

STATEMENT TO JUDGE

To Judge Nathan,

I, Minh Quang Pham AKA Muhammad Amin, wish to write this statement to renounce all acts of Terrorism + all extreme ideology + Sect.

Through my short experience with AQAP + my research into the religion of Islam, I have come to realize that I was misled. A.Q.'s action is damaging the image of Islam + I further do not believe they represent true Islamic values.

- Please see attached document: "THE HOLY PROPHET'S SUNNAH":

This document would show a brief sketch of the personality of Prophet Muhammad (s) by Sheikh Fazlur Rahman Ansari (1914-1974) who is Sheikh Imran Hosein's eminent teacher who I am very much influenced since my return from Yemen.

The 911 attack was literally unbelievable, + many Muslims hold the view that it was an inside-conspiracy since they could not believe any Muslims would do such. I am convinced that it was an ~~att~~ actual attack that was planned + carried out by some Muslims under OSAMA BIN LADIN.

I would personally condemn such a shameful + provocative act + I also believe that any Muslim with a sound mind + belief would never carry out nor praise such attacks.

I blame myself for my involvement with AQAP: I was very naive, there were many shortcomings in my thoughts + I was ignorant of the law.

I was deluded by the prevalent misleading propaganda over the internet + my poor knowledge of Islam at the time has also contributed to my erroneous judgment.

My intention was purely to help fellow Muslims who were hurt by wars or deprived of rights from ~~by~~ tyrannical leaders; I have always been or try to be a helpful person, + my views have always been different from that of A.Q. The fact that I've sent a laptop to Bangladesh (a copy of the media content + the instruction.pdf is available for all to see, not a single Al-QAIDA or IMAM ANWAR AL-AWLAKI material is to be found) for the sole purpose of establishing a Muslim village, an idea which was based on Sheikh Imran Hosein (a Sufi scholar) call to preserving faith in the LAST-AGE,

This step which I have made would in fact, amount to leaving A.B ideology. I was aware of this + was comfortable with this decision before my arrest in DEC 2011. This project was a continuation of a long term goal my wife + I have been working on.

Had I not been arrested, at some point in the near future as my children have grown up, my family + I would have migrated to Bangladesh to start a new life away from sectarianism + to escape Islamic phobia provoked by a number of factors which includes angry muslims.

I have lived as a secular person for most of my life + have integrated well into the British culture ever since I was able to communicate in English; one of the most attractive aspects of LONDON is the sheer diversity in culture + ethnicity which I have always experienced + enjoyed, this is why I have chosen "SHATTA STUDIO" as a company name for my freelance business since 2007. The word "SHATTA" is an Arabic word for diversity. My method of work was to combine western + Eastern art. I was never a fan of books until college, prior to my conversion I have always taken interest into nature, film + music, + it was where I find much inspiration.

I still keep in contact with old friends, I have also invited many to my wedding in MARCH 2010, + as a muslim, I have also taken part in the "STOP THE WAR COALITION" rallies alongside with non-muslim activist around 2006-7 + have always known that there are millions of non-muslims who would stand up against wrong doing around the world in peaceful rallies regardless of the faith or ethnicity. I have seen footages of thousands of brave British + American civilian rallying against the Vietnam war long before my conversion. Footages of young men + women including Vietnam veterans beaten to the ground + bloodied in protest against the war. My former Lawyer MR STEVEN FRANKLIN who is a Jew have personally told me himself that he have attended some of the VIETNAM ANTI-WAR rallies in his college years.

There are many great works from Aid, + Peace Activist organized around the world which I could have taken part in rather than A.B. in fact; I only became aware of the term "CLIMATE WARRIORS" after following the "DEMOCENCY NOW" Radio show while in the US.

I obviously regret having been associated with Terrorism + I obviously did not see the severity of the consequence at the time + I am now very ashamed, particularly for playing any part in distorting the Islamic faith.

