

Taliban Propaganda Watch (RC South)

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"Insurgents plan to make false claim of civilian deaths" (<http://www.nato.int/isaf/docu/pressreleases/2008/08-august/pr080831-447.html>)

Quote

Follow up to ISAF News Release 446 dated 31 August 2008. ISAF can confirm that following an earlier report of its forces having given medical assistance to injured civilians in the Sangin district of Helmand province yesterday (31 Aug 08) it has received information, from a reliable source, that insurgents are planning to make a propaganda claim that international military forces have killed up to 70 civilians in the same area. ISAF has had no reports that would substantiate a claim such as this. There have been no reports other than of those injured, the cause of which remains unknown at this time. ISAF and Coalition forces take all claims of civilian casualties and deaths extremely seriously and are currently establishing the facts relating to the injured civilians. ISAF condemns the use of the plight of innocent civilians for propaganda gain by insurgents. This will not deter ISAF from carrying out its mission of helping the Afghan people to build self-sustaining peace, security and democracy.

"ISAF soldiers help injured Afghans in Sangin" (<http://www.nato.int/isaf/docu/pressreleases/2008/08-august/pr080831-446.html>)

Quote

At approximately 8:00 a.m. today (31 Aug 08) a number of injured civilians presented themselves to ISAF Forces in the Sangin district of Helmand province. ISAF soldiers provided medical treatment to them and assisted with their evacuation to medical facilities around Helmand and Kandahar. The cause of their injuries is unknown at this time. Further details will be released in due course. ISAF works to bring security and stability to Afghanistan and will provide medical assistance to its people whenever possible.

" '500 civilians killed, injured in Afghanistan' " (<http://www.paktribune.com/news/index.shtml?205155>)

Quote

At least 500 civilians were killed or wounded during the five-day US-led troops` ground and air operation in the Sangin district of Helmand province, a member of Afghanistan`s parliament said on Sunday. "Foreign forces have been conducting operation in Sarwan Qala area of Sangin district for the last five days in which artillery and aircraft are being used," Dad Muhammad Khan, member of Wolesi Jirga (lower house of parliament), told Afghan Islamic Press. "The dead and injured were lying in the area and there is no one to shift the injured. Yesterday, I raised the issue in the parliament but the government has done nothing so far," he said

"Attacked on base of Canadian occupation in Kandahra"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-8-01-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Mondai afternoon 01-09-2008 at approximately 02-15pm, Mujahideen of Islamic

Emirate of Afghanistan, with heavy weapons attacked American occupation base in Mushan area of Panjwai district of Kandahar province. In attack which lasted for half hour in which the base was damaged and a vehicle was torched but the casualties of enemy was not reported. Also Sunday afternoon in same area mujahideen of Islamic Emirate ambushed a tank of same invaders in which the tank was destroyed and 9 invaders soldiers on it were killed or wounded. Reported by Zabihullah Mujahid

"1 tanks of American invaders destroyed in Zabul"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-7-01-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Sunday noon 01-09-2008 at approximately 02:15pm local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan blew up 1 tank of a convoy of American occupation in Shamolzo district of Zabul province. In attack 1 tank of invaders army was completely destroyed and 4 invaders in its were killed. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"1 checkpoint of puppet army demolished in Helmand"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-5-01-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Sunday afternoon 31-08-2008 at approximately 6:10 pm local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with heavy and light weapons attacked puppet police checkpoints in Spin Masjid area of Grishk district of Helmand province. In attack the checkpoint was demolished 7 puppet police were killed 2 vehicles and the arms of killed soldiers were mujahideen booty. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

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"2 vehicle of puppet army blew up in (Kandahar)"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-4-02-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Tuesday noon 02-09-2008 at approximately 10:30 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up 2 vehicles of puppet army in Yaro Kariz area of Boldak district of Kandahar province. The landmines completely destroyed the vehicles and 7 puppet terrorists in it were killed few wounded. Reported by Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

"3 British terrorists killed 2 wounded in Helmand"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-2-02-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Tuesday morning 02-09-08 at 9:15 am local time, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ambushed a foot patrolling units of British occupation army and their puppets in Mermanddab area of Grishk district of Helmand province. In the the attack 3 British terrorists were killed and 2 were wounded and their arms were booty Mujahideen . Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"Nato Murders an Afghan Family of Four" (<http://revolution.muslimpad.com/2008/09/01/nato-murders-an-afghan-family-of-four/>)

Quote

Hundreds of protesters blocked a road in Kabul on Monday accusing U.S.-led troops of killing three members of a family, including two children, in a raid in the city, residents and witnesses said. NATO and U.S. military officials could not be reached for comment on the allegation, the latest in a string of incidents that have angered Afghans and caused a split between the Afghan government and foreign troops. Residents said U.S.-led troops carried out a pre-dawn raid in Hud Kheil area in the eastern quarter of Kabul, killing Noorullah and two of his sons, one of whom was eight months old

"ISAF not involved in Kabul incident September 1" (<http://www.nato.int/isaf/docu/pressreleases/2008/09-september/pr080902-452.html>)

Quote

After an extensive investigation, ISAF reports that neither it nor the U.S.-led coalition's forces were conducting any offensive operations in Kabul the evening of August 31. A protest September 1 in Kabul followed claims that international forces attacked a family during the evening killing a man and two children. ISAF offers its condolences to the families and the community affected by these deaths. After thoroughly checking with all ISAF and U.S.-led coalition forces, none were involved in such an operation.

