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Qatar:

Doha Qatar Television Service, official television of the State of Qatar, carries at 0903 GMT a live sermon from Umar Ibn-al-Khattab Mosque in Doha.

Shaykh Dr Yusuf al-Qaradawi delivers the sermon.

The preacher begins his sermon by praising God and His Prophet Muhammad. He then urges worshippers to fear God.

In this Friday sermon, Al-Qaradawi continues to speak about the subjects of the Koran. In this sermon, Al-Qaradawi continues to discuss God's attributes based on verses from the Koran. Al-Qaradawi elaborates on this issue and quotes verses from the Koran and sayings by the prophet to this effect.

In his second sermon, Al-Qaradawi addresses the Arab summit in Libya and the Arab leaders there and says: "I hold them responsible before God, before their peoples, and before history for the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which is now exposed to elimination, demolition, and all tragedies, disasters, and catastrophes. We do not know what would happen tomorrow or the day after. We might sleep and wake up the next day to find that the Zionists have eliminated this mosque from existence. It might become a demolished construction. It is about to collapse because we do not know what they do under and above it. The nation is inattentive. The Al-Aqsa Mosque is being exposed to huge dangers because of what they do under and above it. More than 60 synagogues were built around the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the last of which they call the ruins synagogue. We pray to God to destroy their houses with their own hands and the hands of the believers."

He says that they (Israelis) prevent young people from entering Al-Aqsa Mosque to perform prayers. He then wonders: "What right you have to prevent people from performing their prayers and the rituals of their religion at their mosque, in their country, and in their city?"

He says: "The mosque and everything around the mosque are threatened, but the nation is doing nothing. The nation's leaders, who are responsible before God for protecting the holy places, sanctities, land, and honor, are doing nothing. They expect Israel to give them a Palestinian state as a charitable deed. O people, read history and reality, the freedom of peoples and sovereignty of homelands cannot come as a charity from their enemy, particularly the Jews. The Jews are the greediest of all people, and of all people, they are most greedy of life." To support his argument, Al-Qaradawi quotes the following verse from the Koran: "Have they a share in dominion or power? Behold, they give not a farthing to their fellow-men?" (Koranic verse, Al-Nisa (The Women), 4:53)

He says: "Do you want them to give you a state for free? You should perform jihad, resist, and do what you should do to take your state by force. From times of old, they said that what was taken by the sword could only be restored by the sword, and this (Palestine) was taken from us by the sword, blood, terrorism, killing, and massacres. We want the Arab leaders to support the

resistance and to say that Palestine will not be restored except by the resistance. Instead, however, they conspire against the resistance and believe that direct or indirect negotiations will restore their rights. They have recently decided to hold indirect negotiations with Israel. However, Netanyahu dealt a blow to them when he openly rejected this. He said that if the Palestinians want us to stop the construction of settlements, there will be no direct or indirect negotiations. He said that the building of settlements in Jerusalem is like building settlements in Tel Aviv."

Al-Qaradawi adds: "We call on our rulers and leaders who are in charge of the nation to adopt a courageous position just for one time. We want them to support the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, who can do nothing. The people in the West Bank are prevented from resisting. We want the Arab rulers to support the Palestinians and to say that we support the resistance as long as Israel is intransigent, as long as it rejects all direct and indirect negotiations, and as long as it continues to usurp the land and to build settlements on it. The Arabs should adopt this position. We also call on all the Arab and Muslim peoples to support the Palestinian brothers against the usurper and covetous Jews, whose greed nothing would satisfy. They want Israel from the Euphrates to the Nile and from cedar to palm trees, but they do this a step by step. We want them all to support our brothers and to reactivate boycott of the goods of Israel and America. I call on the Arab and Muslim peoples to reactivate this boycott. By God, it will have a great effect even if it was restricted to peoples. We can pressure the governments on this."

Al-Qaradawi greets Libya and Libyan Leader Al-Qadhafi for "releasing more than 200 prisoners, some of who were from the fighting Al-Qa'ida." He says: "We welcome any step to achieve reconciliation among peoples and rulers."

The imam concludes with a prayer for pardon and mercy. He prays to God to "help us against the usurper, unjust, aggressor, and tyrant Jews," "grant us victory over them," and "help our brother mujahidin in Palestine and everywhere and grant them manifest victory."