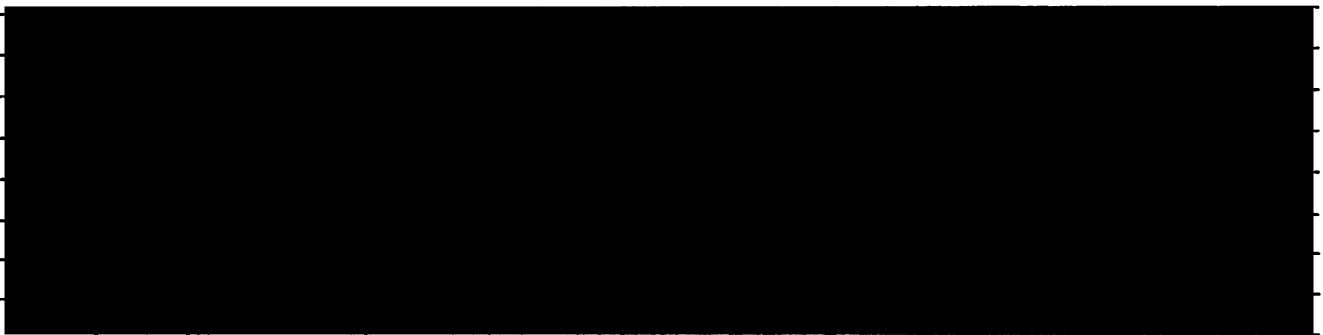
BACKGROUND

I am the first born son in the family of 4 + growing up was very difficult especially when English is not the 1st language + my parents were poor + uneducated which makes learning + integrating more difficult.

I remembered I would at times miss out on sport activities such as swimming because my parents doesn't understand that I've required spare swimming kit, upon leaving primary school, I've ended up being admitted into a secondary school almost 2 hours from home because my parents left the application too late, I was around 10-11 year old at the time + had to wake up around 6 am for school for almost a year before I was then transferred to a local school.

SCHOOL + EDUCATION

Being small, short + Asian with a broken English accent + a refugee, I was bullied + beaten on numerous occasions growing up. The 1st secondary school I've attended, I was once punched on my cheek so hard which caused such a bruising that both of my parents had to drive to the school. My parents + I couldn't do anything because we weren't able to communicate. The most serious incident was when I was transferred to a local sch; I was punched against the wall + was hospitalized + had to be X-rayed, fortunately, no surgery required, my parents rushed to the hospital, I felt bad for them to see me hurt.



As I grew up + learnt English I was then able to help my parents + other Vietnamese families with interpretation. I would most often have to attend mums doctors + hospitals appointments, shopping + translating letters.

Due to my language problem I was unable to learn effectively in School, I didn't do well in my Core Subjects but excel in art. My parent couldn't see any future in me for learning art + would most often be very discouraging. Eventually when I've left School with a good artistic skill I was then able to enroll into College + pursued advance Studies in Graphic + Art in 2000 - 2002. Having passed my A-LEVELS Program in LEWISHAM COLLEGE (LONDON), I was then eligible to enroll on a degree course at RAVENSBOURNES DESIGN COLLEGE in S-E LONDON. It was here in 2004 That I embraced Islam.

2004 - CONVERSION TO ISLAM

Prior to Conversion I was going through depression due to stress, night clubs, drugs + alcohol. I was spending most of my students loans on ~~gas~~ cannabis + trance + techno parties. I've started smoking when I was around 11, cannabis around 14, when I was 18 up till my Conversion to Islam age 21, The cannabis + parties became more regular. I ~~could~~ feel notice the cannabis was affecting me psychologically; I was losing a lot of memory + confidence, stuttering in my speech + had a poor mood + would often have negative + depressive thoughts + I was wasting a lot of money. I kept most of this from my parents, Islam came at the right time.

I converted after making a simple enquiry about Islam to a Muslim classmate, he gave me a few books + it took me a week to be convinced. I felt enlightened by the beliefs system + the way of life it has to offer - The brother who helps my conversion is called [REDACTED] British born Moroccan student in London. He was the ~~same age~~ about the same age as me + is not so much religious but was very well mannered + sincere. We drove to his central mosque at REGENTS PARK + it was where I've taken the testimony of faith (the SHAHADAH), I was 21 years of age.