"ISAF, coalition reject claims of 500 civilians killed" (<http://www.nato.int/isaf/docu/pressreleases/2008/09-september/pr080902-454.html>)

Quote

ISAF and the U.S.-led coalition reject claims that its forces have killed 500 civilians in the Sarwan Qala area of Sangin district, Helmand, in the past week. The claims were reported in some media outlets September 1. ISAF can account fully for its units and aircraft, none of which were used against civilians in the Sarwan Qala area. Therefore, ISAF refutes any such claim of mass civilian casualties. ISAF is aware that U.S.-led coalition forces have issued a recent news release indicating that Afghan and coalition forces have killed more than 220 insurgents in ongoing operations in the Sangin Valley area of Helmand. It is possible that the claim of civilian casualties is being confused with known insurgent fatalities from the ongoing operations.

"US troops are committing war crimes" (http://quqnoos.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1514&Itemid=48)

Quote

AN AFGHAN human rights organisation has accused the United States army of committing war crimes in Afghanistan. The Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) said on Tuesday that, according to their own investigations, civilians are killed in most operations conducted by US forces. AIHRC expressed strong concern about the death of innocent Afghans during military operations and urged those responsible for the killings to face trial. "According to our investigations, 98% of civilian casualties caused by the coalition forces in Afghanistan are intentional," the head of the AIHRC, Lal Gul, said. "The actions of the coalition forces, especially the American forces, are not only against the human rights laws, but are considered war crimes. Therefore, these forces have committed war crimes in Afghanistan," he said

"Selling the Taliban" (<http://www.crisisgroup.org/home/index.cfm?id=5656>)

Quote

In the West, assumptions about Afghanistan too often seem premised on the idea that the Taliban are "men in caves," raising questions about why thousands of international troops cannot quickly defeat them. However, an insurgency is at its heart a battle of wills and staying power, not of military might. Insurgents in Afghanistan appreciate this and have created a sophisticated propaganda operation that both targets what is seen as weakening support back in foreign capitals and seeks to mold perceptions among the Afghan population (more on link)

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"12 Canadian invaders soldiers Killed in Kandahar"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-6-03-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Wednesday morning 03-09-2008 at approximately 9 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up a patrolling unit of Canadian invaders army in Ashegho area of Zhari district of Kandahar province. In explosion 12 soldiers terrorists were killed and 5 wounded.. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"1 tank of Canadian destroyed in Kandahar" (<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-3-03-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Wednesday morning 03-09-2008 at approximately 7:10 am local time, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmine blew up a military tank of Canadian occupation army when it was travelling in bazaar of Mewad district of Kandahar province. In the explosion the tank was completely destroyed and 4 occupation terrorists were killed. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"3 tanks of Enemy destroyed 12 American killed in Helmand"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-4-03-02-2008.html>)

Quote

Wednesday morning 03-09-2008 ,in Zargho Kala area of Nadali district of Helmand province, an attack of NATO occupation army and its puppet army was defeated as the enemies made efforts in trying to enter a area which is controlled by the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate. In the attack a firefight started which lasted still 11 am, during which 3 tanks were destroyed 12 invaders were killed few wounded and the enemies were defeated. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"Heavy firefight continued in Helmand" (<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-2-03-02-2008.html>)

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"11 Australian special forces troops killed in Uruzgan"

(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-8-03-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Tuesday night 02-09-2008 Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

Tuesday night 02-07-2008, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ambushed a convoy of Australian special forces in center of Khas Uruzgan district of Uruzgan province . In attack 3 tanks were destroyed, 11 Australian terrorists in its were killed, few were wounded and their arms were Mujahideen booty. Reported by Zabihullah Mujahid

"PAKISTAN: Outlawed Taliban Have Free Run of Media" (<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=43758>)

Quote

Taliban factions in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and tribal areas have been outlawed and their accounts frozen by the Pakistan government. But that has not in the least bit altered their presence in the media.... (more on link)

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"An interview to the spokesman of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Qari Yusuf Ahmadi" (<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/englmarka-04-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Mr. Qari Yusuf Ahmadi! Our native homeland and troubled Muslim nation has been faced to different troubles of war within past three tens, unfortunately, it continuous till now, Taliban have been launched armed resistance since 2001, you are as official spokesman of Taliban. Without doubt that the people have large number of questions regarding you, I am as a Muslim and an Afghan having questions about Taliban, please let me to hear you answers of some questions, I am asking as an independent Afghan for the information of readers of an independent news agency about your activities, have you great patience and endurance, starting the first question....

Selected Highlights:

Trying to drive wedge between coalition partners?

Quote

...if we look to the background of enemy how often they deceived during fighting, they repeatedly bombarded their coalition forces, a few years ago a dozen of Canadian forces were killed by the air force of Americans also crush down their helicopters because of the matter of weather or weak direction. If it all means supporting with Taliban, Americans kill dozen of Canadians, holding of funerals of coalition forces by helicopters, if it is supporting with us, then there is no need for the martyrdom attacks or martyring of dozens of Taliban

We'll try to be more careful about killing civilians

Quote

..."For example, a Mujahid target a specified enemy before to reach the enemy the explosion take place", while he pray in the mosque because of a technical reason, it never be means that he mentions of an attack in mosque. But it seldom carries out, now mostly thought to keep the way of these kinds of attacks. In the future, it will not be happened, the possibility of innocent killing will end....

It's only really a SUICIDE bombing if they're depressed

Quote

...Who is not under the covered missionary of western, virtual Ulama (religious scholars) will never call it prohibited, actually it is martyrdom attacks. Yes, there are different opinions about using and the places. Great and independent Ulama of Islamic world never refract it nor regard it a suicide attack. Who blow up himself because of mental trouble or sadness, aims it as a suicide, like always happen in Europe and America it calls Haram (prohibited) Muslims never do it and worth sadness in the life of this world....

We've never TOLD anyone to burn down schools...

