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[Speech by Libyan leader (Mu'amm^{ar} Al-Qadhdhafi) at the World Islamic Popular Command Congress in Tripoli on 19 March—recorded]

[Excerpts] In the name of God. Brothers, we welcome you once again at your own house and in your own country and among your brothers. [passage omitted] There is a deliberate intent to terrorize this nation. There is real opposition to its future. There is a crusade campaign—which we can call the 10th crusade being led by the United States. When we say the United States of America, we do not mean the United States in which there are the blacks, the whites, the red, the Arabs, the Jews, etc., but we talk about the crusading establishment which monopolizes authority in the United States, controls the military machine, has the power of wealth, blackmails the world, intimidates the world, and uses the capabilities of the United States according to the objectives of this capitalist gang.

It is allying itself with counterparts in Britain and Europe and wants to create instruments for itself and regimes similar to its own, that represents its type of capitalists, conspirators, lackeys, exploiters. It tries to protect them with its intelligence services, bases, and armies in order to control the entire globe.

As it is clear to you, we are now living within a ring in the chain of historical conflict between us and this evil and hated power which is antagonistic toward us. In fact, it represents the work of the devil on earth. The so-called United States of America and its capitalist, imperialist gang—its allies—which it controls, in fact embodies the devil on earth and wants to [words indistinct]. A Muslim ruler who comes under the influence of America in fact becomes a polytheist because he has knelt before America and paid a pilgrimage to the White House. Visits to America and meetings with the American President by Muslim rulers amount to a pilgrimage to the American White House, polytheism. A Satanic country like that is not to be visited; no relations should be established with it, and it is forbidden [haram] for an Islamic country to establish relations with the government of America and its allies.

The break between us and them should be permanent and decisive. We do not need them. They need our raw materials and our consumer markets. They have transformed us into a consumer market for their trivial products. They want these markets and these raw materials and exploit these possibilities in their own interest. They even carry out medical experiments on our bodies, our sons, and our kin when the latter go for medical

treatment to them. We are not in need of American nuclear power stations. We do not need American skyscrapers; we do not need the so-called Statue of Liberty. We do not need them. This country where you are meeting today—which is the heart of the Islamic world—the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyyah—declares that it does not need America, nor Britain, nor Germany, nor any of these crusading states. We can live forever without even glancing at where America and its Satanic allies are situated.

They boycotted us for the past 20 years. We lost nothing. We welcome such a boycott so that we can lock up our market to their trivial products, which have corrupted our food, clothes, manners, and even our stomachs. If we are serious brothers about jihad and about the action which deserves to be seen by God—if we are actually serious, it is inevitable that from this place we should go to our countries and call for comprehensive boycott of the forces of evil on earth. We should lay siege to them. We should not allow them to blockade us. We are the ones who should blockade them. They manufacture the consumer goods and need naive people to buy them in order to eat, wear, drink and use such goods. They need these raw materials. We should prevent them from exploiting them.

Peace with America? It is a deceit and hypocrisy, and hypocrites are doomed to the lowest level of hell. There should be no embassy for either America nor Britain nor Germany nor all the Satanic forces in any Muslim country. Nor should any aircraft of the Satanic forces be allowed to land or any ship to anchor in the territory of Islam; it is a disgrace.

Brothers, you certainly recall the Sharif Husayn-British McMahon negotiations. Sharif Husayn might not have been personally so, but at least the Islamic atmosphere and the Islamic spirit prevailing at the time, during the First World War, did not allow a crusader to set foot on the Arabian Peninsula. Consequently, the historic well-known Husayn-McMahon talks were held on the Red Sea. Why? Because McMahon was a crusader and the ordinary Muslims in the streets would not allow him to set foot on the Arabian Peninsula. Those were historic negotiations which altered the course of the World War I and influenced the World War II and affected the history of the world. These talks were held at sea not only because Husayn was a Muslim, but also because the ordinary Muslim in the street would stone McMahon if he get hold of him, for he is a crusader not allowed to set foot in the holy land.

They decided to turn Indonesia to Christianity after 40 years. The Philippines was Muslim and they turned it Christian by force. Africa was Muslim, which they turned into Christian. We are living, as I have already said, in a battle against the 10th crusader campaign led by the United States of America and its Satanic allies.

I wish to tell, brothers, that out of the experience of 21 years of political-economic—social struggle with the far

and the near, the continents of the world and its super and minor powers and others, and out of all interactions between us and the rest of the world, I assure you, and especially many of you who have not reached power and are still living in the street with the masses or live in the mosque—I assure you that what is needed is the control of the street and not the seat of power because the seat is worth nothing. I stress that the world has changed. Were the people of the Soviet Union to demonstrate and reject the emigration of the Khazars [Jews] to Palestine, the government of Moscow would be incapable of pursuing this course. If we could persuade the American people to stand against the policy of its government in this or that field, then it would have no support in carrying out aggressive action against this or that field. I mean their parties and organizations.

