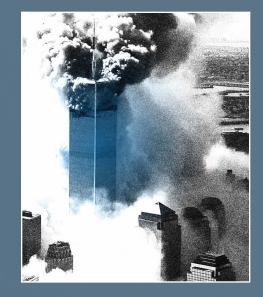




LETTER FROM THE EDITOR VAHYA IBRAHIM, EDITOR IN CHIEF

We dedicate this special supplement to the great events of the Expeditions of Washington DC and New York, as Shaykh Usama would call it, or simply 9/11. As America mourns and we celebrate this glorious event, we look into what 9/11 means ten years on. We have all been touched one way or another by the attacks. They are a marking point in history. There was a world before 9/11 and another one, drastically different, post 9/11. I remember one scholar was asked about the effects of the attacks right after they occurred. He said, "It is too early. Ask me ten years from now". Well here we are ten years on and it is time for us to look into the effects of 9/11 on America and the world.

Shaykh Usama might be dead but his deeds are not. 9/11 has left a permanent scar on the American psyche and will live long after in the hearts of every American. The pain, suffering and agony that Shaykh Usama brought to America is fair payback for the pain, suffering and agony that America has brought to millions of Muslims around the world, in Palestine, in Iraq, in Afghanistan and elsewhere. America got part of what it deserves. The rest will be served by the heroic mujahidin who are continuing on the path of jihad until they achieve victory or meet their Creator. 9/11 was neither the beginning of the war between the Muslims and the West nor was it the end. It was



merely an episode in a long, protracted war that started at the time of the Messenger of Allah and will end with al-Malĥama, the epic battle mentioned in the hadith.

The story of 9/11 is the story of jihad. It is the story of a small band of men who were guided by Allah, made the intentions to fight, trained on the battlefields and then culminated their struggle with martyrdom to end up their short, but eventful lives, in meeting their Lord.

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 passed with the world commenting on it. We bring to you some of what the world was saying, and some of the images from that decade to remind our readers of that great day.

We ask Allah to shower His blessings on the nineteen brothers who fulfilled their duty and moved on and all those who participated in the planning of that glorious event and we ask Allah to grant us the strength to carry on the fight and to grant us victory against our enemies. Âmîn.

Iran and the Conspiracy Theories

ABU SUHAIL, OPINION

There have been plenty of conspiracy theories surrounding the events of 9/11. These conspiracy theorists believe that the U.S. government manufactured the attacks while others believe that it was the Israeli Mossad who was behind them. They site claims such as the Pentagon was not hit by a plane but by a rocket, and that the World Trade center building number seven was brought down by a controlled demolition. The prescribers to these theories have been some scattered individuals here and there who do not posses the research capabilities and capacities that are only available to entity striking a blow at governments. However, there has been one exception: the government of Iran.

The Iranian government has professed on the tongue of its president Ahmadinejad that it does not believe that al Qaeda was behind 9/11 but rather, the U.S. government. So we may ask the question: why would Iran ascribe to such a ridiculous belief that stands in the face of all logic and evidence?

Since the start of the Iranian revolution, Iran wanted to project an image of anti-Americanism. This would serve as a rallying call for the millions of Muslims around

the world who despise America for its aggression against them. Iran played this card very well and garnered a lot of support among the Muslims as being the country that is willing to stand up to America.

If Iran was genuine in its animosity towards the U.S., it would be pleased to see another the Great Satan but that's

not the case. For Iran, anti-Americanism is merely a game of politics. It is anti-America when it suits it and it is a collaborator with the U.S. when it suits it, as we have seen in the shameful assistance Iran gave to the U.S. in its invasion of Afghanistan and in the Shi`a of Iraq, backed by Iran, bringing the American forces into the country and welcoming them with open arms.

Therefore with 9/11, the Iranians saw a great operation that had brought damage to the U.S. like nothing they had ever dreamed of causing during their two de-



cades in power. For them, al Qaeda was a competitor for the hearts and minds of the disenfranchised Muslims around the world. Al Qaeda, an organization under fire, with no state, succeeded in what Iran couldn't. Therefore it was necessary for the Iranians to discredit 9/11 and what better way to do so? Conspiracy theories.

Iran and the Shi`a in general do not want to give al Qaeda credit for the greatest and biggest operation ever committed against America because this would expose their lip-service jihad against the Great Satan.

Don't let America become great in your eyes

the greatest of human power if it truly establishes the religion of Islam, and that is exactly what history proved throughout the American enemy that it mainly the past centuries. This nation is able to battle and resist what are fare. That's because it possesses known as superior countries.