Quote

...The enemy struggle to accuse Taliban by every kinds of propaganda, if it was right as the enemy claim so, there will not be any schools in out of cities, if anyone took out of his

the enemy claim so, there will not be any schools in out of cities, if anyone took act of this own emotion it should not be related to Taliban- they should get investigation about it. No one of our spokesman and commander has response this kind of events till now; we are related which we openly get responsible of that. Neither our central policy mentioned this kind of acts nor our leadership has admitted to anyone, if any education process fill down it will be the naturally effects of the war not our target and strategy. And we are not silent about that, but the current media always interpret our reports on the contrary, interpret our positive reports to the negative words and did not give us the right of defense. Yes, we have some observations about the syllabus of education but we do not solve on this way....

Where the NGO's should be doing more of what we want

Quote

...If they actually have sympathy to our poor people so, NGO's of a province should contribute its a year salaries on the poor people of this province, the poor will be finished in this province, if they try this experience in a year they will know about the basic of the aids, the situation will better. But they never do that because they do not want to give aids as directly poor people, therefore, it is not the objection of local people. Other important problem is- the general acts of NGO's are not independent, majority of the foreign organizations act as the not independent, majority of the foreign organizations act as the B team of the foreign occupations, most of the NGO's directly supported by some occupation countries or connected to their embassies, work for them as intelligence.(For example, an ignorant person perhaps considers P.R.T as a general NGO's) but actually that NGO's works with American forces- like this some organizations which were worked in Iraq many years ago, now work in Afghanistan....

Osama's fine - thanks for asking

Quote

...All praise be to Allah, the Leader of Islamic Emirate Ameerul Muameneen is fine, he leads the current resistance right now, as you sometimes hear his messages in media. Shaikh Usama issues videos in his own sound almost every month, as both we are watch it....

An interview to the spokesman of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Qari Yusuf Ahmadi

Lar-ao-Bar website has issued a particular interview with the official spokesman of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Qari Yusuf Ahmadi, now, exactly presented here.

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By Abdullah Ihsan

Q: 1 At the recent past attacks of Taliban have taken wide- spread through many regions of Afghanistan, how do you get the war expenditure?

Ans: First I should explain that the current military groups and war expenditures are very different than the period of the rule of Islamic Emirate, at that time; the weak war expenditures were same as the months of current resistance. Now, generally we are launching by guerrilla operations in the current resistance- without many specific regions- although, it is more effective but its expenditure is less than the war of aggression.

After this important describing, I should clear that after the prostrating of the rule of Islamic Emirate in 2001, before starting of current resistance there were three basic sources:

A- While Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan prostrated by occupying forces, allowed budget of the government was completely saved.

B- During the invasion of foreign occupying forces the chain of quick assistance- which were widely brought from the entire Muslim world by the basic of Islamic emotions- were skillfully saved before the complete occupation of the country.

C- Aids of the Muslims have continuously saved till now.

As Muslim nations and personalities have heart ties to Iraqi and Palestinian resistance, thus, to Afghan resistance but sometimes giving preference to the Afghan resistance. National tie is a relation that the whole world cannot cut it, governments already trying to cut up these national ties but never could not, because who gives their heads and blood, so they can easily share with every kind of sympathy.

Sine two or three years taken war spoils are a fourth item, according to these four sources even if safe mind think they will not be taken under the question.

Q: 2 A few days ago, intelligence officials of national security have declared that Nato supporting Taliban with weapons, monies and eatable articles, latter Nato authorities have rejected it, regard it a technical mastic, what do you say about that?

Ans: I think that is a new kind of propaganda to declare remaining items of the enemy during the fight as aids, while we captured a district take the items, cars, means supplying trucks and arms of the enemy, we take it as spoils of the war. How stupidly claim is that to name it as the aids of enemy.

Whether if we look to the background of enemy how often they deceived during fighting, they repeatedly bombarded their coalition forces, a few years ago a dozen of Canadian forces were killed by the air force of Americans also crush down their helicopters because of the matter of weather or weak direction.

If it all means supporting with Taliban, Americans kill dozen of Canadians, holding of funerals of coalition forces by helicopters, if it is supporting with us, then there is no need for the martyrdom attacks or martyring of dozens of Taliban.

Without doubt that the slaver never could express this kinds of propagandas without the favor of his master, but this propaganda of occupation forces is so weak and untrue, they believe to cheat Afghan people and put them in doubt by the current resistance, it always issued by moth of who taken over by the power of superior headquarter of Bagram.

Occupied people- in the intelligence of Kabul- are connected with who were the wage corner of Americans during the occupying of Afghanistan; they were the hand picked of C.I.A, in The United States, the latest published books are full of by their turncoat rules. These human murderers who were put down clovers and straw to the horses of militants, are they believe themselves secrete from the people. May they have thought to cover up their well-known slavery from the people, but it is idiotically thought, Afghan people will never forget national traitors and turncoats.

Q: 3 It is sometimes reported -in many fights and events- that Taliban do not have co-operation among them, there are many groups, is it right?

Ans: Now, command and organizing of the current resistance is mostly different than the era of our rule in the past, the conditions have changed, it is also demands of the current conditions.

Basically, all the commands and leadings are going on by the center of leadership, all Mujahideen are obligated to follow commanding

of the leadership in the whole attitudes. But in many daily trivial issues regional commanders decide by themselves also there are written regulations for the decisions of them, in this way with the passing of time problems are going to end, the resistance is gradually spread throughout the country -with the organizing of fighting groups including general and usual events.

"We openly said none of us could get away from the command of leadership, without that, if anyone be in the region they will not be connected to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

Q: 4 Taliban in government between 1996 and 2001, banned music, taking pictures, watching T.V, clean shave and making of head hairs, but now Taliban take all of these, that is way?

Ans: In the government, there were not generally blocking of the videos and pictures but taking of unimportant pictures were blocked. As you know, in many important events, like the highjack of Indian airplane in 2000, reporters of all over the world were coming, taking of pictures was continuous for a week, and situation was completely shown to the entire world.