TABLIGHI JAMA'AT (TJ)

After Conversion, I've immediately gave up smoking, all intoxicants + night clubs. I really felt reborn + wanted to start fresh. I then attend the local mosque (old Kent Road), met some youth who was active in ~~the~~ TJ, (Islamic outreach + reform movement originated in India in the 20's). I've began by participating in their gatherings at the mosque + their centre (Makaz) in WESTHAM LONDON. Around a few months after conversion, I've decided to take part in their 40-days program out of LONDON to attend The UK Central TJ gathering in WEST YORKSHIRE + from there to their Outreach trips, covering over 12 mosque around North of England + Wales, learning Islam with

Some of my local brothers + others from all over the UK.

During the program we would conduct Islamic classes, make outreach to the local Muslims + encourage each other towards 3 basic principle: Learn, Practice + Teach. The main focus is to develop Islamic Spirituality Through learning faith + Sacred deeds.

In around the Spring of 2006, I decided to participate in a FOUR-MONTH program to INDIA and BANGLADESH to learn more about TJ. We would stay at a Mosque for a few days + move to another. During this trip I may have covered over 30 Mosques, mostly in India + in particular in MUMBAI City where I've spent much of the time. The program was similar to the UK 40-Days trip except that it was much more active + rooted + many members were very experienced + knowledgeable. The scholars were exceptional + very wise. This was my 1st ever trip overseas without my family. It was a really spiritual + a once in a life-time experience, I was moved by the sheer poverty + became more concerned with helping to heal the world. I felt like a young Buddha. The hardships of travelling + living amongst the locals really develop + condition me mentally + physically, not once did we spend a day in a hotel. 4 months of sleeping on the floor + wearing simple traditional dress, a carrier bag + living like a traveler.

When I've return to LONDON, I've felt like I've just return from pilgrimage, religiously focus, a strong sense of selflessness + a greater concern for others + a preference for a simple life. I was committed + wanted to devote myself to humanitarian course + helping people in whatever way I could, this was one of the fruit of TJ: "love others as much as you love your own family".

SUMMER 2009

I once met a big white elderly man at a local mosque in NEW CROSS, he was around 60 years of age, + he was very educated + claims to be a former Christian priest. He said he converted to Islam in Kenya + were outcaste by his community. He said he just return + is in desperate need to retrieve his properties at PADDINGTON, I offer him to stay at my address until he resettles. Beside his property issues he also claim to suffer from many health complication, in fact, in one of the days at my address. I had to drive him to a local hospital for diabetic insulin. I was living by myself at the NEW address at the time. He seem very warm + genuine, he ask to borrow 400 pounds until he could sort out his account. He stayed at my address for a few days. I trusted him to the extent that I've left him home with the keys. I return one day + found him absent + so was my SONY DIGITAL SLR camera that I've recently bought for over 300 pounds. It was one of the worst experiences I've ever had in my life: I would sit + stand motionless + was confuse, "how could someone do this?" I ask myself.

I really felt like an idiot to have placed so much trust to strangers, I was also paranoid for some days + had the locks changed.

2010-HELPING FRIENDS WITH MARRIAGE

I have a Vietnamese friend called [REDACTED] who was also a Muslim Convert. He was a couple years elder than I. At some point I've introduce him to a muslims matrimony website called "MUSLIM-INTRO", he would often come around + stay over at my new home to work on his profile + search for a spouse online. He eventually found a caribbean American sister in Boston. He then flew there + married her in 2010. I think in around 2011-12 while I was in prison, she came over to LONDON to meet his family + I think they are planning to settle in LONDON. Around the same time, I had another friend called [REDACTED] he was a tall Somali brother with a cheerful face. He was staying in LEEDS at the time which was a 6-Hours drive from LONDON. He was about to marry a sister + wanted someone to drive him to LONDON, he had a lot of properties + the public transport wasn't an option. I didn't hesitate to offer my help + so I drove up LEEDS + did what I could. Some weeks later he invited me to attend his wedding; all this was just before I left for YEMEN in Dec 2010.

EMPLOYMENT

My first ever paid job was working at a McDonald Restaurant. I started in The Kitchen + progressed to Cashiers. I have worked in 2 McDonald Restaurants, One in CAMBERWELL + the other was in DEPTFORD closer to home. I have worked altogether for almost 2 years before leaving to start College in SEPT 2000.

After leaving College I've started working in various Print Shop designing advertisements. I have also worked as a freelance graphic designer under my registered company called SHATTA STUDIO. I have also taught graphic design at a Turkish Community School for several months to teenagers. As it was an evening class, the contract was brief.