Brothers, if you think that coming to power will lead to the rule of Islam and the victory of Islam, you are wrong. Rulers should now become naught [asfar 'ala al-shimal]. Rulers without the masses—this is the era of the masses, as the Green Book—whose contents are derived from the reality of the world, the history of peoples and their struggles, the suffering, and the aspirations and hopes of mankind—says. This experience is summarized in the Green Book. The Green Book is not made up by an individual: It is a collection of these conclusions, of these historical results.

This is the era of the masses. If we want to boycott America, we should not have ambitions for power; we should be in the street in order to boycott it. Rulers are now unable to boycott America. Muslim rulers are unable to boycott America. Statements against America and in support of Libya have been issued, but because these statements were made by governments, they did not mention America by name. The statements said: We condemn aggression, we condemn provocation, we support the Libyan people. You support it against whom? The aggression is by whom? They are unable to say America! When Russia wanted to court America, it ordered all the communist states in the world to avoid the word America in their official statements.

We went to visit communist countries, to talk to them—communist countries in Africa, and elsewhere; we proposed joint communiques saying we condemn American imperialism and so on, but they said: No! Cross out the word America; we are against imperialism. What imperialism? They said: Imperialism. [words indistinct] Orders! Because Russia wanted to court America and did not want to mention it by name.

By that I mean that if you want to get power in order to establish Islam, then I tell you that this is wrong. If we are in power, then we should leave it for the street! A government cannot order a worker in a cafe not to give coffee to McMahon, or to a crusader, or to Baker or anyone of those crusaders. But we in the streets can close the cafe in his face. He can sit down and we would not even provide him with water or services. Our Muslim workers should not give their services in ports, airports,

or hotels to any crusader from these wicked powers. We who wear the clothes of America, we in the streets, we the masses—the masses of Islam—we are the ones who are clad in the clothes of America, Italy, Germany, or France. If we become convinced and took off these clothes, they would be left unsold and accumulate in the streets. [passage omitted].

If we actually wanted to create an Islamic revolution, and an Islamic reawakening as well as progress, and a new Islamic renaissance, and change the current course of history and restore some sense to these tyrannical forces and make them seriously take this nation into account, we should control the street and not the regime—we should now leave the seats of power to those who want to sit on them—because the latter are either nothing or are sick—as those who want the seat of power are sick as you cannot do a thing with that seat, then you must convince the man in the street after that.

Therefore we are in the street; we are the ones whose friendship will be sought by those sitting on the seats of power. He will beg the others to boycott America, for example. So long as we are the workers, we will do so even without an order from the ruler; we will boycott America. [passage omitted]

If America is not pleased with a government in the Islamic world, it will change it; it will make it fall. If America is not satisfied with the Muslim masses, what can it do? Nothing. It will submit. Can it change a people and exchange it with another? This is impossible. America can change a ruler. If a ruler stands against America, America may invade his country, as it has four million soldiers; it can send one million to any country. It has intercontinental missiles; it has atomic bombs; it has chemical bombs; it has bacteriological bombs. It can change any regime. But it cannot change a people; it cannot alter a nation. It cannot annihilate a nation. A ruler can be removed.

The rulers now are puppets—rulers in the Islamic world now are puppets in the hands of Moscow and then Moscow abandoned communism and therefore these rulers have become suspended; belonging neither to this or that side. The rest who follow capitalism, America, and the crusade comply with the orders of these but fear you—they fear the street; they fear the mosque; they fear the school and the college, as well as the workshop, and the field. Therefore, we should have a presence in the locations from which, if we say to hell with America, then that will be exactly what we say and mean, and if we say no then it will be no. If you reach power then you will become a prisoner of that power.