Similar, reporters were admitted regarding the draught, also had admitted in many religious ceremonies. In last two years of government we had admitted to the international channels C.N.N and Aljazeera in the capital "Kabul" and in Kandahar city to open offices and publish pictorial reports likewise, during the foreign occupying, the reporters had openly permissions. At the needy pictures were not admitted as passports, nationalities etc.....

It is right, there were few obstacles before the spreading of that, so it left limited. in the country the latest decision internet and television was delayed for the making of a legal and rational policy, the prevention was not allowed, at that time internet was a new thing in Asia especially in the neighbor countries therefore, it needed a new policy generally, disowning regarding the veiling responsibilities are basically different between the past and current paired.

Q: 5 Suicide attacks which always kill innocent people and Taliban response almost all these attacks, would not they have sympathy with the local people, or these organized by other people?

Ans: leadership of Islamic Emirate has repeatedly and consistently announced to keep a way attacks that accord public losing. Our central and basic policy is to protect the people.

But unfortunately, now no independent media in our country, the current administration and media have openly propagating regarding public losing. **When we used to invite the media or claimants of independent administration to investigate about the public losing, they never accept to present, only believe report of the headquarter of**

Bagram, by close eye.

Claimants of the larger technology and precise target American aircraft have been martyred tens of innocent people, destroyed the house and martyred women including children, the same condition is continuously going on, so every Afghan understand that who kill innocent people? Martyrdom attacks, or bombardment of the enemy?

Local people witness, the events which the officials are attacked and killed, then their gourds always fire against the local people, killed tens of the local people. But media regard dead because of the early attack, whereas in this incident the early attack killed only official person without his guards.

Now it is a usual, when an attack take place against foreign forces, earliest they announce injured of their forces, -when the event become cold- then they declare killing of their forces, next unknowingly trying to weak fact of attack. Yes, may perhaps a few events taking place because of technical obstacle or human decision, it take place before to get the target.

"For example, a Mujahid target a specified enemy before to reach the enemy the explosion take place", while he pray in the mosque because of a technical reason, it never be means that he mentions of an attack in mosque. But it seldom carries out, now mostly thought to keep the way of these kinds of attacks. In the future, it will not be happened, the possibility of innocent killing will end.

God willing.

Q: 6 Some people believe the current Taliban are different than the past, during the rule of Taliban they were fighting against Jamiat, Shora-e-Nezar and Militant commander Dostam, they almost killed by these groups, but now in the existence of them, Taliban already target reconstruction teams, Doctor, engineers, teachers and schools, what do you think regarding that?

Ans: Difference between past and present resistance, or past and current Taliban are only that, in the past the enemy was external "slavers of foreign" the fighting was also limited, now as the foreign occupations invaded against Afghanistan and the internal groups supporting them, therefore, our resistance has reached now at the highest level of its stage, the young who do not accept occupation of Afghanistan (an Islamic country) have been taking part in the resistance, current war is taken as the wide war for independence of the country, at the first step our target is Americans and other coalition-occupying forces, their helicopters, supplying trucks and items, then their puppets are our second target, if it will be in every level.

Q:7 A few times ago, some British are accused by

unofficially ties to Taliban, is it right that sometimes you are deal with foreign forces who presently taking part in war in Afghanistan?

Ans: first I should say the current media is already issue untrue news, foreign occupations have not sit with us face to face till now, neither they accept our conditional dialogue, our door always open to the dialogues, who negotiate us.

Islamic Emirate has ability of fighting and positive negotiations, in fact while the occupations attack on Afghanistan they were so pride, refused every kinds of deal to Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and began war.

Now, as they have defeat in their aims even they call for political communication with fighting. We are not clearly trust upon them, if the foreign occupations accept their mistake, we always ready to sit on one table, we have already declared policy for the legal negotiations, -since the beginning of the resistance- we welcome who come in pace.

We struggle for a holly aim, if it is possible by war or negotiation, we are able to fight and negotiate. But our negotiations will be based by legal conditions as a political and independence side, the current resistance leadership never negotiate for the division of ranks or personal interests, but war, negotiation and other struggles are all just for the independence of the country and our faiths. I should say fight is our main aim but jus a way for target, if it is possible, we are able to use other ways too.

As our great prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was used all the ways for this holly mission, so we trust by all these resorts.

Q: 8 Government forwards reconciliation program, sometimes it said many moderate Taliban agreed with government, what would you say about that?

Ans: By my view, Kabul administration neither has independent identification nor the ability freedom of any national and international decision, always work under command of foreign occupation who brought and took over them, they could not able to fight or bring peace without the order of foreign occupations.

But they directly admit from the headquarter of Bagram and American Embassy -in every decisions-, their governors and ministers selected by others, in that case, no one trust on their decisions, do not have independency. None of them could do anything without the permission of foreigners. They continuo a symbolic process in Kabul, just by the name of peace, it is only a propaganda; even they did not do anything to stop the current resistance, no one get together them from the resistance side.

Their process are same "as the communist regime of D. Najeeb" which was only used as false propaganda in radios and

televisions. They have named this process surrender of the oppositions, so if a person sacrifice his head for a great aim, how he could surrender to a rogue enemy? May no one accept this propaganda.

I should say about the word "moderate Taliban" Taliban are all moderates, because it is an Islamic movement, Islam is already moderate religion, if you look a ten back, think that why did Taliban find out? Taliban were national vice against unendorsed imperialism, they ended cruelty and anarchism, brought moderation and justice to the nation, they were struggled to end this anarchism -soon after that- suddenly international occupations have attacked against them without any mutual and take over factors of this anarchism. Taliban never went out to any country or attack against them. Now, if defense of the home land and standing against the justice is illegal in a justice so, then every independent mankind is terrorist and every countable is moderate.

Revenge is demand of justice and moderate in every human society, it calls terrorism is unsuitable.