O people do not let America's front and its troops seem hard and become great in your eyes, as we have struck them – by Allah – repeatedly and they were defeated 1 The following is taken from *Tawjihât*

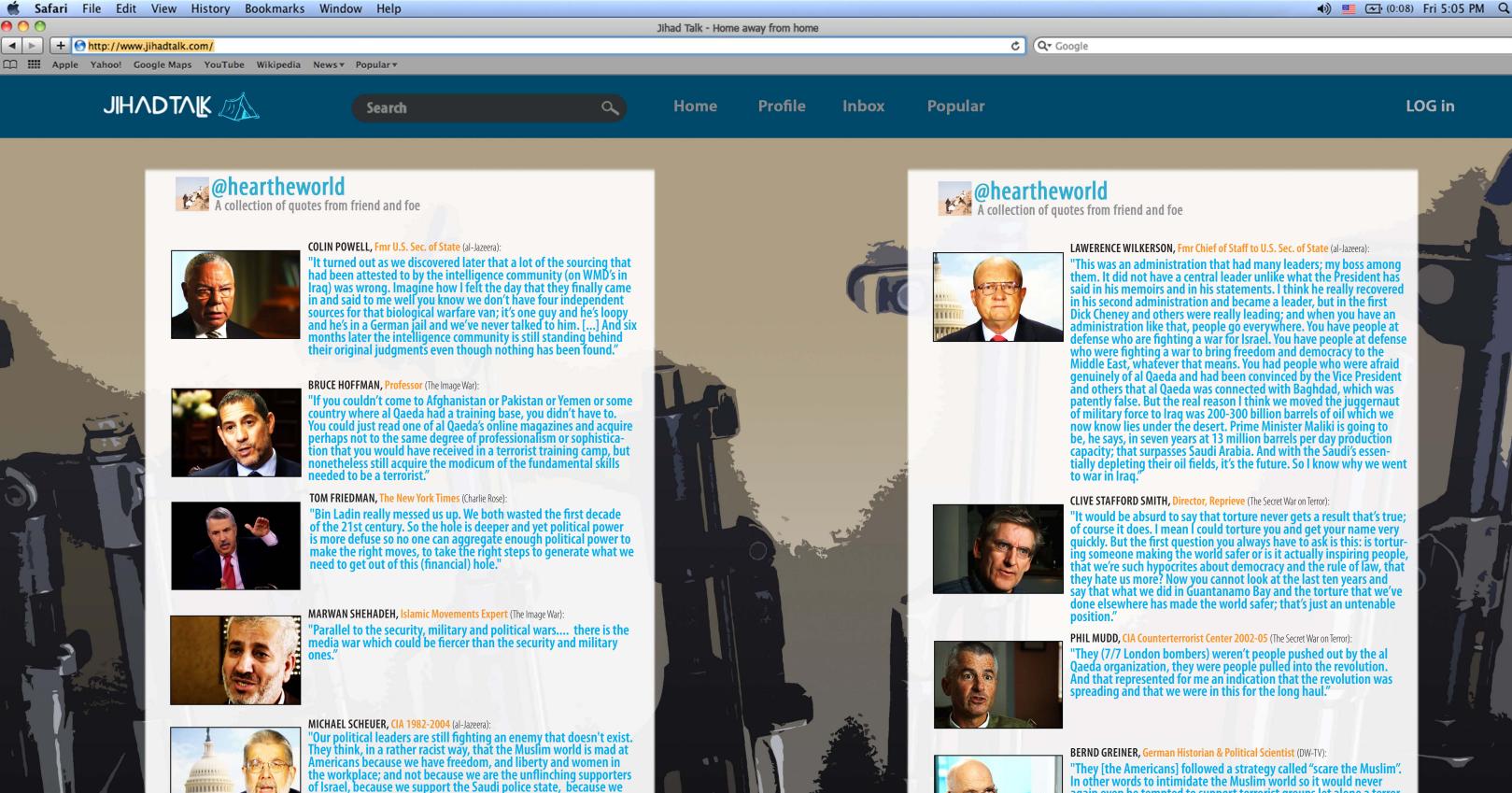
al-Manhajîyyah.

n reality,¹ the Islamic ummah is frequently and they are the most cowardly at the time of encounter. It became clear to us through our resistance and fighting against depends on psychological warvast propaganda tools, and uses intensive air force bombing which demonstrates their points of weaknesses which are fear, cowardliness, and an absence of a fighting spirit in the American soldier. [...]

A small number of Islam's youth

were able — despite the international allied forces standing in their way — to establish the evidence on the people with relation to the ability of resisting and fighting what are called the Superpowers. They were able to defend their religion and benefit the cases of their ummah more than what the governments and nations of fifty countries in the Islamic world could do. This is a consequence of them taking jihad as a way to support the religion.