Had I been a president, or a king or an amir, I would not have been able to lead demonstrations in the street; I would not have been able to fight side by side with the fighters and support the liberation movements and establish an international leadership and center for these movements and pay the price for all that by having American bombs fall on me and an American attack on

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my country and American provocations against and blockade of my country; had I been a ruler, I would not have been able to do that. [passage omitted] Had I been a ruler I would not have been able to say that America should be boycotted and the forces of evil should be boycotted; I would not have been able to say that they are Satanic forces, and want to be treated as gods; I would not have been able to say that America is the Satan on earth. [passage omitted]

We by ourselves and without the police call on the people to refrain from wrong-doing and uphold right-doing. If a policeman hits my car and damages it and tells me to go and perform prayers, then this is wrong. My conscience is my policeman. [passage omitted]

The Koran does not mention a government, nor an army, nor a cabinet, nor parliament; it does not even mention a party. The party of God are the Muslims; the Muslims are the party of God [hizballah]; non-Muslims are the party of Satan. We have declared that the Islamic nation is the party of God. America, the Israelis, and their allies are the party of Satan. Islam is a creed of the masses. It talks of the masses, not of the rulers. It did not say: Send representatives of yours to walk round the Kaaba. Call unto people for pilgrimage and they will come from all corners of the world, on foot or riding. [passage omitted]

There is no army in Islam. There is militant [mujahid] people, armed people. And they conduct their affairs by mutual consultation [Koranic quotation]. That means all Muslims must consult each other on the conduct of their affairs. There is no representation; it did not say their affairs must be left to their representatives. He said: And they conduct their affairs by mutual consultation. Now we see a falsification of this principle; they set up a council and call it the council of consultation [majlis al-shura]. Are they falsifying the Koran and lying about Almighty God? God knows the meaning of shura. The shura means that all the masses get together and carry out mutual consultation and decide what they want. It is not a council; the council means representation. You can see this clear falsification. As if setting up the council of consultation is enough and we have settled our account with God, the Almighty, and we have satisfied Him by following the Koran.

They complain: Why do we quarrel with them when they already have a council of consultation? Has God specified a council of consultation? He said Muslims' affairs are conducted by mutual consultation with prayers and zakat and other traits. It is not just a council of shura.

Brothers, we are now in a phase where we can benefit from the past. We know our history. We know how the crusaders targeted the land of Islam, retarded its progress and now calls Islam reactionary. [passage omitted]

Islam is not the common enemy of all Americans, because there are 25 million blacks who consider Islam a religion that does not despise the black person; it treats

all colors equally and does not recognize racist discrimination. There are also the red Indians, the underdogs, and Islam stands by the underdogs. Islam, brothers, is the religion of the masses. Islam, brothers, is the religion in the Jamahiriyah. Consequently, we could not have a system other than the collective one. [passage omitted]

Islam is the religion of the group. We are a group in prayers, a group in pilgrimage, a group in struggle. We want to go to the streets, brothers. I would like you to take matters seriously, and to understand that had there been any benefit in rule, I would have been the first one who remained a president of republic, or king. I had ousted a king, and my colleagues could have appointed me king in his place, because rule is worthless. We have to oppose rule. We have to ridicule hired, insignificant, and puppet rulers. We should not vie with them for their thrones. Thrones are insignificant, and it is not appropriate for us to vie with insignificant people. [passage omitted]

We should go to the streets. We should declare in the streets the boycott of American goods, because they are infernal and bitter [zaqqum]. If the rulers, or the government, of the deputies in this country do not want to boycott America, they are free. They are 20, or 50, or a hundred people, and they are welcome to eat American goods and to wear American goods. This is an immorality, a shame. As for us, the group, we inform the masses, and orders are issued from the streets, the mosques, the factories, and educational institutions to declare the holy struggle. Do not be interested in rule. I can tell you that as long as we are seeking rule, we are in a vicious circle and we will abort Islam and depart from it. We will not reach a historic result.

Let the ruler beg you—beg the mosque—so that he can make a decision. We will transform the mosques into shura conferences. On Fridays all the people are in the mosques; let the latter be collective conferences. Let us propose to them the boycotting of America, the West and the crusade; let us call for a jihad in Palestine from the river to the sea. What nonsense! What happened then to the West Bank, the Gaza sector, and what happened to the martyrs of the nation since 1936? Were we wrong? The Zionist occupation began in 1967. What happened in 1948 and in 1936? Can we forget the Dayr Yasin massacre? The Jewish rulers who have seized Jerusalem are the biggest terrorists in the world. Nobody cares to open their dossiers—not even America—and accuse them of terrorism. Begin visited the whole of Europe and America and assistance and backing were offered to him—he was a criminal, a terrorist, and a murderer; he slaughtered Muslim children with a knife at the Dayr Yasin. Nobody told him that he was a terrorist. Let one of us slaughter an Israeli child or an American child; what would happen? The whole world would rise up in arms. But if you slaughter 1,000 Muslim children and as long as you are a Jew, or a crusader, or a Zionist, this would be allowed. This Islamic nation has become a nation of sheep. Now they look at the Islamic nation as

if it were a nation of sheep; even the sheep get mercy sometimes. [passage omitted]