Due to my experiences with working with the community, I was offered to work as an outreach worker for REETA (Refugee, Employment, Education, Training + Advice). This was around 2005-07. It was a very rewarding role as I was able to teach basic Computer + job search skills + to give advice + guidance to predominantly refugee clients from the Somali + vietnamese background. I was later offered a more secured contract in 2010, about a couple of months after my marriage in a similar role at MI-Solution, based in DEPTFORD, a 5 minute walk from my home. This was the last employment I had before my arrest in DEC 2011.

SIBLINGS

I get on with my siblings very well + love them to bits. Because of the large age difference between us, it was natural for me to take a parental role over my 2 youngest siblings. We all enjoyed each other company even after my conversion, not long before my arrest, as a STAR WARS fan, I have taken my brother [REDACTED] to a STAR WARS exhibition in the city. We took part in a workshop where we started as JEDI KNIGHTS in a 30 second clip behind a blue-screen with the light sabers + the special effects, the DVD was produced for 5 pounds, + my brother [REDACTED] still have the DVD.

Sister [REDACTED] is very educated + is the most helpful in the family. She has always have passion for books + gets on with everyone, she is very understanding + have supported me ~~mentally~~ through my life. She would always try to defend me in all circumstance especially when I had a really bad time [REDACTED] in 2004. She would often advice me + corrects me if I make mistakes. She is like my councilor in the family.

[REDACTED] (Youngest sister [REDACTED]); my mother recently informed me that [REDACTED] have been keeping photos of me by her pillow + misses me dearly. She + I very close + we became closer since I was incarcerated. My brother would often bully [REDACTED] + often I would intervene to defend her.

[REDACTED] (first born daughter [REDACTED]), everybody adores her + thinks she is very cute + behaves like a Madame, my wife [REDACTED] said that she's popular with the residents, shop owners would often have candies ready so when she comes. Ever since she is able to make sentences [REDACTED]

My son [REDACTED]

My wife [REDACTED] + I have always supported each other; we are very much inseparable + keep in contact almost daily since I've been incarcerated in Dec 2011.

She is the person whom I spent most of time over the phone. She is very understanding, a devout Muslim + a very forgiving wife: I would never exchange her for anyone else + she have expressed the same feeling. In fact, she has written in her recent letter: "Minh, I have no intention of remarrying. I have no desire to be with someone else; + I pray Allah has not written down another person for me in the book of decree.." (Feb 2015 - letter). Not many women would wait for their spouse who is serving lengthy sentences, by Allah's grace, I believe my wife much love for me would cause her to do so, + I could only imagine the hardship that she will be facing without me.

When I've returned from YEMEN, the very 1st thing I did was to apologize to her for leaving without her consent + for not being able to respond to her emails while in YEMEN, additionally I have also made many efforts to reform myself. I didn't give enough thought at the time + didn't see the wider consequences, I felt it was a religious obligation + was compelled, I was obviously wrong for leaving my wife in such circumstances + particularly to join AQ. As a husband, I was directly responsible for ~~getting~~ guarding + providing for my family. I know now what I did not know then that my action was a major violation of her rights.

from JULY up till my arrest, we both continued with the MUSLIM PROJECT + further our plans for it to be realized. We've sent a laptop loaded with heaps of educational materials to initiate the idea to her cousin SACHI currently reside in a village in BANGLADESH where we have planned to migrate in the near future.

I was arrested on deportation charge in DEC 2011 literally some weeks after we've sent the Laptop. I was arrested without any criminal charges + was taken into a High Security Jail in S.E. LONDON where I spent around 2 years before being transferred to a prison 3 hours outside of LONDON. visits become difficult for family ever since.

UK PRISON (DEC 2011 - FEB 2015)

During my incarceration in LONDON, I would try to stay positive + advance myself, attending classes, studying + pray. I would research the various topics in the Quran + Islam in general + would ask the Prison chaplaincies Imams questions. I never wanted to be stuck with 1 view; I have always tried to seek to understand things from many perspectives, which is why I am familiar with many sects in Islam. I have also spent much time studying general history + astronomy

which ~~was another~~ was my other subject of interest. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to attend the Islamic classes in Jail + have learnt how to read the Quran in Arabic + in its phonetic origin, something that I failed to achieve for over 2 years since conversion. Many teachers have attempted but the best I've come across were the Prison Chaplaincy Imams. I got on with all staff + my behavior in Jail was very good + I was eventually rewarded with 'ENHANCE STATUS' which is the highest rating I could possibly earn. I have also worked as a UNIT barber + was quite popular with many non-muslim inmates.

