

CIA's Documents On Bin Lādin: A Challenge Facing The International Community's Relations With The Muslim Brotherhood ... Would The West Change Its Position And Consider The Latter A Terrorist Organization?

The CIA's publication of a number of classified documents attributed to al-Qā'idah leader Usāma bin Lādin underlines the secret relationship among al-Qā'idah, the Muslim Brotherhood Organization and Iran, highlighting the potential changing in the international stance towards the MB, and eventually include it to the list of terrorist group, as al-Qā'idah.

Experts have different opinions on Bin Laden's documents published by the American intelligence. Some deny his close relationship with the Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, while others confirm it. However, all of them are in consensus that the United States have political agendas that prompt it to exploit the Organization to achieve political goals in the region. These classified documents are not new, however, new is that the USA declared that its position toward the MB will remain unchanged, that is, not to include it on the list of terror groups.

Dr. Tharwat al-Kharabāwī, lawyer and former member of the MB, confirmed in an exclusive statement to *Sawt al-Ummah*, that the international Brotherhood's position would witness a major change after the US intelligence agency has revealed Usāma bin Lādin's relationship with `Abd al-Mun'im Abu al-Futūḥ, who is also one of the founder of Egypt's al-Jamā'ah al-Islāmiyyah, and Māni` Qattān, the Saudi Arabia Muslim Brotherhood leader. Al-Kharabāwī urges political leaders and analysts to uncover the reasons behind Trump's rejection to include the Muslim Brotherhood to the list of terror group and why President Trump is using past CIA reports now.

Al-Kharabāwī said that he had previously highlighted the Brotherhood's relationship with Usāma bin Lādin in many of his books, articles and press interviews, but that no one reacted, until the CIA's reports have been finally disclosed that bin Lādin's al-Qā'idah was an integral part of the Muslim Brotherhood's policy.

He further pointed to Egypt's clear position regarding the Muslim Brotherhood: a terrorist group politically outcast, with whom reconciliation cannot be achieved, as it adopts violence to achieving its political objectives.

In a related context, Aḥmad Bān, an Egyptian expert in Islamist movements, said Usāma bin Lādin's documents published by the CIA are not conclusive proof of al-Qā'idah's relationship with the Brotherhood. "There is an [American] intelligence game to force the Muslim Brotherhood to pursue a political goal that serves the interests of the United States," according to Bān.

In an exclusive statement to *Sawt al-Ummah*, the Islamist expert stressed that Usāma bin Lādin spent a lifetime in serving the Muslim Brotherhood, like other terrorist leaders and leaders of al-Qā'idah in the world.

He explained that the United States of America deals with the Muslim Brotherhood through three sides, namely, the US State Department, the Presidential Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), who all are oscillating on whether to include or not the Muslim Brotherhood to the list of terror groups. [Salma Ismā'īl, *Ṣawt al-Ummah*, Nov. 4, 2017]

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