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"5 British invaders soldiers were killed in Helmand" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-3-23-11-2008.html>)

Quote

Saturday night 22-11-2008 at approximately 9:108pm local time, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with remote controlled landmine blew up a military tank of British occupation army when it was travelling in the Cheni area of Sangin district of Helmand province. In the explosion the tank was completely destroyed and 5 British occupation terrorists in it were killed. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"7 puppet army solders killed in Nemroz" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-2-23-11-2008.html>)

Quote

Sunday 23-11-2008 at approximately 01:10 pm local time, Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, with heavy and light weapons attacked puppet army checkpoint in the Ragen area of Delaram district of Nemroz province . In the attack the checkpoint was demolished and 7 puppet soldiers were killed few wounded and their arms were booty Mujahideen. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

"(C)hange in strategy of crusaders had no impact on the attitude towards the Islamic Emirate holy jihad" (GoogEng) (<http://xrl.us/ox7jk>) - Original in Arabic (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=6573>)

Quote

....The NATO leaders that are already aware of the size of the play back on the battlefield of its troops in Afghanistan, and certainly recognize that the defeat or withdrawal from Afghanistan poses a serious blow appeared central to the NATO ambitions in Asia, including the Islamic Middle East, and therefore will not order or approve NATO withdraw from this battle....

"Finally admitted - will not win the war" (<http://xrl.us/ox7jt>) - Original in Arabic (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=6574>)

Quote

....These are all evangelists of victory and conquest set out, and we will see, God deportation of the invading forces, leaving tens of thousands dead and hundreds wounded and injured, and thousands of missing persons and persons with disabilities, tears pouring accompanying principle have some heartbreaks....

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Highlights from the 25 Nov 08 edition of *Asia Times Online* (http://atimes.com/atimes/South_Asia/JK25Df02.html) (ATol), publishing an interview reportedly carried out with Mullah Mohammad Hasan Rahmani (HR) - .pdf permalink here (<http://milnewstbay.pbwiki.com/f/Rahmani-AsiaTimesOnline-25Nov08.pdf>) if article link no longer works.

Quote

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ATol: Could you please name them, I mean the tribes who collectively decided to side with the Taliban?

RH: The **Achakzai, Noorzai, Hajizai, Wazir and the tribes stretching up to Kunar and Khost are all with the Taliban ... and the Barakzai tribe.**

ATol: The Popalzai ... ?

RH: Yes, **the Popalzai, the Ishaqzai** ... those opposed to the Taliban are now embarrassed and are contacting the Taliban, saying that Hamid Karzai deceived them.

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INTERVIEW

Taliban not talking peace

Mullah Mohammad Hasan Rahmani

By Syed Saleem Shahzad

Amid continuing reports of a renewed initiative to hold peace talks with the Taliban over Afghanistan, and confusion over the Taliban's position, the Taliban leadership decided to outline its stance, and chose Mullah Mohammad Hasan Rahmani to speak with Asia Times Online.

Rahmani, about 50, is a member of the Taliban's *shura* (council) and a close adviser to Taliban leader Mullah Omar, with whom he is in daily contact; so much so that in Taliban circles he is considered Mullah Omar's shadow. During Taliban rule (1996-2001), Rahmani was governor of Kandahar province, the Taliban's spiritual heartland.

The interview took place at a location at which both North Atlantic

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Treaty Organization (NATO) and Pakistan security troops operate in their hunt for the Taliban.

Asia Times Online: Please introduce yourself. How were you introduced to the Taliban movement? How did you become governor of Kandahar province? What is your relation with the Taliban movement at present?

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Mullah Mohammad Hasan Rahmani: My name is Hasan Rahmani. I am a former governor of Kandahar province. I was involved with the Taliban movement from its beginning. It was an Islamic movement, and I had been involved in jihad, so I joined it. Later, when some areas were conquered by the Taliban, I was appointed as governor of Kandahar, and till the last I remained in this position.

ATol: Where did you get your education?

HR: At different places and in different *madrassas* [seminaries] in Afghanistan, Peshawar, Quetta etc.

ATol: Since you are still very close to Mullah Omar, and you are part of his *shura*, please explain why the Western media are boosting peace talks with the Taliban and saying that Saudi Arabia has played a major role. One report even says Saudi Arabia has offered Mullah Omar asylum.

