



## Interview with Haji Muslim Khan: Part II April 27, 2009

### Interview with Haji Muslim Khan, Chief Spokesman of Tehrik-e-Taliban Swat Valley (Pakistan): Part II Dated: April 27, 2009



*[The NEFA Foundation has released part 2 of its exclusive interview with Haji Muslim Khan, the chief spokesman for Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in the restive Swat Valley. During the second part of the interview, Khan addressed the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States and the Taliban view regarding future terrorist attacks inside U.S. borders. Regarding 9/11, according to Khan, "We can't tell [if] this plan [was] from Jews or from Afghanistan. [Even] if this is from Afghanistan, so you have killed how many? ...Regardless how many million they killed on 9/11, how many millions did they kill in Afghanistan, the USSR? And how many million did they kill in south and in Yugoslavia--everywhere. But they're thinking of only the 9/11 attack." Khan insisted that because U.S.-backed forces have "killed civilians here, so they [the mujahideen] must attack there, attack in the United States."]*

Q. Whenever you are ready.

A. Start.

Q. First of all, would you like to say something about these media complaints that we just discussed?

A. (Unintelligible) ... yeah, I do have a complaint from Pakistani media because the United States and some other European countries spend money for the honor of this media. And, for example, they're never sure and they're never true to the people in our operations, the region of operations here in Swat and in the area, everywhere in the tribal area. Because the main point here, United States forces coming in Afghanistan for what? Oil. True or not?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. For what?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. For this, he, Mr. Bush, announced to come here, and he used the word Chracedra. They use the forces and the money of the United States for what? For Chracedra. But he warned his family, then they went from Afghanistan to the other state of oppressor...

Q. Uh-huh.

A. ...to get gas and petroleum from there.

Q. Uh-huh, uh-huh.

A. So then that issue about Osama bin Laden was there and their coming into the United States and the attack on 9/11...

Q. Uh-huh.

A. ...that's only the reason, but the reason is only because there is Taliban and that implemented Shariah, the religion, in Afghanistan, and they controlled Afghanistan. Only this is the reason, not bin Laden was there, no. Because here Pakistani government signs other regulations for Swat.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. And they're shouting there in the United States...

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Mr. Obama.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. So what? This is my religion and my country, and we are free.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Which we need, we have to do here in this country. So nobody allowed to come here, to force our country and our policies for not implementation of Shariah...here.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. Not Obama. He is enemy all of Islam and of the Muslims.

Q. So now you are clear that...

A. So nobody – nobody shouted to the world about this, especially the Pakistan media. Pakistani media is shot, and they will tell to the people what he want, what Mr. Obama want. Nobody can reject this order was coming from United States and from embassy of USA.

Q. So you're saying that the Pakistani media is simply a tool?

A. Yeah, negative; not for positive for Muslims, negative.

Q. So you're saying the media is negative...

A. Yes.

Q. And it is a tool, an instrument, of the U.S.?

A. So will you trust these people? You are here.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. You are Muslim, you are eating here, you are from this country, you are from my nation.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. And you are working for United States, special security forces from here. They're getting in here, they're living here, and they eat our bread here. And they're getting men from there to

work out here, especially the president also. So there is nobody... (unintelligible).

**Break in the video.**

Q. How can he do that today?

A. The United States have 52 states, they can make unity. What – what about Muslim?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. They can do that...

Q. Uh-huh, uh-huh.

A. ...but it will be a struggle, yeah.

Q. Okay. You speak very good English. You spent a long time in the West?

A. No, I cannot speak English very good really because it is not my language...(Unintelligible)

Q. No, no, you speak – I'm telling you...you speak very...

A. Yes.

Q. ...very good English.

A. But we are calling it, in – in our language, Englisi.

Q. Englisi?

A. Englisi. I believe it's spelled English; we call it Englisi, a mix, Pashtu and English.

Q. But do you experience...

A. I lived in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, a foreigner there.

Q. Okay, and what do you think of Western values, Western way of life?

A. The people is good, but the government is not too good.

Q. But the people...

A. People is good, yeah.

Q. You liked?

A. Yeah.

Q. Sincere?

A. Yeah.

Q. Friendly?

A. Yeah, people is good, but the government, for politicians and policies of the government, against Muslims is no good.

Q. So on this basis, would you –

A. I think it would be poor because the policies always make a poor situation. And they are – the United States controls all the wealth and Jewish. The people, their money, all Jewish, the business, all are controlled by Jews.

Q. And on the basis of what you say, that people are good, friendly, but the government is...

A. Government is not good.

Q. Somehow...

A. Yeah.

Q. ...oriented towards the negative...

A. But the government is not from the United States. The government must be changed...

Q. I understand your opinion, I understand...

A. According to the policy of Jews.

Q. Your opinion, yes, but on this basis, would you approve of attacks against civilians in the U.S.? For example, the 9/11 operation, several thousand people were killed, as they are killed here in Pak- and Afghanistan, but those civilians who died in New York, what do you think about that?

A. Yes, because we can't tell that this plan from Jewish or from Afghanistan. If this is from Afghanistan, so you kill how many?

Q. But is 9/11 explained...

A. How many million they kill? And regardless how many million they killed on 9/11, how many million did they kill in Afghanistan, the USSR?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. And how many million did they kill in South and in Yugoslavia...

Q. Uh-huh.

A. ...everywhere?

Q. Uh-huh.

A. But they're thinking of only the 9/11 attack.

Q. Uh-huh.

A. What about these people?

Q. This is a good argument, a very good argument, but still, these 3,000 people died in New York.

A. Yeah.

Q. And because you lived in Boston, you know the people there, so you...

A. Yeah.

Q. Don't you feel that killing civilians is always wrong?

A. Not civilians. They killed civilians here in Afghanistan.

Q. Yes. And, see – and that's wrong.

A. And they killed civilians here, so they must attack there, attack in United States.