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HEATHROW AND CASH

The reason that I was untruthful when I was interrogated at the HEATHROW AIRPORT is because I was afraid of the consequences, such as being arrested, imprisoned, extradited to the US + torture, I wanted to return home to my family + leave AQ, I never thought that I will ever be arrested since I have not done anything in the UK nor was I planning to. It was just the fear factor + not wanted my family to know that I was involved in terrorism. I didn't have much choice but to hold on to the cash until I felt that I was safe in the UK. I knew that once I was dropped off by the brothers to a nearby city in HADRAMAULT, I am exposed to the YEMENI security forces + may have to pay them off if interrogated. Once I passed over to BAHRAIN through transit I was then arrested + my properties including my cash was seized. After the two-day of interrogation they return it to me as I was entering the plane. I didn't see the point in dropping the cash since I assume that the British security was already informed + would be ready to arrest me, my guess was right, I was picked up literally as soon as I placed a foot off the plane by the exit walk way. I was questioned for almost 6 hours + my cash was seized.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I do admit that I have made an oath of allegiance to AQAP through a local Ameer in ABYAN (JAN 2011). The short oath was conducted in the open desert along with my friend SAMI. I was asked to repeat the lines after the Ameer in full Arabic without translation; hence I would not know exactly what I was saying. I assume that the oath is a general statement for oneself to commit to the rules of the Islamic community by listening + obeying. As a Muslim, I am required to obey the Ameer so long as it does not go against the teaching of the Quran + Sunnah.

ShK-Imran have said: [The members of the Jama'ah have a religious obligation to obey the Ameer so long as it requires no disobedience to Allah (SWT) + His Prophet (SAW). "Listening + obeying" is located at the very substance of the Islamic way of life.] (source: One Ameer One Jama'ah @ imranhosein.org).

Throughout my stay with AQAP, I have never met the principle Ameer (ABU BASEER). The highest ranking member I've met was Imam ANWA AL-AWLAQI who head the INSPIRE magazine. Having learnt what was propagated in their propaganda: I am certain that their ideals + methodology does not represent the true Islamic teaching; direction such

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I do accept that some of us have committed very serious deeds which provoke serious consequences for the community. From the research that I have made, I have come to learn that the modern extremism carried out by some Muslims originate from the WAHHABI SELAFI version of Islam (Saudi Arabia 20th century), I am confident that every single terror expert would agree. Just to list a few of their mistaken views such as:

(1) Calling SHIA MUSLIMS disbelievers + creating tension + sectarian violence between the SUNNI + the Shia Islam; SHEIKH IMRAN have openly renounced such allegation since his research finds that for over 1400 years, the entire SUNNI regime which control the HAJJ have never prevented the SHIA from performing the pilgrimage.

(2) The other view was concubinage (which was practice by some ALGERIAN so-called ISLAMIC FIGHTERS + now the self-styled ISLAMIC STATE FIGHTERS in IRAQ + SYRIA), SHEIKH ANSAARI have written an extensive thesis using the un-disputable evidence in the Quran to refute such claim + have declare such institution was not sanctioned by the noble Quran (source: Quranic Foundation of

as calling muslim to blow up bombs on un-arm + defenseless civilian going about their daily life is a major violation of the basic ethics of war as taught in Islam + would clearly work disastrously against their claim to defend the muslim. Having recognized the erroneous views of AQAP, I have chosen to disassociate myself from their organization.

I only supported AQAP due to the fact that they have propagated in the magazine that they are an Islamic Army raise to liberate all muslim countries of injustice + oppression + to restore the Islamic territory which was establish from the 7th century up till the Ottoman Islamic rule. They have a back cover poster in the magazine which show a black flag with a background of Palestine in ruins + a phrase which says: "OH PALESTINE, WE ARE COMING!". I can't see how they are going to achieve that if they are using the magazine to inspire muslim to attack the west + creating more enemies + enmities for Islam.