MICHAEL SCHEUER, CIA 1982-2004 (al-Jazeera):

"Our political leaders are still fighting an enemy that doesn't exist. They think, in a rather racist way, that the Muslim world is mad at Americans because we have freedom, and liberty and women in the workplace; and not because we are the unflinching supporters of Israel, because we support the Saudi police state, because we have troops in the Arab Peninsula, in Iraq and other places. So really no matter how big the intelligence community gets in the United States, as long as U.S. foreign policy remains what it is, the enemy will continue to grow in numbers and probably lethality. [...] If you listen to President Obama or former President Bush, it's still that they hate us for our freedoms and our liberties, and we're going to kill them or capture them one at a time. And yet we killed Usama bin Ladin in this age of celebrity; we think that ended a big part of the war. Well, while we focused on Bin Ladin, al Qaeda expanded from basically being an Afghanistan-centric group to being still in parts of Afghanistan, in a big part of Pakistan, in Yemen, across North Africa, Somalia, Iraq and Palestine."





"They [the Americans] followed a strategy called "scare the Muslim". In other words to intimidate the Muslim world so it would never again even be tempted to support terrorist groups let alone a terrorist attack on the United States."



WILLIAM LANGEWIESCHE, Intl Corr., Vanity Fair (France 24):

"The United States is fundamentally changed in the, sort of, mass and somewhat cowardly pursuit of safety at all costs. This (9/11) has essentially been a cowardly reaction and I hope its temporary. [...] Take the hit and move on; stop moaning about it."



words of Shaykh Usama; words that reminded me of an unspoken of world that has shaped the lives of millions of people across the globe thanks to a few people on their computers and the men who fulfill their promises to Allah. Back in America, I knew to the mujahidin; but I just wasn't able to put my finger on how important it was to them. Just then a brother intervened and confirmed, "A powerful media production is as hard hitting as an operation in America." It was the first time I met individuals who were so ideologically enveloped in the media effort against America and the West. It was also the first time that my mind opened up to the compre-kept the river streaming. hensiveness of the media jihad highlighting its serious authority and impact upon the world. In addition to that, it laid out to me the importance of all the roles in the media jihad effort and that there isn't one role that is sufficient enough to drive it. And although the mujahidin are considered to be the underdogs in the war, it goes without saying that we have thrown something at America and her allies which they will forever be stuck with; Tony Blair rightfully described that in his interview with the BBC when discussing the war against the mujahidin. "We have learned how to fight it but we haven't destroyed its ideology," he said. "We haven't destroyed, which I think is the far bigger problem now; this is where I would view things differently now than ten years ago; I think the problem that we have is that the narrative that

they have, the story about Islam

e was repeating the and its relations with the West, and the role of religion in society; that narrative has far greater reach and scope than we thought." The credible ideas that we bring is what intimidates them the most. People may be susceptible to an end, but ideas are bulletproof and have an outstanding lifespan.

The events of September left the media jihad was important. America in a bottomless predicament, forcing it to shoot at something that doesn't die. When the planes hit the Pentagon and the World Trade towers, America was forced to stand defeated; there was nothing to shoot back at. Then by swiftly invading Afghanistan in hopes that their prayers would be answered of getting revenge and wiping out once and for all the cause of their misery, it instead

America's subtle hatred for Islam drastically helps us

This century has experienced a conflict that has never been fought before. It has gone through plenty of military clashes and intelligence crusades, but it has never until now gone through a battle that has quickly revolutionized the way millions of people view warfare. It is this oddity that we have all come to know of: the media conflict.

When I look to those enemies that actually acknowledge our victory in this field, I feel that there's always an important element missing in that confession; that is, once it's won in the beginning, its branches will never be chopped off in the end. This is especially true seeing the climate the ummah is currently in throughout the world. A peek into the oppression and aggres-

sion in Palestine and East Turkestan – amongst the many other Muslim countries, the revolutions sweeping the carpet from the tyrants, and the growing anti-American anti-Western sentiments, the ideology of Islam can only flourish. Too bad our enemy and many of the independent media giants equate al Qaeda's ideology with only and only terrorism; by forgetting the fact that our entire makeup and culture is Islam and that our understanding of practically everything is deeply embedded in juristic works and that Islam is only what we prefer for the people to follow, they end up missing the mujahidin's attachment to Islam as street at every corner: by criticizing us and misplacing our ideas, they end up insulting millions of those the world asked: "Wait, are they Muslims who know and practice Islam. Try to guess in whose favor that goes into?