HR: Today the Taliban are successful and the Americans and the NATO forces are in a state of defeat. The enemy wants to engage the Taliban and deviate their minds. Sometimes they offer talks, sometimes they offer other fake issues. The Taliban never ever tried for such talks, neither do we want these talks to be held. Neither the Saudi Arabian initiative [talks held recently in Mecca] nor the Saudi Arabian proposal [over Mullah Omar] is acceptable.

ATol: Al-Sharaq al-Awsat is a very credible [London-based] journal which mentioned two names [among others] which, according to my knowledge, are a part of the Taliban. One is Moulvi Abdul Kabeer, who was governor of Nangarhar province during Taliban rule, the other was Syed Tayyab Agha, who was Mullah Omar's secretary. These people went to Saudi Arabia and dined with King Abdullah. Is this news correct? Were they really there, and if so, in what capacity?

HR: This is absolutely wrong. Neither Moulvi Abdul Kabeer nor Tayyab Agha went to Saudi Arabia. In the last days of Ramadan [end of October] the former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef, was invited for dinner, but later the media projected that talks had begun with the Taliban under Saudi mediation. That was to weaken the Taliban and their jihad. The fact is that the Taliban were not part of such talks, nor are they ready to be so.

ATol: You have always been one of Mullah Omar's close lieutenants, part of his *shura*. Is he still commanding the Taliban from Afghanistan?

HR: Mullah Mohammad Omar Mujahid is still the commander of the faithful. He is the sole leader of the Taliban and solely in charge of their affairs.

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ATol: Western media project that the Taliban have imposed Islamic laws, even though they don't have a government in Afghanistan. They force people to practice Islam, stop the masses from listening to music and insist that men grow long beards and wear turbans. Is there any substance in this?

HR: The reality is that this is the time of resistance and jihad and the entire focus is on resistance. But at the same time, we place emphasis on the implementation of Islamic laws. This is the duty of all Muslims, to practice Islam and motivate others.

ATol: The Taliban have made special arrangements to disrupt NATO's supply lines. In Khyber Agency and in the Afghan provinces of Nangarhar and Wardak, the Taliban have carried out many attacks. Recently, similar attacks were witnessed in Kandahar. Are there plans to permanently disrupt NATO's supply lines in Spin Boldak [in Kandahar province] and in Kandahar?

RH: The Taliban have occupied all major routes in Afghanistan and have been choking the arteries of supplies for NATO convoys. They are strongly prepared between Wardak and Kandahar to cut off NATO supplies, but all over Afghanistan they are better prepared to do so.

ATol: Kandahar is the most important province of Afghanistan. Historically, the ruling elite belonged to this province. All prominent warlords and warriors came from Kandahar. How many Kandahari tribes are with you? I heard that President Hamid Karzai's own tribesmen [Popalzai] supported the Taliban.

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ATol: Next year, presidential elections are scheduled in Afghanistan. Kandahar is the home of Karzai. When he contested the elections last time, he was supported by some former Taliban, including Mullah Abdul Salam Rocketti. Will it be possible for Karzai to roam freely in Kandahar to solicit votes?

RH: The entire world knows that he does not have a base or support. He is a weak person. Nobody believes Karzai is able to be supportive or useful to them. He has even lost the support of

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NATO and the Americans, therefore it is unlikely he will get the same attention from the people as he got during the last presidential elections.

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"2 (military) vehicles of the enemy destroyed in Kandahar"

(<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-4-24-11-2008.html>)

Quote

Sunday evening 23-11-2008 at approximately 6:55am local time , Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ambushed a convoy of enemy in Khaki Chopan area of Mewand district of Kandahar province, in the ambush 2 military vehicles of enemy were destroyed and 4 soldiers terrorists in them were killed and one vehicle was mujahideen booty. Reported by Zabihullah Mujahid

"puppet police chief killed in Zabul" (<http://www.alemarah1.com/english-4-26-10-2008.html>)

Quote

Monday noon 24-11-2008 at approximately 1:02 pm local time , Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ambushed puppet police chief of Daichopan district in bazaar of same district in Zabul province. In the attack police chief Fidada Muhammad was killed and 2 police were killed. Reported by Qari Muhammad Yousuf

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Afghanistan: Foreign troops will not defeat Taliban, claims leader

AKI - Adnkronos International, 25 Nov 08

Article link (<http://www.adnkronos.com/AKI/English/Security/?id=3.0.2745824954>)

Quote

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Security**Afghanistan: Foreign troops will not defeat Taliban, claims leader**

Kandahar, 25 Nov. (AKI) - By Syed Saleem Shahzad - Foreign troops are sustaining heavy losses and have no prospect of defeating the Taliban in Afghanistan, according to a senior Taliban leader. Mullah Mohammad Hasan Rahmani, former governor of Kandahar province and a close adviser to Taliban leader Mullah Omar, told Adnkronos International (AKI) that the Taliban was having "great success" in its attacks on foreign forces.