Agents do not deserve bullets or the use of force. Brothers, we want to establish a popular, not a governmental leadership. If one of you becomes a ruler, it should be included in the charter which you will adopt and the internal regulations that, if anyone of you becomes a ruler he should [words indistinct] leave the popular leadership. We do not deal with rulers, because we are sure that the ruler would renounce Islam, become a hypocrite, a charlatan, a demagogue, an agent and, in the end, come under the control of America. [passage omitted]

I would like to say to you brothers that what really comforts me is the fact that for the first time an Islamic popular leadership, representing all activities of Islam, meets; a leadership representing parties, factions, organizations, and prominent Islamic personalities who have an influence on the street—on Islam, the mosque, the school, the workshop, and in the field, as well as the mind. If we give matters the credit they deserve, and do not deviate in the direction of power or politics, and manage to get rid of the disease of greed and love for authority, we would have performed an historic action, which has become possible for the first time for centuries for this nation. For the first time, the sons of this nation who have the capability of motivating and controlling the street and declaring jihad, and announcing a boycott; for the first time a meeting of this kind is taking place at this time and in such circumstances.

We should resist the trivialities now taking place or die, as in this case we are better off being buried underground than living on it. Palestine has become Israel; Jerusalem has become a capital for the Jews. Acre, Haifa, Jaffa, Lydda, and Ramleh have become the property of the Khazars who used to live in the North Pole in Russia; their king became a Jew; they followed him. Then they came, contingent after contingent, from their land and the land of their ancestors to Arab Palestine and said: Take Acre, Haifa, Nablus, Gaza, etc. They are neither from Asia, nor from the Orient; they are neither Muslims nor Israelites; they are of another nationality, those Khazar tribes from Russia. How can they come to Palestine? What mockery is this? How absurd can things be? If jihad is not declared against them, then against whom?

At the previous session I was hard on ourselves when I saw the destruction in Syria carried out by the Muslim brothers—I tell you frankly—against the Syrian Army and government and out of the brothers' desire for power; it was blasphemy. Had that effort been exerted in the Golan, the latter would have been liberated. Why did we not cause an explosion in Tel Aviv? Is it better for us to cause an explosion in Aleppo or Damascus? I wash my hands of this Islam. This is the Islam of America and Zionism—I mean that when rifles are trained on and explosives are sent to Aleppo and Damascus. Imagine: a number of cadets were on board a bus—cadets from the

military academy. They were going for training and lessons to learn how to fight Zionism. The Muslim brothers in Syria placed explosives in the bus and detonated it and all the cadets were killed. Why did they not do the same to a Zionist bus and kill Israeli cadets? That was blasphemy. If we want to carry out an historic action and want to embark on group confrontation in the street, and with the help of all Muslims, then we should inevitably purge our ranks and cleanse our brains.

I do not accept violence [words indistinct]. There are now in Egypt pariah groups that are carrying out sabotage, sometimes against the police and sometimes... [changes thought] Even if they do not like the regime, there are now priorities—why do they not fight the Israelis? If an Israeli [words indistinct] and an Egyptian policeman are in the same street, they will shoot the policeman and leave the Israeli! Is this Islam? This is not Islam! In fact, the march toward power by Muslims is wrong; the march should be toward the street. [passage omitted]

We want to decide that all mosques become premises for Islamic consultation congresses. All mosques in our countries should immediately become Islamic consultation congresses. [passage omitted] Among the benefits of this charter is that we want to collect one dinar from every Muslim. You set up a bank, an authority—to be set up by this leadership—based on this money. There are one billion Muslims; thus we can collect one billion dinars. It could not possibly be a burden on a Muslim to pay a dinar once. [passage omitted]

Let us stand with Muslims in Bulgaria and any other place, the Philippines for instance. Yes, we have the funds. The only sacred battle is recovering Arab oil from America and the Israelis. Billions of Islamic funds and oil are in Jewish and American factories. Is this Islam? Are these Islamic governments? Is this the Arab ruler? This is a heretic, a renegade. We can not be Muslims if we are hypocrites. You go to the ruler and tell him: You are our master. How could he be your master if his master is American or a Jew? He has given himself to the enemies of religion, and those of the nation. We have nothing to do with him. He is despised, cursed, filthy, and we should not ask him anything. We should achieve what we want in the street against his will, and that of his American and Israeli masters.

There are one billion Muslims. Do you think that this billion is under the authority of rulers? This billion is feared by the hireling Islamic governments. Consequently, this Islamic leadership should mobilize one billion Muslims against the Israelis, or the Americans, or anything else. [passage omitted]

I discovered that these Arab regimes prevent their televisions from broadcasting the uprising. I thus decided to collect all the recordings of the atrocities taking place in Palestine against women and children by the Israelis who are backed by America and its allies, and to distribute

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them all over the Islamic world. I want them to reach the streets and the billion Muslims, not the rulers.