Take a simple example. The word barbarism in the media and that defending it — like the stoning or chopping off of the hands — becomes a breach of the "universal human rights" code. Honestly, how often is the shari`ah looked at from a positive and open-minded perspective in the media? When the Muslim Brotherhood's (MB) leader was interviewed by Fareed Zakaria on his GPS program, he was asked in a disturbed manner if they would support the shari`ah which makes two women's testimonies equal to a single testimony of a man — thus indirectly attacking Islam in the question itself. The MB leader went into another direction leaving an embarrassing impression on the Muslim onlookers.

The priceless thing though is that it's a damn if you do, damn if you don't situation. Either way, it would

help Islam thus empowering the mujahidin globally. Criticizing us for adhering to the shari'ah hurts them in the long run and making the shari`ah look good gives us a

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Islam. Shaykh Usama intended to attack the West to point out to the world America's police-state foreign policy upon the Muslim world and not the West's corrupt secular principles. But because the West was ardent to point out the extreme, portraying them as "fundamentalists," Muslims throughout not then concluding that a good practicing Muslim is their fundamentalist enemy?" Zakir Naik, the popular television personality who shari`ah is always identified with is known for his religious debates and runs the PeaceTV network, has repeatedly echoed, "Every Muslim should be a fundamentalist as a fundamentalist is one who sticks to the fundamentals of Islam." This attack led by America on the mujahidin's adherence to Islam was one of the main reasons that led to the defacement of their legitimacy in the eyes of millions of Muslims. To this day, America has still failed to realize that.

> With that said, Our ideology is durable and formidable because of reasons related to our media jihad and the mistakes of the West. With Allah's help, we are where we are today chiefly due to four reasons.

1 The hardworking tech brothers

There were namely three things

that the brothers focused on in their media efforts: quality and content of productions, Internet security and a media dissemination strategy. While America was focused on battling our mujahi-As we pointed out, this media din in the mountains of Afghanistan and the streets of Iraq, the jihadi media and its supporters were in fifth gear. Thousands of productions were produced and dispersed to both the net and real world. Something that was produced thousands of feet above in the mountains of Afghanistan was found distributed in the streets of London and California. Ideas that disseminated from the lips of the mujahidin's leaders were carried out in Madrid and Times Square.

2 America's failure to respond

Not only was America too late in responding, but they never took up the opportunity to respond to what they labeled as "al Qaeda propaganda." How can people believe it to be genuine propaganda when America's in-depth response is nowhere to be found? By never responding to our videos, books, and other media productions, they quickly lost the edge. We preached that America's foreign policy is highly objectionable in Islamic law, thus forcing us to act accordingly. By never opening the door of debate with us, we continue to rein supreme and the layers of bullet proof vests multiplied over our line of thought. Because there wasn't anything remotely scholarly coming from America, al Qaeda and its supporters turned their focus to the scholars for dollars in the Muslim countries that have now, for a long time, badly lost the debate.

The only thing America would do



in this regards was to use its typical argument that they were attacked for their freedoms and whatnot. Over the past few years, a lot of people have lost belief in this reasoning citing that the real reason is found in al Qaeda's media; that the actual underlying purpose is U.S. Foreign Policy. To that effect, former CIA agent Michael Scheuer said regarding al Qaeda on al-Jazeera's "The Image War": "Their propaganda beats us to hell every time, every time. We're not even in the same league with them."

3 American blunders

The countless major blunders on behalf of the American administration swiftly destroyed their image to the world as champions of human rights. Baroness Manningham-Buller, former Director General of the MI5, was asked on BBC's "The Secret War on Terror," in light of America's torture of detainees: "Did torture play into the hands of al Qaeda?" She answered, "It's a propaganda coup for them (al Qaeda) to be able to say that the West with its much wanted principles

adopts these techniques."

Besides the many other political and military blunders, America had done one thing which was a part and parcel of their democracy: let their hate mongering preachers and right wing groups loose on Islam; this is the inherent problem with a democracy. They hypocritically say they love the Muslims and Islam and then stab us in the back saying, "And our freedom allows us to malign your religion; what a great and free country this is!" Although the government is not directly linked to these individuals and groups, the fact that their laws allow such people to preach blasphemy against our religion keeping in mind that it was during a time when America needed the Muslim world's support the most — it caused their glass house to shatter from the inside. Witnessing thousands of offended Afghani's repeatedly protesting throughout the capital on different occassions of blasphemous offenses against Islam in American and Western societies was what cost them the battle for the hearts and minds.

4 U.S. in the eyes of the Muslims

It can be safely asserted that by nature, the Muslim world holds America with suspicion. It is not rare to find in a typical Muslim household in America, for example, that has at least one member that holds something against the American government, even if that person is inherently secular.

