

Kidnappings

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Confessions of a top militant/Islamist Jihadist

Islamabad; April 27, 2017: Ehsanullah Ehsan, former spokesman of TTP and Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) reportedly surrendered to Pak Army and made a recorded video statement that was released by the Army.

As these Jihadist organizations claim to carry out their militant and terrorist attacks under Islamist motivation; it will be appropriate to place on record the reality as stated by one of their top leaders – their former spokesman. The daily Dawn covered the story in its issue of April 27, 2017 and reported the following (extracts):

“Ehsan, who was the main leader of JuA before being captured and serving as TTP spokesman, throughout the clip looked to be distancing himself from the groups with which he remained attached over the past nine years.

“At one point he said he questioned JuA leader Omar Khalid Khorasani for getting support from RAW.

“I told Khalid Khorasani that what we are doing is helping *Kuffaar* by carrying out activities within our country and killing our own people. In a way we are serving them, he said, adding this led him to believe that militant leaders were serving their personal interests and pursuing “some sort of agenda”.

“Ehsan blamed his former colleagues for sending foot soldiers to fight Pakistan Army, while keeping themselves safe in their sanctuaries. He spoke about turf wars within the TTP, and said its leadership was misleading youths in the name of religion and recruiting them for their own designs.

“Islam does not allow this, said Ehsan, who had in the past claimed responsibility for some of the most gruesome attacks. He mocked at TTP chief Mullah Fazlullah’s rise as the group’s leader through a draw and accused him of forcibly marrying his mentor Maulvi Soofi Mohammad’s daughter.

“We fled to Afghanistan after the Army launched operations in North Waziristan. There I saw these people develop contacts with NDS (National Directorate of Security, Afghanistan) and RAW (Research and Analysis Wing, India), which supported and funded them”, Ehsan, whose original name is Liqueate Ali, said in a 5-minute-53-second video clip released to media by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

“Ehsan is seen in the video say NDS and RAW gave ‘targets’ to TTP and JuA, who received remuneration for every activity they carried out in Pakistan.”

Note: Many analysts and scholars have consistently maintained all along that these so-called Jihadists have little to do with Islam – it is all about money and self-interest.

