



Islamic Jihad Union (IJU) Interview with German Islamic Convert "Eric B." May 23, 2008

Islamic Jihad Union (IJU): "Interview with the Mujahid Abdul Gaffar al-Almani." Released on May 23, 2008



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"Q.) In the Western media, Islam has become synonymous with terrorism. It is also alleged that Muslims spread terror and fear."

"A.) In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful. Peace and blessings be upon those who follow the truth. We Muslims are only inviting people to the righteous path—so they can understand that there is no God to be rightfully worshipped other than Allah alone, and that he has no equal. So that they can understand that he is the creator of the Heavens and the Earth, or do they seriously wish to argue that everything we can see with our very own eyes has come from nothing? We live according to the laws of Allah, and he has made it our responsibility to command what is good and forbid what is evil... As we can observe, the Jews and Christians were given the responsibility of keeping their books intact, yet they failed in their obligation and they altered what had been revealed to them by Allah. And every Muslim firmly believes that these books were revealed by Allah, and that, in time such as these, those who continue to follow, believe, and adhere to their teachings are the ones who will gain eternal happiness in paradise, and the deviants will find a home in the hellfire, where they will taste eternal punishment. Even in their own books, it is written that after Jesus (may peace and blessings be upon him), one last Prophet will come... Be fearful of the day when we will be resurrected after death and brought back to life, and when we will be held accountable for what we have done in this life... This is the truth, and this is what we Muslims call to all of mankind, so they can realize and recognize the truth. Unfortunately, those of us who fight in the name of Allah are portrayed as if our only intention is to cause villainy around the world, rather than the occupation forces which are fighting us in our own countries and are the real troublemakers. They do not want us to practice our religion nor to follow the laws of Allah. I advise every person to read the Quran and to search for the truth, because this will lead to eternal happiness."



"Q.) Why should Germany be expecting attacks by Islamist organizations?"

“A.) As we all recognize, the Germans are directly involved in the war which is taking place in Afghanistan. They are constructing a Base in Uzbekistan (Termez) so that they can transport supplies for themselves and the occupation forces by railway to Afghanistan in order to cut down on costs. The current transport system using aircraft was apparently too expensive for them. They also assist the Americans by permitting them to have bases in Germany. Those bases are used by the Americans to wage war against the Muslims. As long as this continues, Germany—along with every other nation taking part in the occupation [of Afghanistan]—should expect attacks by Muslims. The one who goes searching for war will surely find it.”

“Q.) What is the current status of the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU)?”

“A.) Truthfully, we have a shortage of money, but generous Allah is supplying us with all of our necessities, praise be to Allah. The operations that are being conducted against the occupation forces are outstanding. The training of new recruits who are constantly arriving is also going very well. Additionally, we have assembled a group of recruits who are ready to conduct martyrdom operations. May Allah accept our deeds and soon grant us victory.”

“Q.) The German BKA (Bundeskriminalamt) is allegedly searching for you in the European Union and in Afghanistan. What is your response?”

“A.) Praise be to Allah who revealed this path of jihad to me. I have long since finished with my life in Germany—my life now belongs to jihad and, Allah willing, he will accept me as a martyr. But seriously, the fact that they are searching for me here in Afghanistan really doesn't worry me.”