Q: 9 people object "at one stage the prices are increasing day after day, no work find for the workers, at the other stage Taliban kill and warn aid agencies" what is your response to the people?

Ans: While the imposed administration use to kill Taliban, then why Taliban sit away? Because that is the standard of war, I repeatedly said "every civil and local official is not target of Mujahideen, if it targeted perhaps because of other intelligence activations, governmental salaries are not for local civilians but just for some particular people", so it is not the object of local people but the personals of this administration.

Similar, NGO's (non governmental organizations) aids put in the packets of particular categories, civilians could not take it. The foreign organizations usually take some particular categories for many covered planning. During the rule of Islamic Emirate NGO's were ordinary supported particular class of the people on particular standards, while a person was sincere in the rebuild of the country, they were already exchanged or dismissed him, some of the incidents that were took place because of that case, the usual of NGO's has been continuous still now, NGO's aids never put in the packet of public people.

If they actually have sympathy to our poor people so, NGO's of a province should contribute its a year salaries on the poor people of this province, the poor will be finished in this province, if they try this experience in a year they will know about the basic of the aids, the situation will better. But they never do that because they do not want to give aids as directly poor people, therefore, it is not the objection of local people. Other important problem is- the general acts of NGO's are

not independent, majority of the foreign organizations act as the B team of the foreign occupations, most of the NGO's directly supported by some occupation countries or connected to their embassies, work for them as intelligence.(For example, an ignorant person perhaps considers P.R.T as a general NGO's) but actually that NGO's works with American forces- like this some organizations which were worked in Iraq many years ago, now work in Afghanistan.

In fact these organizations able to select officials like chief of district and governors, if you real research you will know this fact, because these are not cover items now. On the other hand generally foreign organizations and claimers countries of aids never send aid to Afghanistan to find itself as a country and to develop a strong political system and become a liberal country.

But they always want to keep Afghan people as beggars to them to impose their demands over Afghan people, so, they do not start a long process of reconstruction as building of dams, production of electrically and to saturate deserts etc...

But just aids as temporarily to represent their interests in our county, they develop some highways to durable their occupation or supply to the spread war around the country.

Afghanistan does not have sea routs for the high free business, just trade by the air way. As you know Afghanistan neither has the system of powerful airlines nor openly airports for the world countries, the largest airports of Afghanistan are provided as American centers of forces, no one could enter without their favor, about your question that NGO's workers and engineers warned, I should say "no one warns as the only worker of NGO's in the country". When a person punished because of clear witnesses, it is not mean that he is punished as a worker of NGO's but because of the covered information i.e. public people ignorant about it.

Q: 10 There is no development and rebuilding in Pashton areas, because aid organizations are under attacks of Taliban, other case is insecurity in the regions, Taliban kill or hostage engineers, Doctors and other aid workers, aren't the interests of that people to rebuild the roads, bridges and to have other life facilities?

Ans: In the beginning the resistance was in definite regions, but now it has taken wide, it almost spread in the whole of the country, our movement is basically by Islamic and national countenance, supporting by every nation and independent people throughout the country, not limited to specific areas. It is actually right that where the tactic is successfully going on naturally the fight is faster than the other regions, if meanwhile the condition is change because of war it is never be meaning that Mujahideen destroy the roads and bridges but in everywhere if we find the enemy, the fight will be taking place.

On the other hand while the foreign occupations forward to any defeats, they already propagate by the name of Taliban and Mujahideen, [we should clear that we basically under way the strategy for a mechanism to continue the resistance and rebuilding.](#)

We have known mention of the enemy, they never want to do anything while they unable to get their specific aims- even they openly say to the elder of a region that they already do something to draw out their positions' foundation and to recruit the people

"We think to do everything which benefit for the people and we will never be obstacle to their interests.

Q: 11 Islam says "knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim, Taliban believe themselves as the protectors of Islam, so then why they burn schools, kill teachers and students- they teach Qur'an and hadith in schools, these teachers teach Islamic education while schools burn there is the holly qur'an and books of hadith then the people and society went down ignorant, so why Taliban attack on education centers and teachers?

Ans: The enemy struggle to accuse Taliban by every kinds of propaganda, if it was right as the enemy claim so, there will not be any schools in out of cities, if anyone took act of his own emotion it should not be related to Taliban- they should get investigation about it.

No one of our spokesman and commander has response this kind of events till now; we are related which we openly get responsible of that.

Neither our central policy mentioned this kind of acts nor our leadership has admitted to anyone, if any education process fill down it will be the naturally effects of the war not our target and strategy.

And we are not silent about that, [but the current media always interpret our reports on the contrary, interpret our positive reports to the negative words and did not give us the right of defense.](#)

Yes, we have some observations about the syllabus of education but we do not solve on this way. We have struggled such a strategy about that even do not let uneducated the sons of people, in this way some process are faced obstacle because of some cases and some of them till under way. We will choose a complete and positive policy about that in the future. God willing- [we believe ignorant of the children is unprofitable for every one.](#)

Q: 12 During command of Mulla Dadullah Taliban were taking people accused by spying, cutting their heads and issued the pictures in media, according to the recent decree of Mulla Omer – the leader of Taliban- which has announced banned cutting of criminals' heads, how you content the people as you deceive due to the light of Qur'an and hadith, if it is not in Qur'an and hadith so, why were you cut it in the past? If it is the order of Islam so, why it is forbidden right now?

Ans: At the starting of resistance, some brothers were very emotional, out of control, they were used different ways against the enemy, but while the capabilities became more, so then unsuitable motion level are became a lot lower, it will be completely under control in the future.

However, as you say about Qur'an and hadith, in fact hadith are explanation and interpretation of Qur'an, who spying to unbelievers and the enemy of Islam -whether to be firmed - is capacitated much punishments to kill him, but a best way is to kill as usually, therefore, our leadership declared this decision, also it was not by the order of leadership in the past.

