

**Summarized Detainee Sworn Statement**

*The Tribunal President read the Hearing Instructions to the Detainee and confirmed that the Detainee understood and had no questions.*

*The Personal Representative presented the Detainee Election Form (Exhibit D-A) to the Tribunal.*

*The Recorder presented the Unclassified Summary of Evidence (Exhibit R-1) to the Tribunal.*

*The Recorder presented Exhibit R-2 into evidence and gave a brief description of the contents of the Unclassified Summary of Evidence (Exhibit R-1).*

*The Recorder confirmed that he had no further unclassified evidence or witnesses and requested a closed Tribunal session to present classified evidence.*

Tribunal President: I see by your Detainee Election Form that you have elected to participate as evidenced by your being here. I also see that you have requested to have one witness and he will be brought here later in the proceedings. Adel Abdulhehim, you may now present any evidence you have to the Tribunal and you have the assistance of your Personal Representative in doing so.

*The Tribunal President opened the Tribunal to the Detainee to make his statement and asked if he would like to make his statement under oath.*

Tribunal President: Would you like to present information to this Tribunal and would you like to make your statement under oath?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: Recorder, would you please administer the oath?

*The Recorder administered the Muslim oath to the Detainee.*

Tribunal President: You may begin.

Personal Representative: I believe he is going to respond to each allegation as read it.

*3. a. 1. In June 2001, the Detainee traveled from Kyrgyzstan to Jalalabad, Afghanistan via Pakistan, then on to the Eastern Turkistan Uighur Party (ETUP) training camp at Tora Bora, Afghanistan.*

Detainee: I left my country in 1999 to go to Kyrgyzstan for business. I stayed in Kyrgyzstan for more than a year and then in June of 2001, I was trying to go to Turkey but

went to Pakistan. When we got to Pakistan, we couldn't get a visa for Iran so we decided to go to Afghanistan and stay a while and go back for the visa later. Other people told us that there were Uighur people in Afghanistan. When we came to Jalalabad they took us to the mountains, which is the camp about two and a half hours away from Jalalabad by car. When we arrived, there was a little village, and when we passed it, there were some small mountains, but we didn't know the place was called the Tora Bora Mountains or some other names. The reason we went to this place was for the Uighur people to get training to fight back against the Chinese. As a Uighur person, I was trying to do my duty to help my people. Getting this training would help if anything happened to fight back against the Chinese. During that time, I didn't see any Afghans or any other people. I didn't have any other association with any other people.

*3.a.2. The Detainee received training on the AK-47 assault rifle at a Uighur training camp.*

Detainee: Before I got to that place, I expected that if it were a camp, it would have a big field with training equipment. But I found that it was just a one-way street. If you're driving a car, you have to drive out the same way you came in. The houses were in really bad shape. What I heard was that they just got this place and that it needed a lot of construction work, like building houses. We did that. We also learned to read the Quran with a couple of days of learning the Kalashnikov. I trained on the Kalashnikov. The reason was, if something were to happen in the future against the Chinese, then my training would be useful. I didn't train on the Kalashnikov to fight back against the Americans or other coalition forces.

*3.a.3. The training camp was provided to the Uighurs by the Taliban.*

Detainee: I don't know about this question. What I heard is Afghanistan has some big tribe and they have their own property and I don't know if they gave the camp to the Uighurs or the Taliban gave it to the Uighurs. I don't know anything about that.

*3.a.4. The ETIM operated facilities in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan in which Uighur expatriates underwent small arms training. These camps were funded by Bin Laden and the Taliban.*

Detainee: I don't know if some Uighur people belonged to some organization in that place. When I got there, they didn't offer me any kind of party or organization. They didn't ask me if I wanted to join. They didn't ask me those kinds of questions. We didn't have enough food to eat all the time and who was paying for all the supplies and all the stuff? I didn't know if Usama Bin Laden or the Taliban funded it. I have no idea. We were at that camp just temporarily. Maybe that's the reason they didn't offer us to join some kind of party or anything like that. I don't know what party they belonged to.

