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"The Islamic nation must support the heroic mujahedeen [holy warriors] in Iraq, who are fighting on the very front line for the dignity of Islam. And to my brother mujahedeen in Iraq, I say, Stay firm. Stay together. Your enemy has begun to falter, so don't stop pursuing him until he flees defeated," said Zawahiri in the tape which was believed to have been made in November 2005.

"I warn all Muslims in Iraq: Anyone who impedes the jihad against the Crusader occupiers is a traitor to God and his prophet ... and a traitor to the rest of the Muslims," he added.

Zawahiri also accused United

States President George W. Bush of being the "Caesar of Washington."

Photograph of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

"Bush, son of Bush, eliminating Israel is the duty of every believer. If we commit to peaceful action, they will demand we adhere to international laws and treaties that mean nothing to them. If we adhere to that, they will ask us to impose constraint on what they call terrorism and war on Israel. Then if we adhere to that, they will demand we recognize Israel and establish normal relations with it," Zawahiri continued.

Zawahiri also praised Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of an Iraqi militant group, calling him his "beloved brother" and says, "I have lived with him up close and have seen nothing but good from him."

Zawahiri has made at least three other tapes since November, all of which were broadcasted by Al-Jazeera. He appeared in two tapes in January, and in one tape on March 4, 2006. The latest video was not released immediately after the date it was allegedly filmed, nor has Al-Jazeera yet broadcasted the video by al-Zawahri despite having broadcast his three previous tapes.

Al-Qaeda's leader, Osama Bin Laden, released an audio tape on January 19, 2006. Parts of that tape were aired on Al-Jazeera and it was the first time in over a year

that Bin Laden had been heard.

Today in History

1865 - John Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln with a Deringer pistol at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

1931 - King Alfonso XIII left Spain. The Second Spanish Republic was proclaimed by a provisional government led by Niceto Alcalá-Zamora.

1956 - The use of the 2" Quadruplex videotape was first demonstrated in public.

1970 - An oxygen tank aboard the NASA spacecraft Apollo 13 exploded.

2003 - The completion of the Human Genome Project was announced.

April 14 is Good Friday in Western Christianity, Vaisakhi in India (2006), Pohela Baishakh in Bangladesh.

Quote of the Day

"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." ~ Yeshua (Jesus Christ)

Word of the Day

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Definition

1. An excessive or inordinate desire of gain; greediness after wealth.
2. An inordinate desire for some supposed good.
3. One of the seven deadly sins.

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