clear to anyone who has eyes that this crusade is not as it was promoted by those who ignited its fire by claiming that its goal was war against terrorism and protecting human rights, and stopping the danger that threatens the security and stability of the region, and then Europe. No rather the truth is that this campaign had two major goals: firstly: preventing the establishment of any entity that seeks to liberate the Ummah from the slavery of the tyrant secular regime, and calls to live in freedom under the shadow of the rule of the Islamic Sharia. Secondly: keenness of France for the permanence of the agents who betray their Ummah, no matter how much they become tyrannical and oppressive and torture their people, as long as they are loyal soldiers, who watch over the continuity of the colonial hegemony, that is based on the deformation of the minds, plundering of the resources, controlling the fate of the nations. And we in Jamaat Ansar Al-Din don't know that we have committed any fault for France to mobilize its armies and incite its lackeys, except that rose up to establish a project that preserves the fundamentals of our civilization, and corrects the course of our struggle and strife, that continued for more than five decades, to avoid all the obstacles that prevented achieving dreams of our oppressed people. And all the wise honorable men on the face of the earth – Muslims and Kaffirs – agree that what we are seeking is a guaranteed right, and as long as France lacks wisdom and honor which makes it acknowledge that right for us, we promise Allah to continue in resisting its aggression on us, and we won't lay off or resign until Allah gives us what we wish or perish seeking it.

2. This campaign showed the extent of hatred which crusader France carries for Islam and its people, since from the first hours of this campaign, the peaceful worshipers were targeted in the mosques, and it was demolished over their heads,

and the operations of arbitrary arrests were launched in Bamako based on the ideological and sectarian affiliation, of everyone who is known of supporting the implementation of the Sharia, and adhering to it in inward and outward, even if he didn't carry arms, regardless of his color or race, and these arrests are still continuing in all the regions which the French and their lackeys enter, especially Timbuktu and Gao, where religiousness and adhering to the Sharia became a crime that leads to detention and murder.

3. The media disgraceful plays showed the look of contempt and disrespect, which the French media holds for our Muslim people, when it portrayed to the world the Muslim people of Mali, that they are a bunch of drunks, smokers, singers and who welcomed the entrance of the crusader occupier, and if it was an indication for something, it is a proof for the real French intentions for invading this Muslim country, which is fighting virtue and oppressing its people, and spreading vice and raising the status of who call for that, even if they were a minority in the society. And the media by this heinous act, is sending a big offence to this Muslim nation, which was known for its righteousness and its hate for every alien element to their Islamic traditions and culture, but there is benefit from this harm, those images despite of its offence to our people, showed the real goals of this campaign, which those responsible for it strived to dress it a cloth of liberating nations and preserving human rights.

4. It was necessary for our Ummah to know who are its true sons, and its sincere servants, who seek to retrieve its pride and glory, and work to achieve its renaissance in all aspects, and Alhamdulillah these serious events in the history of our Ummah were a true test to everyone who raised loud slogans such as nationalism, liberation, struggle and fighting, these slogans that turned out to be just a mirage, as long as they weren't associated with a sincere intention, to establish the religion, and defend the historical and cultural fundamentals of the Ummah, and unfortunately you find many who claim to have ardor for this Ummah, hastened to throw themselves in the arms of the occupation, and nominated themselves to be the spearhead in the assault against their brothers, who refused to meet with the enemies in the middle of the road, and it has appeared to every observer the danger of treachery and its ugly results, here are some of those who used to call to nationalism and liberation yesterday, conduct the role of the policeman on behalf of the occupation, and arrest the best Ulema and preachers of this Ummah, and hand them over to the crusader enemy, and plunder the properties of the people, and provoke the Jahili prejudices among the elements of the Ummah that coexisted for long centuries united by the brotherhood of Islam, as well as terrorizing the oppressed, and spreading rumors

among them, and besieging people, and preventing them from gaining their living, under the pretext of preventing the financing of terrorist groups, and let that be the “struggle and strife”.

5. We give glad tidings in Mali and especially in Azawad that your sons in Jamaat Ansar Al-Din are well, and they are Alhamdulillah steadfast, and their leadership represented in sheikh Abu Al-Fadl Eyad Ag Ghali, are well and Alhamdulillah, and he is leading the military operations by himself, against the alliances of evil mobilized by France to combat Islam, and he and his brothers have healed the hearts of the believers, so they made the French and Chadian mercenaries suffer horrors, especially in the battles that occurred in the Tagargar mountains on 19 and 22 January and beyond, and if the French hadn't interfered with their warplanes the French and Chadian soldiers would have been sent to their countries in coffins. Alhamdulillah, despite of the siege and isolation that France wants to impose on us but we are fine, and send a greeting of thanks and gratitude to everyone who supported us by himself and his money and opinion, so may Allah reward you for our behalf and for Islam.

