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Summarized Sworn Detainee Statement

When asked by the Tribunal President the detainee stated he understood the process and he did not have any questions.

When asked by the Tribunal President if he wanted to make a statement the detainee stated yes and provided his statement after electing to be sworn.

I have never committed a hostile act against the United States or its allies. I was never a part of or supported any forces while in Afghanistan or outside of Afghanistan that were hostile against the United States or its allies. I never carried any type of weapon, I never wore military clothing, and I never went to any training camp or fought. After I finished my training I went to Kabul. I was trying to leave Afghanistan from there. I discussed leaving Afghanistan with a few Afghanis and a Saudi man. The Saudi was a person that helps other people. The borders were closed and it was difficult to leave Afghanistan. This was after the death of the leader Masood on 9 September 2001. After the events of September 11th accusations were made against groups in Afghanistan, which made it more difficult for me to leave.

About me being a member of al-Qaida, that's wrong. This organization defies and goes against every value or principle I was raised with. I have never agreed with the way they interpret my religion, which is of peace and forgiveness. The fatwa's issued by my religious leaders go against the teachings of that organization. I have never participated, acted or was loyal to that organization.

I traveled to Afghanistan in the summer of 2001 to learn how to fight. This was three or four months prior to the events of September 11th and before the American forces got there. While in Afghanistan, I planned on returning to my country prior to the events of September 11th. I began looking for a way to leave but all the borders to Pakistan were closed. I was told by some of the villagers to start going toward the mountains. I also heard Masood's group was killing Arabs for revenge, so the mountains were my only escape.

The reason I began training was to learn to how to defend myself. When the gulf war began in 1991, I had many relatives living in Kuwait. My family members were victims of that war. Some of them were killed and some were taken as prisoners of war. My remaining family members scattered and came to Saudi Arabia. At the end of 2000 the problems with Iraq began again. Saddam threatened to occupy Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. I felt the need to defend my country and family. I am also compelled by my religion to defend my family and country. There is no draft, reserves or voluntary military in Saudi Arabia. There are no camps where civilians can learn to defend themselves. I offered my services to the Saudi Arabian Navy for the chance to train, but never heard back from them. That's when I began my quest to find a place where I could learn to defend myself, and ended up in Afghanistan. My intensions were to go and train for a month or two and return to Saudi Arabia.

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My understanding of the training camp I attended in Afghanistan, is that it was a general camp not under any group or organizations control. I knew this because we were not allowed to talk about politics or religion. The Taliban had closed all the other camps with the exception of this one. The training camp was funded by Muslim charitable organizations that also funded schools, hospitals and orphanages. When I heard the name of the camp, it meant nothing to me, because I had never heard of it before. This was the only camp for Arabs all the other camps were for Afghans.

During my stay at the camp I was trained on small arms, physical fitness, digging tunnels, constructing tents, mountain climbing, and walking through deserts. I never completed my training because I became ill. Every week I had to travel to Kandahar to receive medical treatment or I was at the camp hospital.

Regarding my stay at a safe house. The house I stayed at was affiliated with the camp I trained at. It was a guesthouse run by the camp. It was more profitable for me to stay there because it was free. I was sick at the time and the guesthouse was more comfortable and safer for me to stay at. It was also close to the hospital.

Regarding the al-Qaida member, Abu Zubair Al Haylee. I only met him once at a mosque called Al-Ghar. We spoke about me fighting for the Taliban. I made it clear to him, the fighting was between Muslims and it was against my religion to participate in such a fight. We spoke for about thirty minutes and I never saw him again.

I never met Usama Bin Laden I only saw him. It was outside the campgrounds on a desert road near the camp. He was in a car that past by me as I was washing my clothes at a well. The following day he spoke at the mosque in the camp. I did not attend because it was voluntary, I was sick and it gave me a chance to sleep. Also Usama Bin Laden is a radical with radical thoughts and I didn't want to be influenced by him.

