

# CIA suicide bomber had links to ISI's Ilyas Kashmiri

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He had apparently duped his employers into believing that statements he had made in the past on websites about wanting to die as a martyr were part of his cover.

In a September 2009 posting on a website run by al-Qaeda, he wrote: "If [a Muslim] dies in the cause of Allah, he will grant his words glory that will be permanent marks on the path to guide to jihad, with permission from Allah," according to Site.

Source: [english.aljazeera.net](http://english.aljazeera.net)

Only two foreign intelligence agencies are being mentioned, Jordanian and American, and the third and most likely the culprit Pakistan's infamous Inter Services Intelligence has escaped attention so far in the December 30 suicide attack at Chapman Forward Operating Base in Khost, Afghanistan.

The first thing that the Jordanian doctor Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, 32, did last spring was to travel to Pakistan. That should have raised the red flag at Langley, headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency. After arriving in Pakistan, he sent emails to the Jordanian intelligence and helped in the drone attacks against several Taliban leaders, according to news reports.

If international espionage is a game of deception, Pakistanis have learned to be one of the best -- they outfoxed their former C.I.A. trainers . So in stead of the so-called Afghan Taliban, who are the good boys in I.S.I. eyes, claiming credit for killing the seven CIA officials the Pakistani Taliban jump into the picture and owned the killings.

Michael Scheuer, former head of the CIA unit that tracked bin Laden, said it's

inconceivable that the bombing could have been carried out without the knowledge of the al-Qaida-linked Haqqani network. The autonomous Afghan Taliban faction whose leader was once a U.S. ally is a serious threat to American and NATO troops in Afghanistan's east and operates on both sides of the border with Pakistan.

"There is no way this operation would have occurred in Khost without the knowledge and active support of Jalaluddin (Haqqani) and/or his son," Scheuer said. "They and their organization own the area and especially right around Khost and nothing occurs that would impact their tribe or its allies without their knowledge and OK. Both men, moreover, would be delighted to help bin Laden in any way they can."

Source: [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk)

But al-Balawi was a man with a plan: to dupe the world's largest foreign intelligence agency, the C.I.A. The people that al-Balawi met during his stay in Pakistan were not ordinary citizens, but either jihadi leaders or their handlers, officers of the powerful Inter Services Intelligence.

One of them has now been identified as Ilyas Kashmiri, fugitive chief of the Azad Kashmir chapter of the pro-Kashmir Jihadi group, Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (HuJI).

According to well-placed diplomatic sources in Islamabad, considered close to the US intelligence sleuths stationed in Pakistan, investigations show that the suicide bombing mission targeting the CIA base in Khost had been planned in the North Waziristan tribal area, which is allegedly sheltering hundreds of the fugitive al-Qaeda and Taliban militants wanted by US intelligence agencies. And the human bomb, which exploded himself at the CIA base in Khost is believed to have been dispatched by Ilyas Kashmiri, the fugitive chief of the HuJI who was reportedly killed in a US drone attack in the North Waziristan area in September 2009 along with Nazimuddin Zalalov, a top al-Qaeda leader. However, Kashmiri resurfaced three weeks later and promised retribution against the United States and its proxies (in his October 13, 2009 interview with a foreign news agency).

Source: [thenews.com.pk](http://thenews.com.pk)

Kashmiri was a member of the Special Services Group -- Pakistani military commando --, before becoming an I.S.I. operative deputed to Pakistan's different zones of conflicts. He brought the head of an Indian soldier who he killed and presented it to his chief the then army chief General Pervez Musharraf, who gave him a personal reward of Rs. 100,000, according to Pakistan media reports. Later he was arrested on suspicion of an attack on the life of Musharraf, but freed because of his strong connections within the military establishment.

Kashmiri had in an interview in October boldly declared that the November 26, 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai was nothing compared to what was in store.

ANGORADA, South Waziristan, at the crossroads with Afghanistan - A high-level meeting on October 9 at the presidential palace between Pakistan's civil and military leaders endorsed a military operation against the Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaeda in the South Waziristan tribal area - termed by analysts as the mother of all

regional conflicts.

At the same time, al-Qaeda is implementing its game plan in the South Asian war theater as a part of its broader campaign against American global hegemony that began with the attacks in the United States of September 11, 2001.

Al-Qaeda's target remains the United States and its allies, such as Europe, Israel and India

Source: [atimes.com](http://atimes.com)

Kashmiri was also involved in the slaying of a Pakistani commando general who was opposed to other Pakistani generals discreet support to the Taliban.

Kashmiri was behind the assassination of Major General Faisal Alvi, the retired commander of the SSG, in Rawalpindi in late 2008. Alvi was killed just months after [sending a letter](#) to General Kiyani. In the letter, Alvi accused two generals of forcing his retirement. According to *The Times Online*, Alvi said he was forced to retire after threatening to expose the two generals' involvement with the Taliban.

Source: [longwarjournal.org](http://longwarjournal.org)

Carey Schofield, had published the scoop about General Alvi and said he was certain about his death as his letter to Pakistan army chief General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani went unresponded.

Four days later, he was driving through Islamabad when his car was halted by another vehicle. At least two gunmen opened fire from either side, shooting him eight times. His driver was also killed.

This weekend, as demands grew for a full investigation into Alavi's murder on November 18, Lady Naipaul described her brother as "a soldier to his toes". She said: "He was an honourable man and the world was a better place when he was in it."

It was in Talkingfish, his favourite Islamabad restaurant, that the general handed me his letter two months ago. "Read this," he said.

Source: [timesonline.co.uk](http://timesonline.co.uk)

Other than Balawi, Kashmiri was also the handler of U.S. national David Headley, who played a key role in the November 26, 2008 attack in Mumbai.

A most sinister aspect of the tragedy is that King Abdullah, II, has now been identified as a collaborator of the C.I.A., providing more ammunition to the Islamists the U.S. is propping up un-Islamic monarchies in the Middle East.

The King and his wife were at the funeral of Ali bin Zaid, the Jordanian intelligence officer who was his cousin and present at the botched up debriefing that claimed one of the largest number of lives of CIA agents.

King Abdullah of [Jordan](#) looked suitably solemn at the funeral for Captain Sharif Ali bin Zeid, the intelligence officer killed in Afghanistan by his own agent-turned-suicide-bomber. But signs are the king has been badly discomfited by the unprecedented public exposure of his country's role working with the [CIA](#).

It is no secret that Jordan is the most pro-western country in the Arab world. Squeezed uncomfortably between Iraq in the east and Israel to the west, it has always been pragmatic about both – while remaining a close and loyal US ally.

Source: [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk)

Only the shadows know how many American lives will be lost since the policy of the Pentagon, State Department, and other U.S. security managers towards Islamabad military generals is: here, please take our taxpayers monies and we are not going to touch you since you have the nuclear bomb.