We will distribute videotapes all over the Islamic world if the atrocities by the Israelis against women and children in Palestine, which are hidden by Muslim rulers in the Islamic world for fear of America and the Israelis. This initiative will be financed by Libya, before you manage to collect one billion dinars from Muslims to spend on your action.

I asked citizens from Arab and Islamic countries: Have you ever seen such ugly events? They answered: Where? I said: on television. They replied: not at all. Only Libyan television put out such news reports. But television services in the Islamic world—beginning with the Arab homeland—do not do so, as rulers ban the broadcast of such pictures. America bans the broadcast of such pictures. On orders from America and the Israelis, they forbid the broadcast of such pictures. I regretted that the fracturing of arms and legs with sticks and in front of photographers—the fracturing of arms and legs of women, youth, and children—are banned from the Islamic world, to the Islamic popular masses. We do not need a radio or power; it suffices for us to produce a videotape and distribute it to one billion people; we should concentrate on this point because it is important, because it is the starting point on this action. If we want to establish a real Islamic renaissance and unity and wage a real jihad, then we should not think about power at all. [passage omitted]

America and the crusaders and the Jews are now laying down the laws. They lay down the law and call it international law. They mold human rights in the shape they want. The right of man is that he lives assured about himself without fearing missiles and without being threatened by fleets; without fearing that bombs may fall on his head while he is asleep; it is his right to determine his destiny by himself and enjoy the rewards of his sweat and toil, and not to give up this reward in favor of a money-lender who charges interest, or to exploiters or to the wealthy. This is not recorded in the Bill of Rights which America laid down—or as one of us said, the bill which America uses to justify the slaughter of others. As you—a Muslim—say: "In the name of God" when you slaughter a sheep or chicken or cow, America says the Bill of Rights when slaughtering a nation. [passage omitted]

Is this democracy? Democracy is what we are establishing: Demo-Karasi [chairs], people on chairs, so that it can be translated. Democracy is what Islam taught them, the religion of the collective, shura. Their affairs are a matter of consultation among them. [Koranic verse] Not a consultative council; collective consultation. These armies, these Islamic armies cannot resist America or even the Israelis; otherwise, why did they not liberate Palestine or even Jerusalem? What will defeat America and Israel is the weight of one billion Muslims, it is jihad.

We want to mobilize the masses; we can liberate Palestine with knives! [passage omitted] [25-second break in transmission]

We are indeed made up of [words indistinct] and we should not ignore it in the same way that Marxism ignored nationalist work. They said: We have found you a new religion, that is, communism; that all peoples from Europe to Asia should be organized within this new religion; and that all peoples should abandon their nationalities, languages, and heritages. This system has finally proven its failure: an Azerbaijani is an Azerbaijani because his nationality is Azerbaijani; an Armenian is an Armenian, a Lithuanian is a Lithuanian and a Russian is a Russian! Ignoring nationalism will lead to peril.

Ignoring nationalism leads to perdition in the end; one should not ignore nationalism. Now, the Soviet Union has recognized that nationalism is a fundamental factor, and one cannot integrate peoples of various languages and nationalities in one suitcase and say: That is it, the problem is solved.

No, this should be a free choice. The Ottoman empire ignored Arab, Persian, Serbian, and Turanic [Turkish political movement of the late 19th century] nationalism, and it was thus torn apart and finished. It thought that the Ottoman origin of the empire was enough to integrate these nations of various nationalities and languages.

We must draw lessons from these great historic experiences. When the Abbasid empire in Iraq ignored Persian nationalism, it was finished, and when the Ottoman Empire ignored Arab nationalism, it was finished, and when the sacred Christian empire ignored the Latin, Roman, and other nationalities, it came to an end, and when the Soviet Union, Communism, and Marxism ignored nationalities and religions, it came to an end. We do not want to build something that had been tested in the past and collapsed. We must recognize that this nation is composed of a number of nationalities, and we must respect them. But we are brothers in Islam, brought together by Islam. And if one of the nationalities that constitute the Islamic nation is wronged and oppressed, all the other Islamic nationalities would come to its help and stand by it. [passage omitted]

Some are defending one another in the name of defending democracies, the free world or NATO members. They do not speak the same language. [passage omitted] They are nations of different languages and races, but to defend one of them, they would all rush in to do so in the name of the defense of democracies, the free world, the Western world, the capitalist world, the colonialist world, or NATO members. In the final analysis, they are a diabolical force, united by the Satan, by evil, rancor, racism, hatred, and desire to control and destroy, and therefore, this force does not want to see the weakening of one of its component parts.

