



ADOPT A PRISONER PROFILE: ALI ASAD CHANDIA PREPARED : Dec 2009

AGE	33
NATIONALITY	Pakistani
COUNTRY HELD	United States
SENTENCE	15 years
PRISON	Marion USP



Personal Biography*

In September 2005, Ali Asad Chandia was indicted on 4 counts for providing material support to Lashker-e-Taiba (LET), an organisation in Pakistan that is fighting against the Indian troops for their atrocities committed against the Muslims in Kashmir. LET was designated as a terrorist organization by the US government in December 2001. Ali Asad Chandia, at that the time of his arrest and while waiting for the trial, taught 3rd grade at Al Huda School in Maryland and occasionally gave sermons and lectures at various mosques. He was well regarded by the parents and faculty as an academic and a teacher. Many testified on his behalf as character witnesses at his trial. The Government alleged that Ali Asad Chandia violated the law by attending a training camp run by LET, by providing ride to an a LET official in the United States, providing him access to a family computer, and assisting him ship paintballs to Pakistan. The jury convicted Ali Asad Chandia on 3 counts and acquitted him on the training count.

There is an unreasonable disparity in Ali Asad Candia's sentence compared to others convicted of conspiracy and/or providing material support. According to Ali Asad Candia's brief, "Hamdan, the personal driver of Osama Bin Laden who transported and delivered firearms to Al-Qaeda and received weapons training from Al-Qaeda, was convicted of providing material support to Al-Qaeda and sentenced to 66 months imprisonment. Chandia in contrast was acquitted of attending an LET training camp, as the government has conceded. He was sentenced, however, to a total of 180 months incarceration. Chandia's sentence does not survive the reasonableness review."

If the 4th Circuit Court decides that the trial court in fact did not comply with the remand order or that the facts supporting conviction in this case, standing alone are not sufficient to support the application of the terrorism enhancement, Ali Asad Chandia will insha'Allah be re-sentenced, receiving a lower sentence.

Why should I Adopt Ali?

The American government says it created CMUs to house prisoners it views as terrorists, but today they are disproportionately inhabited by Muslim prisoners – many of whom have never been convicted of terrorism related crimes. In addition, these CMUs were established in violation of federal laws requiring public scrutiny, without any opportunity for public comment or oversight in a clear effort to skirt obligations of accountability and transparency.

Your brother Ali is incarcerated in this Prison and the least you can do is write to him and let him know that you haven't abandoned him. He is a father, a son and a person that the community loved and depended on for his great efforts in helping build a proper Islamic community. Please help him at his time in need and bring an end to this oppression on our brethren by supporting your brother. Please write to Ali Asad Chandia.

Mailing Address: Ali Asad Chandia # 46811-083, USP Marion, P. O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959.

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