INSPIRE MAGAZINE

I also admit that I have given some aid with the graphics for INSPIRE. Having background in design myself, SAMIR KHAN who was the editor decided that he wanted to use me as an assistant artist. INSPIRE have published SEVEN quarterly issues, I was in YEMEN during the Issue four + five + despite being with SAMIR for around 4 months, I was only assign to assist him only a few time + with the total of THREE background with absolutely no writing of my own. My English was poor + I do not understand the Philosophy of AQAP well enough to propagate credibly. Realizing this, SAMIR provided me with hours of tutorial material for me to train on video editing (ADOBE AFTER EFFECT) which is what I was essentially working on for the most of my stay with SAMIR. Considering that the area where we stayed was poorly powered, electricity was short lived as it was the height of the civil war, in most cases we could only work for a few hours per day.

CONFLICT WITH SAMIR KHAN

My poorest relation while in YEMEN was with SAMIR. We have much disagreement + have argued on numerous occasions, most was petty but there was one occasion when I tried to defend TJ, I was verbally attacked + scorned; it so happen that it was on the day that CWI was present. He had to intervene + separate me from SAMIR + advise me to not speak to him. This was around March/April. SAMIR is heavily influence by AQAP ideology + strongly opposes TJ, Sufi + SHK. Imran Hosein version of ~~Islam~~ views to which my school of thoughts originate.

SCABIES

I caught some sort of itching [REDACTED] around late JANUARY + it worsen throughout my stay in YEMEN. Both SAMIR + I suffered from the Itch but mine was worst. The only treatment I have access to, was a tropical Cream which only sooth the itch. I was unable to see any doctor due to security reasons. the major discomfort was in the evenings as my sleep would break + I would get up + apply the cream. The BAHRAIN authority was horrified by the sight when they stripped me during my interrogation, the agents were afraid to even come near; I was worried as to what it was + ~~just~~ insisted that they sample my blood for any diseases. It was only when I got home to LONDON that I was diagnosed with scabies + was given proper treatment.

END NOTE

I believed I've made the right choice by leaving AQAP in July 2011, Imam Anwar + SAMIR was shortly killed in SEPT 2011 in a US Drone Strike, had I stayed, I would have most likely been killed alongside the 2 US citizen. I am very doubtful that my death would have been an honorable one as my deeds were definitely unrighteous + my beliefs were incorrect as a muslim. I was very happy to be home with my family + getting back to normal life + to have spent that short period to download + made many researches prior to my arrest, I was also fortunate to be blessed with ILYAS, my only son born on valentine day.

Finally I wish to appeal to The Court to consider some of points raised above + whatever material that could help to formulate the best possible sentence, thank you.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Minh Quang Pham

For four days I have willfully sat with the agents to confess my association with AL-QAIDA + to make an appeal to the government for compassion.

BRIAN said: "we are the best representatives to the governments for you".

MATT said: "Forget about whatever you said in Britain, let's start fresh."

I felt like they wanted to help + so I started speaking at the very beginning while on the jet + the 3 consecutive days at the hotel. I've acknowledge my guilt accepted responsibility for all the charges against me + even gave them ~~them~~ evidence + information which only I would know.

They have taken my waver signatures from me in all 4 occasion at the start of every session. The agent had the opportunity to take recording but for some reason they did not do so. I only receive the FBI statements around couple months after my interviews. I then realized that they have omitted possibly 30 - 40% of what I've said, misunderstood many points + added some information I did not say. Had there been a recording, it would have shown a different picture. Had they been sincere in what they said about being "the best representatives to the government", they would have shown me the draft of the statement for any needed correction before publishing it or have the interview recorded which would have revealed all the questions + answers.