The accusations of me participating in hostilities against the United States and the Northern Alliance are not true. I am not affiliated with any organization or group. I trained for personal reasons, to defend my family and myself. Also, the Northern Alliance is Muslims and it is against my religion to fight against them. I did not have any weapons, wear military attire or guard any checkpoints. I was in the mountains with a group of Arab civilians who fled the war. I got to the mountains with the help of an Afghan villager who said it was a safe place to go. We fled to the Mountains near the Pakistani border not the Tora Bora Mountains. I was with a group of civilians who were not armed or fighting. We made it through the Tora Bora Mountains before the fighting began.

My injuries were the result of random bombing not specific targets. We were in the Mountains with a Kuwaiti man who was affiliated with a Kuwaiti charity organization. He promised me we could cross the Pakistani borders to our embassy so we could go home. As we were making our way to the Pakistani border we came to a village and the bombing started. Some Afghans told me, the people who bombed the village thought

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there were fighters in the village. Sixty to seventy villagers were killed during the bombing. The bombings were occurring in all the mountains around Tora Bora. Forty of the Arabs with me were killed and twenty were injured. After I was injured, I went to the Northern Alliance for assistance. They treated me in their hospital in Jalalabad for a month and a half. The leader of the Northern Alliance in Jalalabad visited me twice and was helping me. They understood my situation and I asked them to take me to my embassy in Pakistan. They told me it would be difficult, so I asked them to release me to the American forces. I wanted the Americans to take me to my country or to one of its embassies. I was released to the Americans and taken to a base in Bagram. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Summarized Answers in Response to Questions by the Tribunal Members

Q. Where are you from in Saudi Arabia?

A. From the east.

Q. Which area?

A. About fifty kilometers from Bahrain.

Q. You spoke about your religion, which religion are you?

A. Sunni.

Q. When you decided to train, you left your home in Saudi Arabia and you went to Afghanistan?

A. Do you mean directly?

Q. Tell me which way you went.

A. I left Daman by bus and went to Bahrain. I then flew to Karachi, then to Lahoar and then to Quetta. I then took a car to Kandahar.

Q. How did you hear about this training camp in Afghanistan?

A. He was asking at his mosque where he could get training and was told about this place.

Q. The mosque in Daman?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you use your own money to travel or did you get it from an organization?

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A. Personal finances.

Q. What type of small arms training did you receive; can you be more specific?

A. Handgun, Kalashnikov and several rifles. I also received training on how to tell the distance between two points, how to tell time without a watch, and the direction of the wind.

Q. Do you remember the name of the camp?

A. Al Farouq.

Q. Are you familiar with al-Qaida and what they preach?

A. I have heard about them on the news and in the newspapers.

Q. Did your Imam in Daman ever issue a fatwa for a jihad?

A. No.

Q. You said the camp was funded by private organizations, was one of them al-Wafa or can you tell me who was funding it?

A. It was a charity-funded camp.

Q. So you could just go there? They would accept you or did you give them money or did you have to call ahead and make arrangements?

A. I spoke to one of the Imams and they gave me the address. I was given a phone number and the man told me to meet him in Mecca. The person in Mecca told me about the camp and how it ran. I told him what I wanted from the training. I was given the address of a person in Lahoor.

Q. Did you know the man in Mecca; was he a stranger?

A. I got the name from my Imam.

Q. Were you injured in Tora Bora?

A. Outside Tora Bora on the outskirts of a village.

Q. Were you injured by a plane?

A. Just bombing from the sky.

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Q. What was the extent of your injuries?

A. My entire leg and stomach.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a government employee of a charitable organization.

Q. What is the name of the charitable organization?

A. IIRO, International Islam Relief Organization.

Q. How long did you work for IIRO?

A. I was still in training, so just a few months.

Q. What did you do before that?

A. Teaching and working at my father's car dealership.

Q. When you were trying to get out of Afghanistan what organization did you represent?

A. A Kuwaiti organization, I don't know the name.

Q. Was this organization suppose to help people get out of Afghanistan?

A. I was part of the organization, I was in Afghanistan to help the people in need. I left my charity work and was just trying to leave.

Q. Do you have any other evidence to present to this Tribunal?

A. No.

Q. Personal Representative do you have any other evidence to present to this Tribunal?

A. No.

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AUTHENTICATION

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



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