Full Translation

In the name of God the merciful the compassionate

Praise God Lord of the Universe, Peace and Prayers upon his Prophet Muhammad and his Companions

To My Beloved Sister Um-'Abd-al-Rahman

Peace be upon you

I hope my letter finds you well.

I apologize for not writing for a long time, because of the martyrdom of 'Abd-al-Latif on the nineteenth of September.

We hope you are comfortable where you are. Please communicate my greetings to my daughters and my grandchildren. (TN: This is the Middle Eastern way of saying that I love your daughters and your grandchildren like mine.)

We have been making every effort to meet your condition of providing a dwelling place for your daughter, in a location close to you for a period not less than a year. For security reasons, we were not able to achieve this goal. This has been going on now for three years. I am afraid that losing too much time waiting may result in missing the train for both of them. Therefore, I suggest setting a date for finding the right place, say four months from now. If we succeed in meeting your condition, we will go ahead with the marriage, otherwise we are sisters and your love is in our heart. (TN: Meaning terminating our marriage commitment.)

Please let us know of your comment on this proposal. Greetings.

Your Sister,

Um-Khalid 5 November 2010