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French jihadist urges ISIS supporters to carry out attacks against the West

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USPA News - A French jihadist living in the Syrian city of Aleppo has called on Islamic State (ISIS) supporters to either join them or to carry out attacks against the West, according to a propaganda video released on Monday, which shows British journalist John Cantlie interviewing several people. The 12-minute video, titled "From Inside Halab," referring to Aleppo by its ancient name, follows Cantlie as he shows several scenes in the war-torn city.

Cantlie, who has been held captive by ISIS since 2012 and is likely speaking under duress, accuses the United States of working together with the Syrian government. Towards the end of the video, Cantlie interviews a French jihadist who praises last month's attacks in Paris and calls on other supporters to either come join ISIS or to carry out attacks against the West. "Defend your religion where you are. Kill them with knives. At the very least, strike them in the face," the jihadist says, speaking in French. "The religion of Allah needs you more than you think. You are sitting on your couches, while today Muslims are being slaughtered in every corner of the world. What will be your excuse before Allah?" The jihadist adds: "I call you to either come here or defend your religion where you are. To all my brothers in France, I say them: start carrying out individual attacks. Be wolves on the Earth, for each man amongst you can be equivalent to an entire army. And I say to all the nations of the West that have resolved to attack us: We have also come to strike you, and we are already there to attack you." The jihadist ends the interview by suggesting that Muslims in the West are `obligated` to act in order to show their support. "The Muslims in the West number in the millions, and they are capable of inflicting mass carnage," he says.

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