AIRPORT PLOT:

Initially I didn't want to tell them about the Airport plot because it was something occurred in ~~the~~ YEMEN which I never intended to do. I only want to leave YEMEN + had to accept a foreign operation. I told them that IMAM ANWAR AL-AWLADI (who was killed in a drone strike in Sept 2011) wanted me to do. The reason why I told the agents is because I felt pressured due to MATT posing the same question for 4 days, + on the 4th day

he said: "is there something they told you to do but decided not to?" I then confess that they did + then explain about The Airport Plot. MATT recognized clearly from my expression + responded by saying, "you may have thought about it but your heart did not accepted it?" I then affirm that, that was the case. In simple language, "I did not swallow what the IMAM wanted me to do". I was suffering with Sabies since FEB 2011 + with no treatment it gotten worst by MAY + JUNE. I was also missing family + wanted a way out. Accepting whatever they say seems appropriate for me.

Later at the 5th interview, the prosecutor asks me if I intended to carry out the plot, MATT ~~interview~~ intervene + said "at that point did you accepted it? I made it clear that I did not intended it but I only accept it + was willing to accept any plot to go home.

The expression I got from them was that, they were trying to paint a picture of me of intending to return to carry out the plot + had I not been arrested, I would have ~~be~~ carried out a Suicide operation at Heathrow Airport,



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 03/02/2015

On March 1, 2015, United Kingdom citizen MINH QUANG PHAM, also known as (a.k.a) MUHAMMAD AMIN PHAM, a.k.a. AMIN (hereinafter referred to as PHAM), date of birth [REDACTED], place of birth Vietnam, United Kingdom passport number: [REDACTED] was voluntarily interviewed in [REDACTED] New York. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents (SA) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] conducted the interview. The interview began at approximately 10:40 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time; EST) and concluded at approximately 3:30 p.m. (EST). After being advised his rights (FD-395) and his rights to a speedy presentment, PHAM waived his rights and provided the following information:

At an unspecified date prior to mid-June 2011, PHAM approached AULAQI and offered to conduct a suicide attack and "sacrifice himself" on behalf of al-Qaeda upon his return to the United Kingdom (UK). PHAM told AULAQI that he would need approximately 4000 GBP to carry out the attack. AULAQI ultimately gave PHAM approximately 6000 GBP in case PHAM had any unforeseen expenses during his attack preparation. PHAM planned on using the money to rent a house in the UK to construct the explosive device and to purchase the chemicals and other materials needed for the attack.

In preparation for the attack, in approximately mid-June 2011, PHAM received one day of training on how to make explosives and an explosive device. The training was provided by AULAQI at a house located approximately a half an hour drive from the Marib, Yemen-based house in which PHAM had worked on Inspire. During the training, AULAQI showed PHAM how to mix chemicals to make an explosive powder. PHAM then proceeded to make a small batch of a white powdery explosive material [REDACTED]

Investigation on 03/01/2015 at [REDACTED], New York, United States (In Person)

File # [REDACTED] Date drafted 03/02/2015

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[REDACTED] PHAM was approximately a few feet away from the device and tin can when he detonated the device. The explosion generated enough force to launch the tin can away from PHAM and into the air.

PHAM explained the steps AULAQI taught him and that he used when PHAM constructed and tested the small device during training. It was the same process PHAM intended to use for creating the explosive powder and the device when he returned to the UK. The chemicals to be used to create the explosive powder consisted of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PHAM could not recall the exact amount of each chemical that would be needed nor the steps to mix the chemicals. Once they were combined and dried, however, they would produce a white explosive powder. To ignite the explosives, PHAM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AULAQI had also instructed PHAM to tape bolts around the container to act as shrapnel when the device was activated.

PHAM stated that the instructions to create the explosives and device he was to make were published in Inspire and, if he had forgotten the steps, he could have referred to that edition of Inspire for reference. PHAM did not travel back to the UK with any bomb making instructions.

AULAQI instructed PHAM to target the Arrivals Section of Heathrow International Airport. In particular, PHAM was to target arrivals from the United States or Israel. AULAQI left the exact date and time of the attack to PHAM's discretion. PHAM intended to conduct the attack by concealing the explosive device in a backpack. AULAQI did not provide PHAM any alternative attack locations. PHAM is not aware of AULAQI instructing any other al-Qaeda members to conduct attacks in the West.



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Upon PHAM's return to the UK, the money AULAQI provided PHAM for the attack was confiscated by the authorities. PHAM was aware that his mother kept money in her home that could be used to fund the attack, but PHAM never attempted to take his mother's money. PHAM also noted that he had access to acetone through the nail shop that his sister operated, but he never took anything from the shop either.

