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Aunt exults over Kasab's deeds

'I am proud that he taught the enemy a lesson in their own country.'

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Friends in Ajmal Kasab's home village in Pakistan's Punjab province remember a boisterous, playful boy who loved films and karate. His aunt said she was proud of him.

Kasab was from the village of Faridkot in Pakistan's farming belt in Punjab province. Indian authorities say he was born in 1987, although his age became the subject of a dispute at the trial, as his lawyers argued he was not even 17 during the attacks and should be tried in a juvenile court. A classmate, speaking over phone but not wanting to be identified, said Kasab had left his village in search of work when he was a poor teenage labourer. Another schoolmate remembers taking karate lessons with him.

"He comes from a very humble but noble, honest family. His father was a street vendor selling snacks on a cart. Kasab did not send any money home and his family is still as poor as they were before he left. He was probably trapped by some religious group," recalls Haji Mohammad Aslam, Kasab's neighbour who owns a shop where his family lived.

"He was very active, always jumping around. He loved watching films," Aslam said over phone. "He would stay out until midnight watching TV in shops and street restaurants. He grew up in our hands; he was a playful boy and it's not possible that he did all this."

"This news is hell for us," Shahnaz Sughra, Kasab's aunt, said over phone. "...Even if he did something wrong, we just want his body. Even if he did something wrong, I am proud that he taught the enemy a lesson in their own country."

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