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We are bound by Islam, the love of good; we want to resist evil. We are the angels and they are the devils. It is a struggle between good and evil. In their languages, they know the existence of good and evil, but they cannot be good at all. They are evil itself, but there is no one to resist them. This devil must be stoned. Muslims who do the stoning [in Mecca] should stone the Zionists in Palestine. Muslims who throw one stone on pilgrimage day should take seven stones and go to Palestine. This is the holy struggle, the stoning, the true pilgrimage in this period.

What does it mean to go and throw seven stones during the pilgrimage? This we should do when in peace and security, and we want to carry out our rites as dictated by God, and when there is no other devil apart from this statue [in Muna]. [passage omitted] But when the devil exists in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Gulf of Sidra, and in America, why do we not stone him, instead of this statue symbolizing it? The devil itself exists. This is true pilgrimage.

If what we are saying was spread among the billion Muslims, there would be an Islamic cultural revolution, and a true spiritual revolution, and they would know that we are on the right path. [passage omitted]

Our consultation takes place in mosques. We have decided to transform mosques into people's Islamic councils of consultation. From these mosques we say: To hell with America; we say: We declare holy war; and we say: Let us march, and so on. No one could ever prevent us from that. This is Islamic will. [passage omitted]. But I declare that I am not in power, I am in the street with the people's masses leading the people's revolution. [passage omitted]. As for me, no one can complain against me by law, because the Libyan state is not officially responsible for what I say.

I do not have any legal, political, or administrative authority within the Libyan state. I lead the revolution. I may be in Libya, in the Sudan, in Tunisia, in Nicaragua or anywhere else; I may be in the Philippines or Indonesia. If any of you becomes a ruler, he should leave the popular leadership, because this is an Islamic popular leadership which wants to mobilize one billion Muslims. A ruler shall not be involved with us in this mobilization. A ruler shall be involved in diplomacy. [passage omitted] We should declare that a Muslim ruler is forbidden to go to America or to the Great Satan on a visit. Visiting the White House is blasphemy. You are not allowed to visit the Ka'bah and visit the American White House; this is blasphemy. Why? What does the American White House mean? What is the policy of the White House? The destruction of the world; hatred toward Islam; it is a crusade. How can you go to the capital city of the crusade, and receive instructions from it and then say that you are a Muslim and visit the Ka'bah. You would be stoned if you were found in the Ka'bah. If someone visits the American White House and then comes to the

Ka'bah, he would be stoned. This is because he is unclean. Our house should be cleansed of the unclean. [passage omitted]

If you withdraw into your shells, are afraid, keep silent, and become hypocrites, you will pay a double price. They will massacre you. The rulers will, as well as America and Zionism. All these are in your path, holding their knives. They are currently sharpening their knives to kill you. Resistance! Resistance! The massacre is in the offing, but if you resist, there is hope that you win, and prevent the slaughter. If you do not resist, you will be massacred in your sleep.

We did not go to America. We were asleep at 0200 hours, and they let the biggest bombs fall on us. One hundred seventy NATO aircraft were over our homes and our children during their sleep. They said it was in the name of human rights, in the name of the free world, and in the name of peace. Imagine how peace can be. It is arbitrary in every way. [passage omitted]

Gentlemen, if we agree on what we are saying here, it should be included in the draft charter, not the charter as it is now, and the internal regulations. [passage omitted]

For this is frightening for the crusade and Zionism and their hirelings to see the setting up of an Islamic command to stir up the street, without any links with government; a command that would dwarf rulers and trivialize power. It would not at all look toward the seats of power, leaving them in the dustbins.

This is grave. They want confrontation; they want us to seek power so that we may be eliminated, or attain power so that we may be emptied of any substance, because we would be submitting to laws made by America. If you were a government, you would be forced to sign an American-made human rights convention; otherwise you would be considered outside the international community. But we can express human rights as seen by God, by Islam, as we see them ourselves. You would be forced to obey international law, you would be forced to obey an American law called international law, if you were a ruler.

It would be a great thing to take to the streets and declare a divorce with the government and power, its seats and its elections. We would have nothing to do with it. These people deal with America, and we wash our hands of them. This would be a great thing. I am after these governments that you do not want, the reactionary, hireling, pro-colonial and pro-Zionist governments. Their end is not in a confrontation with them; it is by giving them the lie, trivializing them, transcending them to the street, and leaving them aside. If such governments provide us with services in drains, telephones, or roads, all right, but we do not want this. Because if we build a plant, it is destroyed by America; if we build a block of flats, it is destroyed by Zionism; if we construct a vehicle, they cut off supplies of spare parts to us, and

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they boycott us. No, we do not want... [changes thought] Who said we want factories, hotels. We want to do without these things.