6. We strongly deny the imaginary figures which the French media claim are the number of the dead in the ranks of the mujahidin, which it aims from it to raise the collapsed morale of their soldiers, and it has no physical evidence for its credibility, rather the bitter truth concealed by the media that their French soldiers and with them their Chadian mercenaries are suffering from kinds of torment by the pursued youth on land and from the sky, and we confirm from what we saw from the behavior of the French soldiers that they are from the most coward creatures of Allah, and that they don't enter a battle without almost being dead from panic, and if it wasn't for the indiscriminate bombing that affected trees, farms, animals, wells and unarmed civilians, you would have seen their bodies scattered in the desert and the wolves feeding on them, but war has its ups and down, and Allah will rule between us and them, we depend on Him and we submit to Him and our fate is to Him.

7. We bless for our brothers the Murabit mujahidin in Gao, Timbuktu and other regions where the battles are going on, their courage in confronting the crusader enemy, and ask Allah to give them steadfast, and guide their aiming, give them victory over their enemy and our enemy, since they have given the best example in sacrifice and spending, so may Allah reward you for that, since they have relieved us by their firm strikes, and they showed that disagreeing in sub-issues and partial perspectives doesn't prevent the obligatory support, and we ask Allah to heal their wounded and accept their martyrs, and on this occasion we call them to conduct

well-knit plans that inflict losses in the soldiers of the enemy, and to focus on the French and their lackeys from the aggressive African armies, since they are the primary engine of this campaign, and we ask Allah to hasten their defeat.

8. We send a message of thanks to the Muslim peoples that stood against the barbaric French aggression on our Muslim land, and we appreciate its understanding and awareness of the reality of the conflict, and we thank the people of knowledge and grace, who exposed the French political hypocrisy, and its paradoxical dealing with the international issues, despite of that we wish from the Muslim Ummah, and especially the people of knowledge and thought and those of free honorable pens, not to fall in the trap of media blackout, which is imposed by the French occupier, regarding atrocities and crimes that are conducted under its patronage and systematically. Also we point out to the tragedy of our people and brothers in the refugee camps, who fled from the flames of war, to fall an easy prey for those who exploit the Aid Work to achieve their evil purposes, and do not hesitate to humiliate the dignity of the Muslims, as well as the danger of compromising on the religion and Aqeeda, which the crusader relief organizations are excelled in it. We call all the elites and Islamic associations for aid and Dawah, to the necessity to look at the tragedy of our brothers with compassion and sympathy, and we ask Allah to reward them and give them steadfast in easing what our brothers are suffering there.

9. We strongly deny what was spread by the media that we burned the ancient manuscripts in the Ahmed Baba Institute in Timbuktu, and how could we do that heinous act when we know the value of this library, which is considered one of the Ummah treasures, and a cultural heritage which the other nations are jealous of it, and if we would have seen any Sharia impediment for the existence of these manuscripts we would have declared it to the people and clarified it by evidence, as we have done with the issues that we conducted publicly, and we found no nothing wrong in declaring our believes out loud, as long as we have an evidence from the Sharia. And since we were aware of the value of this library, tightened the security on it throughout our presence in the city, rather we used to apologize to the seekers of knowledge in Timbuktu who complained that they weren't able to directly benefiting from these manuscripts, because we know new that dealing with it needs experts who watch over its conservation, and the elders and also the inhabitants of the city are witnesses to that, but when we left the city after the barbaric bombardment intensified, those who wanted corruption dared to do what they wish, and if the international organizations were really concerned of the truth, it would have formed a commission of inquiry that investigates what really happened, but directing accusations is easy, especially who don't have the chance

to defend their knowledge. Thus the one who is responsible for burning of the heritage – if indeed it was burned – is the French occupation who created the favorable conditions for the corrupters, and facilitated the looting of the private and public property, sometimes by direct complicity, and at other times by turning a blind eye.

10. We aren't oblivious to the series of crimes and violations against our people and brothers, in the cities of Sévaré, Konna, Gao, Timbuktu and the outskirts of the city of Kidal that are committed systematically by the ferocious monsters from the soldiers of the racist army of Malian tyranny, under full patronage of the crusader French occupation, who don't have ethics of war or honor of confrontation, since instead of directly confronting its opponents, it began to target the mosques, homes, farms and pastures, and its motivation for is the blind hatred for the people of this land, who choose to live in freedom under the shadow of the just Islamic rule, thus the people are being punished according to their ethnic belonging, and ideological believes, and their homes and shops demolished, property confiscated, and their wells poisoned, and forcibly displacing them from their land, to be engaged in a tragedy of displacement and alienation, all that is happening with an international blessing, in the silence of the hypocrite human rights organizations, that used to wail for the criminals, whom the Hudud of Allah were implemented on them, and ignores the tens of dead and hundreds of displaced whom their only guilt is that they refused to submit to the dictations of oppression and tyranny.