*3.b.1. The Detainee, along with others, fled their camp when the United States bombing campaign began.*

Detainee: The U.S. had been attacked and we told each other that since we didn't have anything to do with the attack and those people were terrorist people that attacked the United States and don't have any relations with them, so we weren't worried about the U.S. bombing us. We decided to stay there and then one night the bombing started and we couldn't stay. The whole camp was flattened from the bombs. Luckily we were safe and alive so we ran into the mountains.

*3.b.2. The Detainee was captured in Pakistan along with other Uighur fighters.*

Detainee: I don't really understand what they meant by those Uighur people. Do they mean in here or are they saying other Uighurs as well?

Tribunal President: I don't honestly know. This is the only information we have about you at this moment.

Detainee: Well, 18 Uighur people fled into Pakistan together and were captured together and brought here together. But they called us fighters. We are not fighters. We didn't fight anyone.

Tribunal President: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Detainee: The reason they accuse me of all these accusations that are in the summary is because of when I left Kyrgyzstan. When I left, my goal was to go to Turkey but unfortunately I couldn't get a visa and ended up in Afghanistan. I had no intention to attack or do anything against the United States. I never had those kinds of intentions and I never will. I want you to know that I am a normal businessman. The reason I went to Afghanistan was, if there is any chance in the future that something were to happen with the Chinese, I would be able to help the Uighur people. I don't know if that will happen or not. If I get out of here, I will never do anything against the United States or the coalition forces, that's not my intention. I would like to find some place to live in peace. That is what I want you to know about who exactly I am. We have been staying here under really good conditions and we cannot say anything bad about the United States. Speaking for myself, if I get out of here, I will say good things about America because they have treated us in here really good. I could never say anything bad against the United States.

Tribunal President: At this point we may have some questions for you. Would you be willing to answer questions?

Detainee: Yes.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Personal Representative: No ma'am.

Tribunal President: Recorder, do you have any questions for the Detainee?

Recorder: No ma'am.

Tribunal President: Do any Tribunal Members have any questions for the Detainee?

Tribunal Members' questions

Q. Are you a member of any political parties or groups?

A. No, I have never been a member of any party or organization in my life.

Q. Are you aware of any Uighurs fighting against the U.S. or coalition partners?

A. No, I don't know.

Q. Have you ever heard of a group known as ETIM, Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement?

A. No, I don't know anything about that. The camp in Tora Bora was only Uighur people. What I heard was, it was for people who wanted training to fight back against the Chinese, that's the reason why I went there. It was just temporary for me. Some people come and leave and it's their own choice if they want to stay longer and then they might offer them some kind of party membership or something. They didn't offer me any partnership or anything like that.

Q. How did you find out about that training camp?

A. When I arrived in Pakistan, I met another Uighur named Abdulla Salim (ph) who told me that since I couldn't get a visa, that I should go to Afghanistan and stay there until my paperwork was finished. He said that he would let me know when it was finished and could come back to get it and would be able to travel wherever I wanted.

Q. Why did you want to go to Turkey?

A. In Kyrgyzstan, the business wasn't really good and if you go to the market sometimes the Chinese would arrest us or fine us more for the business that we do. In Kyrgyzstan, we heard that there was a famous Uighur factory making leather jackets. This person was coloring animal skins and he was really good, so we decided to go to Turkey and work in that factory. We heard they were paying good money and so we wanted to go to Turkey.

Tribunal Member: Thank you. I have no more questions.

Detainee: Let me explain some more about Kyrgyzstan. One time when I was in Kyrgyzstan, I had my passport in my jacket pocket and when I went home to change my

jacket, I forgot to get my passport from the other jacket. I went to the store to buy some things and when I finished, the police stopped and searched me. They said that they were going to arrest me because I didn't have a passport. I told them that I had a passport but I left it in my hotel room. I told them that I could bring it to them or one of them could come with me so I can show it to you. They wouldn't listen me. Another Uighur person came and tried to help me but it didn't work. We were fined 500 Tyiyn. Most of the time, even when you have all of your legal documents with you and the police stop you, the police still ask you to give them money because their salaries are way too low and they make more money from people like us.