I've personally attended mosques in over ten States in America; and in all of them, one will always be able to categorize a large group of Muslims as having anti-American sentiments even if they aren't that practicing. If I were to add the experiences of my friends who visited mosques in other parts of the country, it really becomes clear just how far reaching this is. This is America; how about then Europe and the Muslim world at large?

The media conflict is the symbol of Islam's nascency in the modern world. We exhibit Islam and they exhibit man-made failure. This battle is going to continue until they find themselves powerless under our dominion. «And indeed Our soldiers! They will be the victors!) [37: 173]



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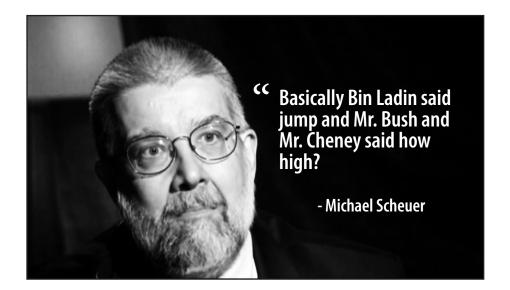
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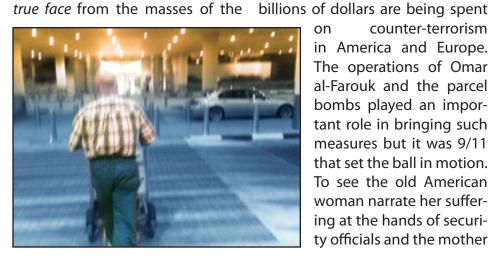
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ble for our words to do. It showed the world the reality and exposed the West for what it really is. Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay and secret extraordinary renditions showed the world the American understanding of human rights. of Muslims in America and the West showed the world the reality of Western proclamation of equality. The limits placed on the rights of Muslims to express their beliefs revealed that in the West you are only free if you are not a Muslim. It is my belief that this achievement of 9/11 constitutes one of the greatest victories of 9/11. This is because it would have been difficult to pursue the battle with the West when it was hiding its



Muslims. Even though many forms of aggression were committed before 9/11, but what happened post-9/11 brought the case to a different level. "Basically Bin Ladin said jump," said Michael Scheuer in an episode of al-Jazeera's 9/11 The Patriot Act and the treatment Decade series entitled "The Image War". "Mr. Bush and Mr. Cheney said how high?"

> Shaykh Usama gave his famous oath that America and her allies shouldn't dream of enjoying security when the Muslims don't. The added security in America and the West, the incurred costs, the inconveniences and forced changes it brought to the lives of Americans is another victory of 9/11. Americans are now forced to go through strict security measures in airports and

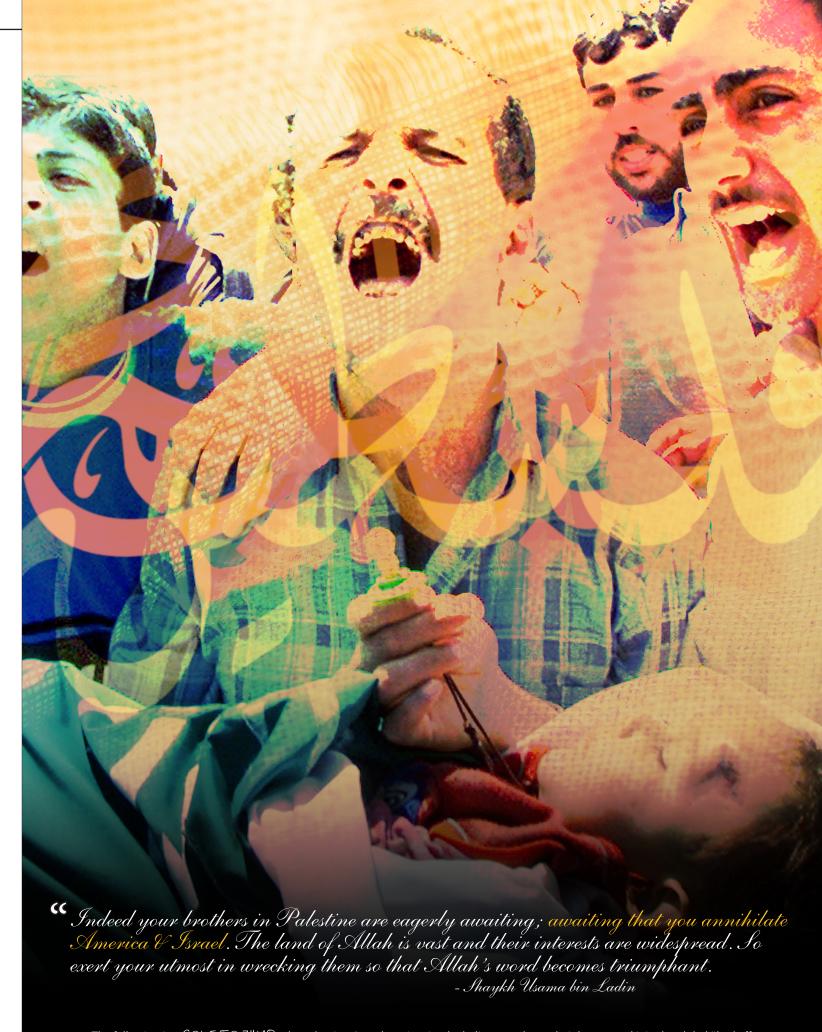
> > counter-terrorism in America and Europe. The operations of Omar al-Farouk and the parcel bombs played an important role in bringing such measures but it was 9/11 that set the ball in motion. To see the old American woman narrate her suffering at the hands of security officials and the mother