We want to turn to the land and eat off it; we do not want distilled water, neither do we want Evian water or anything else. We want to drink rainwater, water from wells, from cisterns, but we want to live in peace and freedom, in our land, in our homes, and our presence and that of those allied to America; its embassies, its citizens, its tourists, products, its various means. They must be completely boycotted by the ordinary man, and we declare in the mosque that it should not be permitted by religion to drink or eat [American products], or shake hands or deal with an American, because he represents Satan on earth.

America must be stoned, even though this is not currently the time of the rites of stoning [in the pilgrimage, Muslims perform the rites of rajm, the stoning of statues representing Satan]. Zionism also must be stoned.

America is lulling us with talk about its going to resolve the problem of Palestine. This is ridiculous. The man called Baker is pretending to be called Abu-Bakr just to deceive Muslims. They say: This man is called Abu-Bakr; an American. He has presented a ten-point plan saying that he is going to resolve the Palestinian problem. How can the Palestinian question be resolved by this Baker?

The problem of Palestine will be solved by the billion Muslims marching on it. Would America, which created Israel and is providing the Israelis every day with the means of destruction, solve the problem of Palestine? Is it as we say, the guards are the thieves?

Every day they confuse our thoughts; when will the meeting between the Palestinians and the Israelis take place? And when will the international conference convene? And when will the Baker plan succeed? And when will America undertake mediation? All these are meant to confuse us and deceive us so as to enable the emigrant Jews to settle with American funds and complete their training and arming.

This is nonsense. There is no solution. There will be no West Bank nor Gaza nor any other place. They have ambitions other than from the Euphrates to the Nile. Zionism and America want to occupy the Arab world and the Islamic world. They are not in retreat. They are advancing, and are planning how to occupy Jordan, Syria and Sinai. They are planning now and training to go back to Sinai. They want to occupy the land stretching from the Nile to the Euphrates and Mecca and al-Madinah. They say: You Arabs claim that Jerusalem belongs to you and not to the Jews; we claim the Ka'bah because it was built by Abraham, and al-Madinah al-Munawwarah is a Jewish city from which you have expelled us. Banu Nazir and Banu Quraydhah [two Jewish tribes which lived in al-Madinah al-Munawwarah before and during early years of Islam] have lived there and it is their city. While in Tubruq we have sacred

remains and we want to occupy it and search for these remains and let tourists visit these archeological sites.

Look what they are saying; do you think they will withdraw from the West Bank? It is impossible. Their map stretches from the Euphrates to the Nile and to Mecca, and this is only Greater Israel, while the rest of the Islamic world should be under its control and hegemony assisted by nuclear force. It is manufacturing nuclear, bacteriological, and chemical bombs, while the Arabs and the Muslims must not do so, neither Pakistan nor Afghanistan nor Libya nor Iraq. They must produce neither nuclear nor bacteriological nor chemical bombs. Why? Because this contravenes the scheme which America wants to succeed, namely Jewish control over the entire Islamic world. They believe, brothers, that in the active world there exist only two: the Jews and the Christians. The Christians have the industrial power and the currently advanced world. The Jews should be their allies in the eastern part [of the world], with the mineral ores, the excellent climate, the sunshine, the strategic passes, and the spiritual places from Mecca to Jerusalem. All of which must be under the control of the Jews, protected by the Christian world, as long as we remain naive.

The story is that Christ was an Israeli, and as we are followers of Christ, then consequently we are your followers. The Christians follow an Israeli prophet. Christ is an Israeli, a Jew. Christianity is Judaism. Christianity is Judaism—two sides of the same coin. On this side, we have Moses, and on the other we have Jesus. But it is all Israelite—Judaism. It is an alliance between the crusade and Judaism—why is there such an alliance and sympathy now with the Israelis in Palestine by the Christian forces? Because the religion is one. But this can only be accomplished with the removal of the Islamic presence, and before that the Arab presence. Both the Arab and Islamic presence is removed, and then there will be a vacuum to be filled by Judaism in alliance with Christianity. The world will then be stable until Doomsday; they will act according to this in preparation for the descent of Christ. How can Christ come back while we—Jews and Christians—are separated, while Christ is the prophet of us all? He is Jesus and is coming for the Israelites. Christians—those who are now called Christians—adopted the religion of Jesus. How can Jesus come back and find us disunited? This is what they say. How sad—as they say—to see Jesus—the awaited Jesus—come back while Judaism and Christianity are wide apart? They say: No; Jesus is the prophet of us all, and when he comes we should have prepared the earth for his descent and removed the barbaric and savage Arabs and hateful Islam; they say that Muhammad is a charlatan and not a prophet. They say that he is a poet, a cleric, and a wizard; they say that the Koran is the law of Hammurabi. They discussed that with me when I was at a military school in Britain in 1966—before the revolution. They discussed this with me, regardless of who I was—whether Mu'ammr al-Qadhdhafi or not—just somebody from overseas, and a Muslim. [passage omitted]