Q: 13 Would you tell me, how is your relations to the Taliban across the border of Pakistan who sometimes fight with Pakistani army?

Ans: We have sympathy to every Muslim around the world but our relation and co-operation are limited only to our Mujahideen in the country, because our military mission is just for the liberty of our country against the illegal occupation.

Q: 14 A few days ago 42 militant Taliban were told to a Conidian reporter in television interview that they consider The Durand line as a separation line between Pashton nation, separated regions are called as Afghan regions, what do you think about nondependent region of about thirty billions of Pashton?

Ans: As long as home land occupied by Americans, the country is dominated by the command of headquarter of Bagram, American flag flutter in every part of the country, how can we litigate by others? I think it is a childish move in this time.

Q: 15 Some scientists said Taliban achieve their expenditure of war from China, Russia and Iran, because they are in the position of Americans, they want to defeat Americans by Taliban in Afghanistan, what do you say about that?

A: I have given you details about expenditure of war in response to early question. In other word the oppositions of America have not been taken military appearance till now, no one has linked us regarding this issue.

Q: 16 Would you tell me about the health, activity and life of Usama ibn Laden and Mulla Omer, how long have not they been met, from long time it doubted Usama was died because of sickness, would you give me information about them?

Ans: All praise be to Allah, the Leader of Islamic Emirate Ameerul Muameneen is fine, he leads the current resistance right now, as you sometimes hear his messages in media. Shaikh Usama issues videos in his own sound almost every month, as both we are watch it.

Q: 17 your war policy which is going on right now, do the people actually support you?

A: Who believe as Afghan and Muslim are not endure foreign occupation in their country, in fact Afghan people never endured the same kind of occupation in the history of Afghanistan, every Muslim Afghan love the independency of his country, they have abhorrence to the foreign occupation, on these basis, have sympathy to the resistance.

Q: 18 why do you reach the aim by suicide attacks? Although Ulama (religious scholars) regard it a sign, the died bodies calls martyred?

Ans: Who is not under the covered missionary of western, virtual Ulama (religious scholars) will never call it prohibited, actually it is martyrdom attacks. Yes, there are different opinions about using and the places. Great and independent Ulama of Islamic world never refract it nor regard it a suicide attack.

Who blow up himself because of mental trouble or sadness, aims it as a suicide, like always happen in Europe and America it calls Haram (prohibited) Muslims never do it and worth sadness in the life of this world.

Martyrdom is basically to attack against enemy, sacrifices his self just against the enemy of Islam, on this way he wants to sweep away the enemy, as it is impossible in other way, so it is the greatest and latest sacrifice degree in the way of Allah –Almighty-, there is no possibility of sadness, it is the high level of Islamic emotion and feeling.

No one could ready for this great act without coincidentally power. During the Russian invasion, there were also martyrdom attacks against Russians, while Mujahideen were not have much capabilities, at the beginning of jihad Mujahideen were shutting bombs with their selves, lying down to the Russian tanks and blew up their selves, but it was less than the current situation, because there were many weapons with Mujahideen, no much different between Mujahideen and Russians in weapons.

now the situation have changed, Mujahideen needed martyrdom, there is much different between arms, just some people who have imposed by America and its hand picked régime, like a group which was appointed during communist regime of D. Najeeb, it was Named Shaon-e-Islami, they called it Haram (prohibited) or some Orient-lists propagate that, their propaganda does not effect among the Muslim nation.

The martyrdom attacks have been continuously increasing and it will be more and more till the foreign occupation continuous over the country.

Q: 19 Your relation to Al-Qaeda has defamed you, why you keep hot relation with Al-Qaeda, you are being accused by

Afghan government by relation with foreigners, so you are also supported by some countries including Pakistan which are having historical enmity to Afghanistan?

Ans: If you mean foreign Mujahideen, they were come there during the invasion of Soviet Union. As American with a large united have occupied our country, therefore, we are welcome to the foreign Mujahideen who fight against American. And it is our obligatory, but our military organizations are independents and Afghani, the foreign Mujahideen are very limited, they do not have any ruler influence in the country. It is wrong propaganda.

Basically our historical enemy is British and Americans, they are the factors of the Durand line, they have always used to demolish Afghanistan, now Pakistan is a partner of Americans, while Pakistan arrest any Talib, directly hand over to Americans or his hand picked administration, although arrested the Ambassadors.

Similar, they took high rule in the prostrating of Islamic Emirate, so how they accuse Pakistan by the supporting of Taliban?

Q: 20 You are negotiating with the northern alliance, how do you define this process?

Ans: Our negotiation's door is always open to everyone, we are ready to use every legal way forward of our way, but we have not sit to any specified and formal group till now.

Q: 21 When the government invite you, why you present unacceptable conditions? Are not you trust on government, or would not to agree with the government?

Ans: At the first you should know what are our conditions? Why an acceptable? On which evidence it is unacceptable? Whose justice is that? If you mean that you should not have national conditions, but present specific conditions, so that could not interpret political to mural dialogues nor calls it political dialogue in any law, all the people know that.

Q: 22 You are going on the policy of suicide attacks and roadside bombs or kill government workers, government arresting the people who accused by the relation of Al-Qaeda and Taliban, most of them sit still now in Bagram and Gontanamo bay, foreigners retaliate with air force and bombardment, you accuse the foreigners by occupying and government by slavery, but would you tell me an example of your sympathy with Afghan people?

Ans: It is actually right, the foreigners retaliate with bombardment, but every one know who they retaliate? As you have repeatedly heard speaking of the northern and western local people, how the foreign occupations kill innocent people? So, who claims of corrected arms and plans, aren't they responsible such a largest crimes? Uniquely mass losses of local people by the occupations, the

high rinks of current administration also openly conforms that, about the sympathy, I should say "the greatest sympathy of Mujahideen with their nation is fight for their independence and fighting against US lead-coalition forces and their puppets.

