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## Footage of police interviewing Kasab released

\* Video not being used as evidence in trial because Kasab has retracted confession

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LONDON: A British news outlet on Sunday released footage of a police interview with Ajmal Kasab, in which he admitted working for the militant group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LT).



In a video filmed by the Indian police as they interviewed Kasab in hospital shortly after his arrest, which was broadcast by Channel Four News, Kasab says, "We were all supposed to die. He said we would go to heaven." Some of the excerpts correlate with a partial transcript of the interrogation published in March in a Mumbai newspaper, which said it was a verbatim account of Kasab's questioning for about an hour after his arrest.

Trial: Channel Four News said the video is not being used as evidence in Kasab's trial because he has retracted the confession, saying it was made under duress.

Kasab was asked how many people he killed, and replied, "Don't know, kept firing and firing." Asked who he was supposed to kill, he said, "Just people." He said he worked for LT, the Pakistan-based militant group, adding that his father introduced him to the banned organisation. His father was paid in return for Kasab's work.

"He said, 'These people make loads of money and so will you. You don't have to do anything difficult. We'll have money. We won't be poor any more'," Kasab recalled his father telling him. The full footage will be shown on Channel Four's "Dispatches" programme on Tuesday, along with recordings of many of the shooters' audio conversations with controllers who urged them on. Some of the shooters held two Jewish hostages captive, and were told to "Do it." "What, shoot them?" one shooter asked. "Yes, do it. Sit them up and shoot them in the back of the head," the controller replied. afp



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