11. We appeal to the people of knowledge, thought and reason, and honor, not to remain idly by the Jahili Fitnah, which France wants to throw us in to, by sowing grudge and hatred among us, and ignite the fuse of civil wars between us, so the Arab would be engaged against the non-Arab, and the white against the black, and we kill each other, and the aim of this is to break up our gathering and weaken our power, distract us from the reality of the of the conflict between us and the crusader occupiers, which was fundamentally based on the issue of implementing the Sharia on our land, and subjugation to the orders of Allah, and emancipation from all the earthly systems that subjected us to severe torment. And we appeal to our Muslim brothers in Mali from all ethnics, races and tribes and say to them as our Lord have said: (And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited, and remember the favor of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favor you became brethren) 103 Surah Aal-e-Imran, and we say to them as our prophet peace and blessings of Allah be upon him: "Leave it, it's rotten" and "Do not return to unbelief after me by striking the necks of one another". And let them know that from the conditions of Iman is

resorting every conflict to Allah and His messenger, and implementing the Sharia of Allah in the money, honors and blood, the Almighty said: (if you quarrel about anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you believe in Allah and the last day; this is better and very good in the end) 59 Surah An-Nisa. Jamaat Ansar Al-Din had installed for the people judges and Muhtasibs in the regions which it used to control, and they are well known of deep knowledge, and they are still present Alhamdulillah, and there are other people of knowledge, who aren't lesser than them in experience and knowledge of the Sharia and its rulings, so raise your cases no matter how much it was big, to rule between you with what Allah revealed, and preserve your power, and save your arms, to confront the real enemy, which making jihad against it has become an individual obligation on every capable person, after it occupied the land and spread corruption in it.

12. We send a message to our people at home and abroad to hasten to support their brothers, and come to do the obligation of this time which was imposed by Allah on the people of Islam, which repelling the aggressor on the religion, land and honor, especially that this aggressor is a hateful crusader enemy, whom our fathers and grandfathers suffered from it in the past century, and it was the reason for the sufferings of our people, and it is today declaring war on us, just because we refused to be a tool to achieve its schemes, O' Muslim youth, O' whom Allah graced you with power and thought and opinion, here the market of jihad has been established in your land, so do not let the intimidation of the bandits prevent you from joining the arenas of pride and honor, since today every misconception about the legitimacy of fighting the French and their lackeys disappeared, and the Ulema of Islam gave Fatwa of the obligation of jihad and it's an obligation on the individuals, so do not miss this virtue, and to everyone who is unable to do jihad by himself: "The doors of jihad with money, opinion, word and defending the honors of the believers are open, so roll up the forearm of exertion and compete in collecting of good works, since you are in days that will have consequences, and the aggrieved is the one who missed the caravan of jihad and martyrdom, and we ask Allah not to deprive us from that.

13. We send a message to all the individuals and groups that disagree with us in the approach and do not agree with us in the vision; we say to them our war with the French and lackeys is a legitimate jihad, which have been proved in the texts of the Sharia, and it has been agreed upon by the Ulema of the Ummah, and that we don't know that we previously intended to offend anyone in himself or money or honor, rather we used to look into being just and fair, and we envisage peaceful solutions in solving problems occur between us and who disagree with us, thus we wish from who doesn't agree with us in the idea of our jihad and resistance to the

crusader invaders, not to assist them against us, we Alhamdulillah only target in our war the French and their lackeys, from the aggressive armies, and the treacherous agent militias, and who isn't in the ranks of the enemy isn't a target for us, and moreover that channels of dialogue are open and known to who wants it, according to our known conditions, and we excuse everyone who his weakness and inability led him to fall behind from jihad, and understand also the reasons of who choose to be peaceful to the enemies and thinking that he is driving away from himself the negative consequences which he fears its harm, and he is wrong in that and unjust to himself, and We ask Allah that he isn't tempted in his religion, and doesn't compromise his Aqeeda, and turn a blind eye to whom is strengthened by the occupation and resorted to it, for the sake of achieving imaginary gains, which he previously failed in gaining, and we won't be busy with him on the condition that he leaves us alone and doesn't show hostility to us. But we in the same time cannot tolerate who takes the path of treachery and betrayal to achieve his goals and ambitions, and who wishes to make himself a mount for the crusaders to fight Islam and its people.

Finally: We Alhamdulillah we will continue on this path and we don't see any other path that leads to the success in the Dunya and happiness in the hereafter, and we are determined to fight the occupier, conducting that as worship to Allah, anticipating what happens to us from pain and hardships in Allah's reward, pleased with what Allah prescribed for and on us, and who is killed from us we wish from Allah to accept him as a martyr in the Jannah of Aden, and who lives to be a throne in the throats of the crusaders, and we say the French: we swear by Allah that your goals won't be achieved – in Azawad in particular and Mali in general – except on our dead bodies even if only sticks remained in our hands we will fight you with it, and our trust in Allah is great, and we are certain of your near defeat, and departure from our land humiliated and subdued, and the days are between us, and the banners of Tawhid and rulings of the Sharia will return triumphant overwhelming shortly, despite of the plots of the plotters.

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