During our government, we were real protected goods lives of the people, both of them have first place in human society. This movement was made against criminals, and rubbers, now we are out of the rule; therefore, the claimants of current government have responsibility of these crimes.

Unfortunately all those criminals who were escaped during our government, now they all have replaced with the foreign occupations, they took over to the high rinks of current government, as the administration of Kabul repeatedly conformed "the current administration's officials are soiled from the high level to ordinary military by corruption, robbery, cruelty and smuggling, so how the people believe protection of their goods and honor?

All the people know while a criminal like General Dostam enter into the house of a high official of government in midnight "in the central part of the country", but no one could courage to trial him, so in ordinary regions how could prevent the usual people?

Q: 23 Do you think war is the only way of solution?

Ans: War is always the latest arms of compulsion, as long as the solution is possible by other way war is not be solution of crisis. If occupations give oppositions right of the humanity, look by heavy eye to the liberty of the war, no needy was to the war yesterday, nor today and not will be tomorrow.

Q: 24 Do you have relation with Islamic countries, if so, why you do not struggle of solution by the mediation of O.I.C?

Ans: While Americans occupied, the embassy relation of Islamic Emirate was cut at the latest time of the government, our government took again as a movement, our relation has finished with Islamic countries, as long as the pressure is continuous or the position of war change it may have some problems in this way, but now the war has took a new position, so it is possible to take place.

Q:25 If they invite Taliban to next parliament elections, would you take part in elections?

Ans: It is impossible to deal unless there is no self-determination in the country; the rule is under the shadow of foreigners with false democracy.

Other Afghans also should know about this false democracy, it is actually right that our country is under control of foreign occupation, at the hand of some couriers of White House, like Karzai and KHalilzad. Everything is well-known early, just to cheat the people they get false election.

Q: 26 In Palestine Hamas party has won in free

elections by the supporting of people, If Taliban being supported by the people, so then why they do not struggle by the way of elections?

Ans: Until Baitul-Maqdis is not be the capital of independent Palestine, Israeli authority is not end and imposed unelected president over Palestine by others, though the election is not benefits, neither for Hammas nor for other independent party.

In that case Islamic movement of Hammas has won the election, but it hundred percent constant for them, now their condition is worst than the past, they are blockaded in Ghaza city right now.

Americans were thought that Hammas will not have well supporting among Palestinians, "because of their propaganda or martyrdom attacks", but when it has proved that Hammas is virtual representatives of Palestinians then it began an international campaign for the suppressing of Hammas Islamic movement, they did not suffer their government even for short time. As the same time Americans are working now on a plan to began virtual civil war in Palestine.

Most scientists were thought that if Hammas was struggled just for resistance it was better for them than election.

Q: 26 If consider the problem by U.N, O.I.C and other organizations instead of Afghan government and its supporter forces, would not it be better?

Ans: We are not fighting for the division of ranks; we are just fighting for the liberty and to end occupation in the country.

What do you mean by supporters? If you mean Americans, so why Americans have involved in sovereignty of Afghanistan? It is just the right of Afghan people. Your question shows partnership of Americans in sovereignty of Afghanistan, we struggle for the library of Afghanistan. In current condition Islamic Conference is powerless, United Nations could not decide without the pleasure of America, like in Iraq and Palestine it could not decide without Americans plan in that case in Afghanistan.

In the future if the dignity of these organizations become as independence then we will decide according of situations.

Q: 28 In the future if you take over to the power, your policy will be the same as in the past, or will take soften with your policy? What is your policy about the women works, education and human freedom?

Ans: Every regime has negative and positive points, in current media propaganda is just negative about Islamic Emirate, nothing is positive, our positive points interpreted just by negative, every national movement is making its policies according experience of time, struggle for the contentment of nation. Now we are in the resistance condition. By my view talking as a government or about the policy is before the time.

Q: 29 Since 2001 international forces have come to Afghanistan with a strong and advanced technology to sweep away Al-Qaeda from Afghanistan, but the fighting and insecurity is getting more and more. Taliban are going to strong with the passing of every day, neither had they arrested Al-Qaeda leader nor Taliban leader. What do you think about that? Is it actually right that the foreigners want to lengthen the war to get long strategy interests in the region, Taliban and Al-Qaeda are as strong that foreign could not able to defeat them or they are not as strong as shown?

Ans: Neither power obedient nations, nor war could win every fighting; the nation which has the young who are always ready to do martyrdom attacks against enemy, the foreign occupations will never vanquish there and thoughts of accepting of their governing is a wrong imagination.

British, then Russians were come with power technology of that time in the past, stayed there for some times but their result was so bad.

Now, in that case the invaders are strong just in media, it is completely with them, if clearly their defeats are announced, nothing will be covered. I think then no one will be doubted about their failure.

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Thank you for attending to the interview.