Tribunal Member: Thank you.

Tribunal President's questions

- Q. When you traveled on from Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan, did you have a passport to legally travel then?
- A. Yes. It was legal and I had all the documents.
- Q. And then going on to Afghanistan, likewise did you have a passport?
- A. We left (inaudible). We passed through the Afghanistan and Pakistan border and there is no person there to ask you for a passport or anything. You can pass the border like you're walking on the street. There are soldiers on both sides but nobody asks for paperwork.
- Q. Weren't you worried about getting back from Afghanistan into Pakistan without a passport?
- A. No, because when you going into Afghanistan without a passport you can go back to Pakistan without a passport. It's the same thing because nobody asks for a passport or visa.

Tribunal President: Okay. I want to thank you for participating in this Tribunal today.

Detainee: Also, I'd like to thank you.

Tribunal President: Do you have anything else you would like to tell the Tribunal at this time?

Detainee: We've been here for three years and we want you to look at our cases fairly. I do believe that America will determine our cases fairly but would like you to speed up the process.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any evidence or does the Detainee have any previously approved witnesses to present to the Tribunal?

Personal Representative: Madame president, I have no other evidence but I do have one witness.

*The Tribunal President explained to the Detainee how the Tribunal would be conducted with the witness.*

*The Tribunal President called for brief recess to allow the witness to be brought into the Tribunal room.*

*During the recess the Tribunal President directed the Tribunal to go back on the record to allow the Detainee to make an additional statement.*

Tribunal President: You (the Detainee) have something to add?

Detainee: Earlier you smiled. As I've grown up, I've been unable to smile much. I don't want you to think that I am unhappy to be here in the Tribunal. I am happy but I cannot smile. My parents used to tell me all the time that I need to smile and not to look like I'm getting upset or anything.

Tribunal President: That's fine. We don't think that.

*The Tribunal went back into recess to allow the witness to be brought into the room.*

*After a short recess the Tribunal is re-opened with the witness present.*

Tribunal President: This case is now reconvened with the witness in the room. Please state your name for the record.

Witness: Abu Bakr Qasim.

Tribunal President: You are here today to testify in the case for Adel Abdulhehim?

Witness: Yes.

Tribunal President: Are you willing to do so at this time and do so under oath?

Witness: Yes, I will testify for him.

Tribunal President: Recorder, please administer the oath.

Witness: I heard that oath and I would like to do my oath under a Uighur cultural oath.

Tribunal President: Yes, as long as you swear to tell the truth.

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Witness: We like to do oaths with the Quran. It makes it stronger. I will swear that this person did everything and I will tell it as accurately as I can. I promise I will tell the truth.

Tribunal President: You (Detainee) may go first. Do you have any questions for the witness?

Detainee: I have no questions.

Tribunal President: Personal Representative, do you have any questions for the witness?

Personal Representative's questions to witness:

Q. You (Witness) traveled with him (Detainee) from Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan to Afghanistan is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know where your passport is right now?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did you take it to Afghanistan with you?

A. The person in Afghanistan was trying to get all the paperwork for my visa to Iran. He said that he needed my passport to get all the information and needed to keep my passport. I was supposed to get back my passport when the paperwork was completed.

Personal Representative: Thank you, that's all I have.

Tribunal President: Recorder, do you have any questions for the Witness?

Recorder: No ma'am?

Tribunal President: Tribunal Members, do you have any questions for the Witness?

Tribunal Members' questions to witness:

Q. Sir, how long have you known this gentlemen, indicating the Detainee in question?

A. I went to Kyrgyzstan from my country in approximately 2000. We met in Kyrgyzstan at a Bazaar. We had about the same situation having left the country and trying to do business. We had the same business in common so we started doing business together in Kyrgyzstan.

