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Captured terrorist Kasab my son, says father in Pakistan

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Ajmal Amir Kasab, lone Pakistani terrorist arrested for the Mumbai attacks. (TOI photo)

ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI: In a major blow to Pakistan, the father of the lone captured terrorist in Mumbai has identified Ajmal as his son.

Breaking his silence, Amir Kasab of Faridkot village in Pakistan's Okara district told Pakistan's premier newspaper Dawn, "This is the truth. I have seen the picture in the newspaper. This is my son Ajmal." The admission makes a serious dent in Islamabad's claim that the terrorists did not come from Pakistan.

The newspaper quoted Amir as saying, "I was in denial for the first couple of days, saying to myself it could not have been my son. Now I have accepted it." Dawn said his house is a few kilometres from Deepalpur on the way to Kasur.

In the days after the Mumbai attacks, when India revealed that the lone terrorist caught hailed from Faridkot in Pakistan, the country's president Asif Zardari scoffed at the suggestion. In an interview to CNN, he said he seriously doubted whether Ajmal was Pakistani, instead choosing to describe the terrorists as "stateless".

The Dawn report paints the picture of a poor family whose principal breadwinner, Amir Kasab, sells pakoras for a living. Ajmal has an older brother, Afzal, who works in the fields and two younger sisters and another brother.

Ajmal's father also admitted to the Pakistani media that some people had come several years ago to take his younger son away; people he described as "enemies", but his stifling poverty made it impossible to pursue and recover his son.

In fact, Ajmal's father's account bears an uncanny similarity with what Ajmal told the Indian police and what the British media too learnt in the village, and attests to the veracity of the confession report. From Amir Kasab's occupation to his siblings, the two accounts matched.

The newspaper described the father as "disturbed" over reports that Ajmal had been promised that his family would get Rs 150,000 after the Mumbai operation. "I don't sell my sons," he said. But he admitted that his last encounter with Ajmal was not pleasant. "He had asked me for new clothes on Eid that I couldn't provide him. He got angry and left."

Describing his life, Amir Kasab told reporters that he had settled in Faridkot after arriving from the nearby Haveli Lakha many years ago. Pointing to a hand-cart, he said, "This is all I have. I shifted back to the village after doing the same job in Lahore... My eldest son, Afzal, is also back after a stint in Lahore. He is out working in the fields."

While the BBC reaching the village reported much movement by what seemed to be officials.

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...the 220 ... another British newspaper actually located the records of the family. In a report over the weekend, Observer reported, "The Observer has obtained electoral lists for Faridkot showing 478 registered voters, including a Mohammed Amir, married to Noor Elahi."

From an electoral roll for Faridkot, Amir and Noor's national identity card numbers were obtained, which also counted as crucial evidence. The village, says the report, falls under union council number 5, tehsil (area) Depalpur, district Okara. "The list of 478 registered voters shows a 'Mohammed Amir', married to Noor Elahi, living in Faridkot. Amir's national identity card number is given as 3530121767339, and Noor's is 3530157035058."

To the Dawn reporter, Ajmal's father admitted that Ajmal had left home some four years ago.

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