at what she saw as a molestation of her child by the new enhanced pat down measures is to see the fulfillment of Shaykh Usama's oath.

Before 9/11, there was a myth, a fairy tale, called the Western intelligence services. People held the CIA, the FBI and the MI5 to be omnipotent. Hollywood played a role in that with all of its Bonds and Mission Impossibles. The myth was so strong that so many conspiracy theories surrounded them and any significant event or plot on the world stage would be attributed to them. 9/11 shattered that myth forever. It not only exposed the intelligence services for not being omnipotent but it exposed them for being impotent. Such a huge special operation was hatched right under the noses of the intelligence services and yet they failed to get a sniff of it. The spooks were taken by surprise. "We didn't see this one coming," said Art Cummings, former Head of U.S. National Security. "We didn't have good intelligence of what was going to happen. We were very worried that there was a possible second operation."

Ten years from 9/11 and the mujahidin have spread out from Afghanistan to Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, North Africa and God willing the list will grow and the proliferation of jihad will continue. Ten years from 9/11 and the U.S. is suffering economically, is weaker militarily, is wary of war, and is suffering an image battering around the world.

For us it's just a matter of time. The question is not whether America will fall or not. America is already falling; it just didn't hit the ground

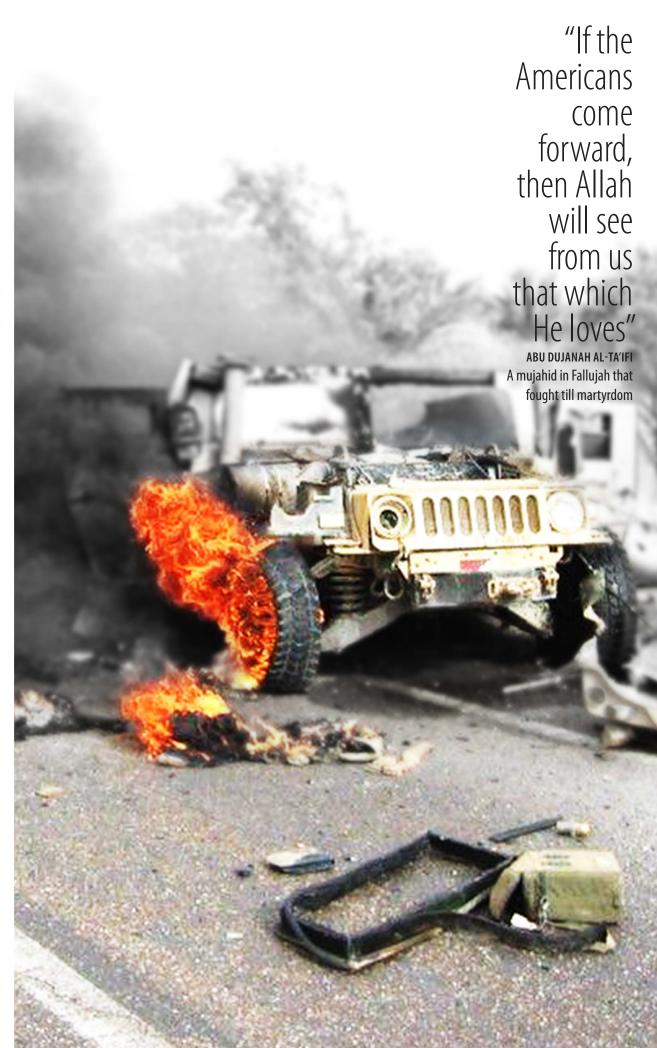












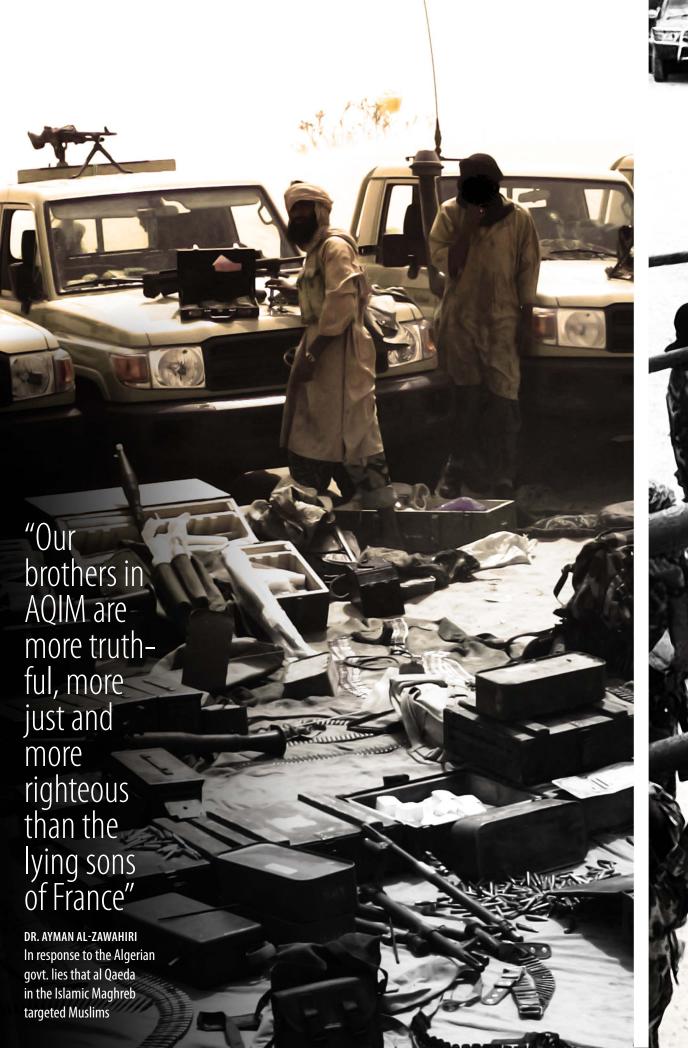
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ADNAN HAYAJNEH
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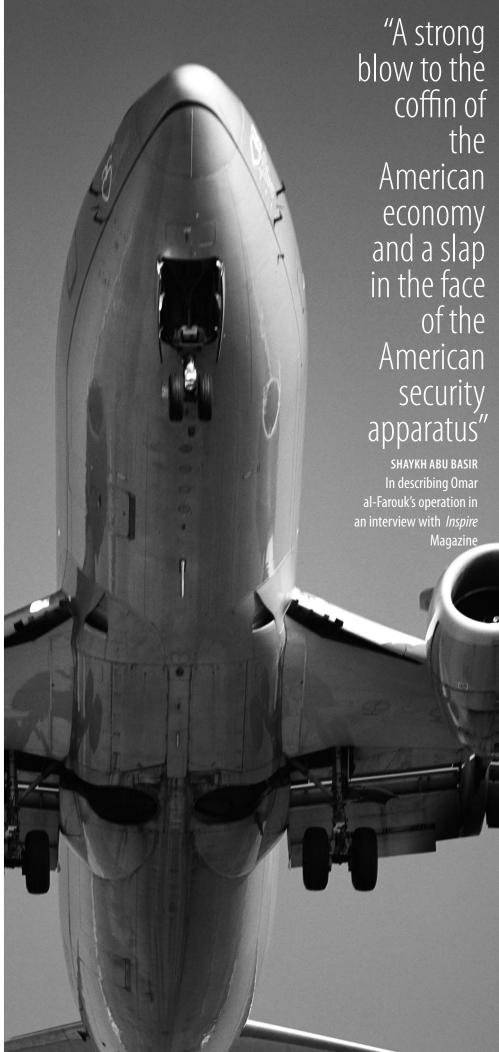