"All places in Afghanistan are under siege by the Taliban, they are sustaining huge losses. During the night the Taliban are able to carry out action anywhere in Afghanistan in any street," he told AKI.

"Their main targets are government installations, the police and the army."

The Taliban is having "great success" with these few targets, he said.

Fifty-year-old Mullah Hasan Rahmani was appointed governor of Kandahar under the former Taliban regime and remains a close adviser to Mullah Omar.

During the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1978-79, he was part of Hezb-i-Islami, a fundamentalist faction of the mujahadeen which opposed the Soviet occupation. He remains a top Taliban leader.

He lost his left leg during the long-running war against the former Soviet Union and has an artificial limb.

In an interview with AKI in an undisclosed location, Hasan Rahmani said foreign forces, including the Canadian troops stationed in Kandahar, would not succeed in defeating the Taliban.

"Nobody is successful against the Taliban" he told AKI. "As far as Canadian forces are concerned, they are fighting against the Taliban only under American pressure."

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He said the Afghan people appreciated that the Taliban had brought peace to Afghanistan while the Americans had invaded the country and brought destruction.

"Once again the Taliban are fighting to restore peace and prosperity like they provided the Afghan nation during their rule. Afghanistan understands and appreciates this fact and that's why they are supportive of the Taliban."

He said the Afghan nation understands that the foreign troops of America and NATO are responsible for the bombardment and destruction of Afghanistan and the Taliban is simply resisting them.

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"In various explosions 8 Canadian soldiers killed in Kandahar" (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=6713>)

Quote

Mujahideen of Islamic Emarat, have blown up a vehicle of the Canadian invaders, 3 soldiers are killed in Maiwand, Kandahar. According to other message, later 2 hours by means of an explosive the Canadian tank and 5 soldiers is destroyed. After that helicopters have arrived to area and evacuated the killed soldiers
[INFORMAL TRANSLATION]

"3 Canadian invaders killed in Kandahar" (GoogEng) (<http://xrl.us/oyphf>) - Original in Arabic (<http://>)

Quote

Loss of three Canadian soldiers in Daman

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

At the ninth morning, was detonated by remote control on the military forces in the Canadian province of Daman Kiqh Morgan State Kandahar. According to the report reaching, the Mujahedeen by the explosion of the Islamic Emirate by an explosive device, which destroyed the mechanism, killing all on board. After the blast cordoned off the area by the enemy, and the dead by helicopter to Kandahar airport airspace.

"7 puppet soldiers killed in Kandahar" (GoogEng) (<http://xrl.us/oyphh>) - Original in Arabic (<http://www.anti-imperialist.info/vb/showthread.php?t=6712>)

Quote

The killing of seven soldiers of the Army customer in Haolekot

Qari Yousuf Ahmadi

The mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate detonated at nine thirty in the morning a police car in the management proxy ridiculed Department Ecot Shah and the mandate of Kandahar. According to the report, which resulted in the explosion was a bomb by remote controlling the destruction of the enemy vehicles and killed seven of its crew. The mujahideen fired three missiles at the Center for the occupying forces in the same area, where thankfully all the missiles were targeting three objectives. After the attack escalated the flames of fire from the enemy, but had no precise information on enemy losses.