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"21 Canadian invaders soldiers Killed in Kandahar" (<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/english-04-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Thursday 04-09-2008, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up 6 tanks of Canadian invaders army convoy on Ghorak and Mewand road in Karizo and Garmok areas Mewand district of Kandahar province. In explosion 6 tanks were destroyed 21 soldiers terrorists were killed and few wounded.. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"Destroying two vehicles of the enemy in Kandahar" (Google English) (<http://xrl.us/oqdfg>) - Original in Arabic (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4753>)

Quote

Destroying two vehicles of the enemy in Kandahar
Dawn Mujahid Islamic Emirate in the nine o'clock this morning a truck and a car kind of hip to the enemy in the region of Shiga on the road to Kandahar, Herat rapid Directorate buttons mandate Kandahar by mines planted. Arabs destroyed in the blast, which killed five soldiers interns.
Continental Yusuf Ahmadi

"Attak on military convoy, killed eight Australian soldiers in Tarin Kot"(Google English) (<http://xrl.us/oqdggo>) - Original in Arabic (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4754>)

Quote

Australians killed eight soldiers in Arosjan
Suffered a military convoy of Australian troops attacked Mujahideen Islamic Emirate in one of noon today near the center of Trenkot mandate Arosjan. The report, the attack which lasted for one hour Astraleyen killed seven soldiers and wounded several other Basabatz. Then the enemy air raids in the area, but thanks to God not affected by the Mujahideen.
Continental Yusuf Ahmadi

"Why are independent media and human rights silent over the massacre of civilians?" (<http://abeedah.wordpress.com/2008/09/05/why-are-independent-media-and-human-rights-silent-over-the-massacre-of-civilians/>)

Quote

...Islamic Emirate reminds all Afghans and all Muslims around the world, that they should never forget the historical abhorrence and enmity which the American arrogant crusaders military and its allies have unleashed on Afghanistan, under the disguise of building few km's of roads and buildings....

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Taliban's Version of Double Suicide Bomber Attack on Kandahar Police Station
(<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4808>)

Quote

Martyrdom Operations destroyed 27 puppet police officers killed in Kandahar Sunday afternoon 07-09-2008, 2 courageous Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Qari Muhammad wali and Abdul mateen of same province side "Allahu Akbar" and rammed themselves inside the police headquarter of Kandahar city, in which 6 rangers vehicles were completely destroyed and 27 puppet police officers were killed 43 wounded. the headquarter was damaged. We ask Allah to accept our brother among martyrs in Eelleyeen (high rank in the paradise). All praise and gratitude are due to Allah. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"2 vehicle of puppet army blew up in Kandahar" (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4813>)

Quote

Sunday noon 07-09-2008 at approximately 11:30 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up a vehicles of puppet army in Loi Kariz area of Boldak district of Kandahar province. The landmines completely destroyed the vehicles and 6 puppet terrorists in it were killed .
Also in Khaki Chopan area of Mewand district of Kandahar province Mujahideen with a remote controlled landmine blew up a vehicle of puppet army in which the vehicle was completely destroyed and 5 puppet soldiers in it were killed. Reported by Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

"9 puppet police were killed in Helmand" (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4806>)

Quote

Saturday evening 07-09-2008 at approximately 6 pm local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ambushed a vehicle of puppet police in Chahai Injer area of Lashker Gah city capital of Helmand province. In attack the vehicle was completely destroyed and 9 puppet terrorists in it were killed and their arms were mujahideen booty . Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"A tank of Australian invaders blew up in Uruzgan" (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4814>)

Quote

Sunday afternoon 07-09-2008,at approximately 3:15 pm local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmine blew up a tank of American occupation army in Darwishan Nawa area near Taren Kot capital of

of American occupation army in Darwishan Nawa area near Tareh Kot capital of Uruzgan province. In the explosion the tank was completely destroyed and 5 the invader terrorists in it were killed. Reported by Zabihullah Mujahid

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"9 Canadian invaders soldiers Killed in Kandahar" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-2-08-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Monday morning 08-09-2008 at approximately 8:10 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up a patrolling unit of Canadian invaders army in Lako Khil area of Zhari district of Kandahar province. In explosion 9 soldiers terrorists were killed and few wounded.. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"2 vehicle of puppet army blew up in Kandahar" (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=4833>)

Quote

Sunday noon 07-09-2008 at approximately 11:30 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up a vehicles of puppet army in Loi Kariz area of Boldak district of Kandahar province. The landmines completely destroyed the vehicles and 6 puppet terrorists in it were killed. Also in Khaki Chopan area of Mewand district of Kandahar province Mujahideen with a remote controlled landmine blew up a vehicle of puppet army in which the vehicle was completely destroyed and 5 puppet soldiers in it were killed. Reported by Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

"In Martyrdom Operations 10 intelligence officers killed in Zabul" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-4-08-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Sunday evening 07-09-2008, A courageous Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Muhammad Hashema side "Allahu Akbar" and open fire on Puppet intelligence officers inside the intelligence office in Qalat city capital of Zabul province, in which 10 puppet officers were killed few wounded.. We ask Allah to accept our brother among martyrs in Eelleyen (high rank in the paradise). All praise and gratitude are due to Allah. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"4 vehicle of puppet army in Zabul" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-08-09-2008.html>)

Quote

Monday morning 08-09-2008 at approximately 9:30 am local, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmines blew up 2 ehicles of puppet army on Kabul Kandahr highway in Ghashi area of Shari Sapa district of Kandahar province. The landmines completely destroyed the vehicles and 6 puppet terrorists in it were killed , Also in same time mujahideen attacked on same convoy and 2 more vehicles were damaged in which 10 more soldiers were killed. Reported by Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

"Outspun by the Taliban" (<http://leeton.yourguide.com.au/news/world/world/general/outspun-by-the-taliban/1239682.aspx>)

Quote

The Afghan air is thick with dangerous munitions. Compared with Iraq, more than twice as many combat sorties are flown. But as the Afghanistan conflict becomes more a war of information and propaganda, the words, graphs and data produced on both sides can be as lethal as the rockets and missiles dropped on the Taliban.

Inevitably, the information business is hazy. The US with its allies and the Taliban both seek to influence public opinion, either across the steppes of Central Asia or in the sitting rooms of the 40 nations that comprise the US and NATO-led forces in Afghanistan.

But analysts dissecting their media efforts find the battle for hearts and minds is poised precariously. On the ground in Afghanistan and across the border in Pakistan, the Taliban and their allies are winning analysts' plaudits for the efficiency and effectiveness of a propaganda machine that increasingly keeps locals sitting on the fence in conflict-prone areas of the country (more on link)

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