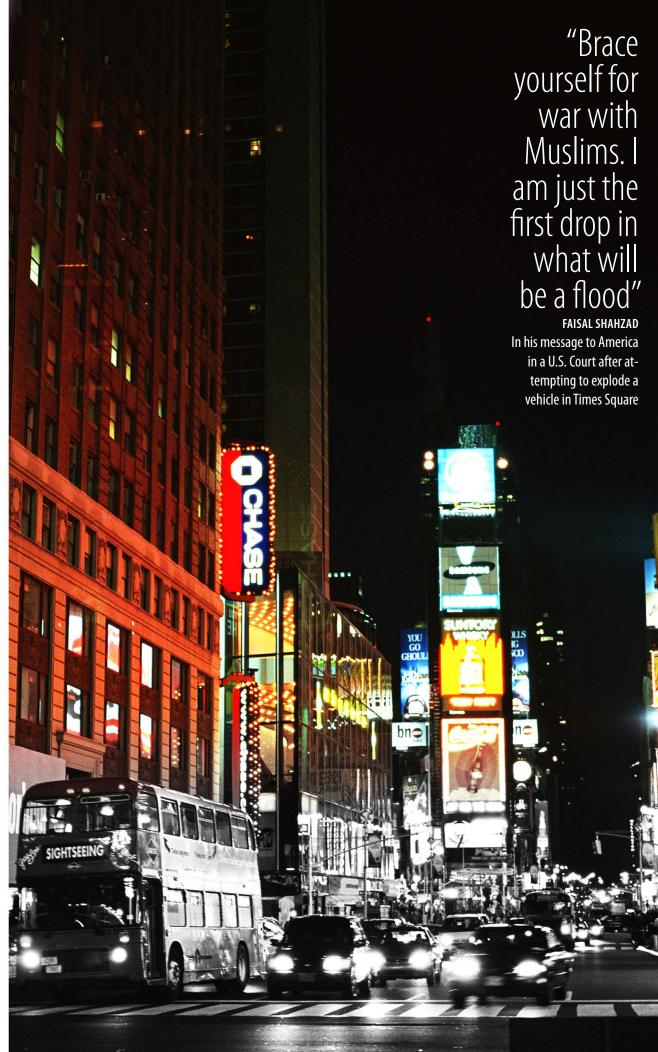




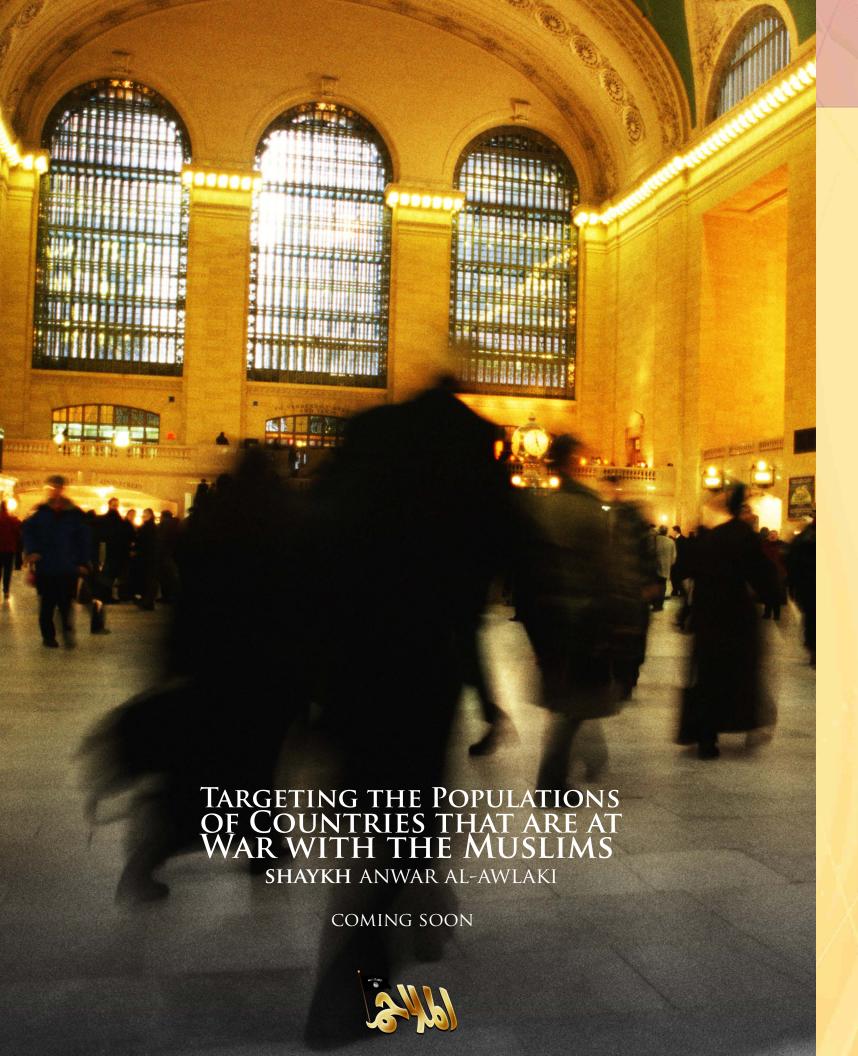
"That is what we call leverage. A \$4,200 operation will cost our enemy billions of dollars"

YAHYA IBRAHIM
On describing the
parcel packages we
sent to America in the
third issue of *Inspire*









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