"Another Tactic of Colonialism : Raking Up Lingual Controversy"
(<http://www.alemarah.110mb.com/englishtabs-28-11-2008.html>) (full commentary also attached as .pdf)

Quote

....on the one hand, the invading forces slaughter our people brutally and mercilessly because of their standing by Islam, Jihad, and honor but on the other hand, it is pity, that some non-governmental organizations under the

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Another Tactic of Colonialism : Raking Up Lingual Controversy

The American Colonialism and its alliance of invaders have neither limited themselves to physical occupation of Afghanistan by dint of their armed forces; nor they are contented with the military muscles which they use against our defenseless people-- killing them with sophisticated weapons and bombs; torturing them in the notoriously brutal detainment cages of Guantanamo, Kandahar and Bagram airbases. In addition to this, they have, insatiably, launched a broadside at our noble Afghan culture and valuable traditions. This, they are committing under the empty slogans of civil liberties, human rights norms, freedom of speech and choice of religion. We have been witnessing these atrocities for the last eight years being perpetrated by the invading forces with impunity. In fact, they are leaving no stone unturned to wipe out our Islamic culture and Afghan traditions. If we go through the school syllabus which is compiled by the surrogate Kabul Administration and taught in all schools of the country currently, we will certainly come on the passages of Islamic injunctions and rules which have completely been deleted from the syllabus—passages that are very essential to distinguish a Muslim believing nation from a non-Islamic society; these are the very rules that water the soul of a Muslim but have callously been omitted with a scissors of prejudices, emanating from enmity to Islam. They have also excluded passages about the Jihad's obligation, and the verses of the Holy Quran pertaining to this obligation. Life accounts and history of Muslim heroes, fighters and of our Mujahid predecessors who were standing by their honors throughout their lives, have been removed. Not only That . They have deleted all the sagas, parables and heroical accounts which impart to the Afghans generations lessons of sacrifice for the protection of sovereignty of their country. In fact, these are the lessons which are fraught with anecdotes of honors and patriotism. They hold plenty food for thoughts. Pathetically, the passages have been replaced by the so-called books of history , religious studies, Pashto and Dari languages which re revised with an eye to the phraseology that coincide with the versions palatable to Christianity. All passages and characters have given their place to other characters and passages. For example in place of Alif =Allah, there is Alif= Anar (pomegranate). Instead of Jim= Jihad, they have inserted Jim= Jowar (maize). For Mim = Mohammad (peace be upon him), they have put mim= manna (apple). In brief, there are other self-same alternations and changes in the text.

We categorically assert that on the one hand, the invading forces slaughter our people brutally and mercilessly because of their standing by Islam, Jihad, and honor but on the other hand, it is pity, that some non- governmental organizations under the pretentious titles of **humanitarian services** and **charity works**, are serving the goals of colonialism. They want the Afghans to become foreign to their own religion and traditions and encourage them to commit desecrations of religious rituals and affront against them. They call on men of letters to become apostates and heretics and misinterpret the meanings of the Holy Quran and the Sayings of the Holy prophet (peace be upon him). These NGOs assure them that they will protect them from legal prosecutions and will confront any untoward consequences what may it come. This practically has happened. They took some of them to Rome under the excuse of being mentally abnormal and others of them reached Paris and USA ostensibly under the worn-out jargons of **freedom of speech**.

Colonialism does not stop here; nor the crimes committed by them seem sufficed to satisfy their insatiable appetite. Still more, the gimmicks do not seem to quench their ambitions. They are bent on doing any and every thing in their power to weaken the Afghan people; to spin back the thread of national integrity of the Afghans; to play the inhabitants of Afghanistan against each other and to create protracted hostility among the Afghan people. The recent controversy about terminology is a practical case in hand, signifying the conspiracy of colonialism. They are spreading the poisonous seed of abhorrence, detestation and animosity. It is ironically surprising that no man of letters and no association of cultural and academic activities have come to the forefront to raise their fingers against a flurry of hackneyed Western terminologies and fashions which are now finding circulation in our society. In fact, they are suffocating the Afghan culture and our lingual advancement. We can see that signboards in English surpass the signboards in Pashto and Dari. However, no writer and cultural activist has bothered to take this trend to task. But when the question of "**Pohandtoon and Danishgah**" arises, a plethora of clamors is raised. They stage demonstrations and organize protest-sittings. They view this as a step for the disintegration of national unity.

In view of the Islamic Emirate, the persons who go to every extent to protest and rake up this controversy of "**Pohantoon and Danishgah**" should understand that it is one of the tactics of colonialism aimed at spreading and creating hatred, animosity and divisions among the people. It is shockingly surprising that the same persons are tight-lipped when it comes to the usage of foreign words like "**institute**" "**academy**" and "**photography**" which have comfortably ensconced themselves in the vocabulary of the society.

A number of men of letters and pen from both Pashto and Dari languages are ironically dancing to the tune of colonialism and working as fodder for this fire

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of animosity among the otherwise integrated nation.

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