Q. Where did you intend to travel to from Kyrgyzstan?

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- A. We were trying to go to Turkey to work for this manufacture. Because when I worked in my home country, I worked in manufacture as well and then this businessman from Turkey came. In Kyrgyzstan the business wasn't good. We couldn't go to the market to do business freely because the police give us a hard time and ask us for money from us. A couple of times they killed some people for not giving them money. We had a hard time doing business and wanted to go to Turkey. I told him (Detainee) and he agreed so we were going to travel together to Turkey.
- Q. As far as you know is he (Detainee) a member on any political parties or groups?
- A. We are Uighurs. We don't usually accept membership from any other party or organization because the Chinese government always accuse us of belonging to these groups and imprison many Uighurs. We've seen this and that's why we don't want to be members of any parties or anything like that. The Chinese will put you in prison for three or four years just for mentioning the name of Kyrgyzstan, so forget about being a member of some kind of party.
- Q. Have you ever heard of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Party?
- A. When I was at home in my country, I heard of some Turkistan Uighur Liberation Party or some kind of organization's name but when I left my country, I did not see anyone from such an organization. I didn't see anyone.
- Q. You were trying to get a visa in Pakistan and from there were you trying to go through Iran or direct to Turkey?
- A. I mentioned in the past here that we didn't have enough money to try and purchase plane tickets. There is a bus service from Pakistan to Iran and from Iran to Turkey. We tried to get the bus because it was cheaper.

Tribunal Member: Okay, thank you very much. No more questions.

Tribunal President's questions to witness:

- Q. Did you go to the camp with the Detainee?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What did you learn at that camp?
- A. We stayed there approximately three months. The first two months we learned how to read the Quran and we did construction work building houses. The last month they trained us on rifles.



Q. Who ran this camp?

A. When they introduced us, there was a person named Abdul Hag (ph). He was the person running the camp.

Q. When you fled the camp and went into the mountains, what did you do there?

A. We stayed in a cave in the mountains and we were hoping that some Uighur would come up from the city to take us somewhere else. We didn't know how to get anywhere else and we stayed there until we ran out of food. We were trying to save our lives in the cave.

Tribunal President: I'd like to thank you for participating in this Tribunal today. At this point we will take a brief recess while the witness is removed from the room.

*The Tribunal took a brief recess to allow the witness to be removed from the room.*

*The Tribunal was re-opened with the witness absent.*

Tribunal President: The Tribunal is reconvened with the witness having been removed from the room. During the recess we realized we needed to verify one of the translation points. This is in reference to point number four in the Unclassified Summary of Evidence. At this point we are going to read the point again and if you could respond fairly slowly so that the translator can be sure to get what you say.

*3.a.4. The ETIM operated facilities in the Tora Bora region of Afghanistan in which Uighur expatriates underwent small arms training. These camps were funded by Bin Laden and the Taliban.*

Detainee: When we arrived from Pakistan to Jalalabad, they told us about the place in the mountains and took us there on the second day but I did not know the place was called Tora Bora. When I arrived in that place for the first couple of months, I read the Quran and did other construction work for the housing. After that, we had some training on the Kalashnikov. That training was for us to fight the Chinese government and not to fight the U.S. government or coalition forces or other countries. We didn't want to go right back China after training to fight them. I was trying to go to Turkey to do my business. If something were to happen, then I would go back with other young Uighur men to fight the Chinese government. That is if it happened, but I'm hoping that my country will be liberated peacefully, that would be great. The camp in Tora Bora was close to a village. If you talk about the funding issue, I don't know if it was being funded by the Taliban or Bin Laden and also what I understand that Axsom Mesom (ph) was a businessman but my personal understanding was that it did not need financial support. Usually we eat in the morning, just tea and bread and some kind of food for lunch and rice without meat dinner. We got meat twice a week so I don't think they needed financial support from anywhere else. Also, some Uighur patriots would help financially because we were trying to fight back with them for their independence and so they support our mission as well. That is all.

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Tribunal President: Thank you. All unclassified evidence having been heard this concludes this Tribunal session.

*The Tribunal President explained the remainder of the Tribunal process to the Detainee and adjourned the open session.*

AUTHENTICATION

I certify the material contained in this transcript is a true and accurate summary of the testimony given during the proceedings.



Colonel, U.S. Army  
Tribunal President

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