I spoke to him and told him that personal status is a fact; there is a similarity between personal status in the Koran and the laws of Hammurabi. But the rest of the Koran has absolutely no relationship with Hammurabi. [passage omitted] What I mean is that Christianity does not recognize anything called Islam, its ideology, its Koran or its Prophet!

There is an Oriental pope in an Arab country. I talked with him. He is an Arab, or he is supposed to be an Arab, because he speaks Arabic. He told me: If we Christians recognize Muhammad's prophethood, there would be no Islam or Christianity. He said: The reason why there is Islam and Christianity is due to the fact that we Christians do not recognize Islam and the Prophet Muhammad at all. However, Christianity commends Muhammad for leading the Arabs from paganism to monotheism. This factor is recognized by Christianity. [passage omitted]

I know some Libyan Muslim fundamentalists who belong to the CIA. We have the name of the American officer without whom they cannot do anything in the Muslim world. Muslim brothers are brothers of the Americans. Enough of these trivialities. Enough of them.

Kill 'Abd-al-Nasir, kill al-Qadhdhafi, kill Hafiz al-Asad, and so on. Can someone who kills 'Abd-al-Nasir be a true Muslim? When did the Christians and the Jews stage any victories against Islam? It is only after the death of 'Abd-al-Nasir. This means that the Muslim Brotherhood who was conspiring against 'Abd-al-Nasir were soldiers of the Jews and the Christians. [passage omitted]

If you study this talk among you, and include it in the charter, there will be a common denominator between you and me. I will be a brother among you, and there will be a collective leadership [working] according to Islam [words indistinct], and we will all go together. [passage omitted] I have experienced all this, and I am not ready to try failing experiments again. He who is serious will be treated likewise, and he who is not could not hope to continue with us. [passage omitted]

Congress Resumes 20 Mar

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[Text] Tripoli, al-Rabie [March] 21, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY—The Second General Conference of the World Islamic People's Command (WIPC) resumed its sessions yesterday evening in Tripoli under the slogan "adhere" with scientists, thinkers and Islamic leaderships and activities from various parts of the globe taking part.

The participants continued debating the remaining items of the agenda by listening to a report from the temporary Shura Committee which was set just before the adjourning of the morning sessions, which is related to the third article about the selection of a general secretary and members of the general secretariat of

WIPC in accordance with the draft bill of its constitution. After that they discussed the fourth article concerning the developments and the new happenings in the Islamic world. WIPC members, in their addresses, explained what Islam and Muslims are subjected to in various parts of the globe: assaults, rude treatment and insult from U.S. imperialism and world Zionism.

They also asserted the need to understand the dangerous changes taking part recently in some spots in the world and their reflections on the Islamic nation.

The session was adjourned to be reconvened this morning to continue debating this article.

Palestinian Affairs

'Palestine,' Namibia To Exchange Ambassadors

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[Text] Windhoek, 21 Mar (MENA)—A MENA correspondent in Windhoek has learned that Palestine and Namibia have agreed to exchange diplomatic representation at the ambassador level. 'Ali Nasr's appointment as Palestine's ambassador to Namibia has been approved, and now the Namibian Government is choosing its ambassador to Palestine. It is worth noting that Palestinian president Yasir 'Arafat is now in Windhoek to participate in Namibia's independence celebrations.

Statement to Carter on Peace Conference

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["Text" of statement handed to former U.S. President Jimmy Carter by a number of prominent Palestinian figures during a meeting at the National Palace Hotel in Jerusalem—date not given]

[Text] Mr. President, our intifadah has always raised two slogans: freedom and independence. Freedom is connected with the issues related to the abnormal situation resulting from the occupation. This problem cannot be solved except by ending the occupation. As for independence, it is connected with issues related to people's identity. We, here and in the diaspora, are one people with one demand—namely, the right of self-determination. There is no other way of dealing with these issues except by establishing our independent state. This will enable us to exercise our sovereignty. We have a leadership, which is the PLO. We also have a concept about peace which was announced by our Palestine National Council in Algiers session on 15 November 1988. At that session we declared our independence and presented a way of enabling us to attain peace through negotiations—namely, the international conference.