

COMMENT

CIA Supporting Taliban

THE US NATIONAL DAVIS WHO has been released by paying blood-money had been in regular touch with Tahreek-e Taliban-e Pakistan and Lashkar etc.

Pakistani and Indian newspapers are reporting that Raymond Davis, the CIA contractor in jail in Lahore facing murder charges for the execution-slayings of two young men believed to be Pakistani intelligence operatives, was actually involved in organizing terrorist activities in Pakistan.

His close ties with the TTP [the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan] were revealed during the investigations. Davis was allegedly instrumental in recruiting young people from Punjab for the Taliban to fuel the bloody insurgency.

The US, which on the one hand has been openly pressing Pakistan to move militarily against Taliban forces in the border regions abutting Afghanistan, would have a contract agent actively encouraging terrorist acts within Pakistan. In many ways it is almost an officially sponsored identical terrorist network scenario of British India!

Davis was also said to be working on a plan to give credence to the American notion that Pakistan's nuclear weapons are not safe. For this purpose, he was setting up a group of the Taliban which would do his bidding.

According to a report in the *Economic Times of India*, a review by police investigators of calls placed by Davis on some of the cell phones found on his person and in his rented Honda Civic after the shooting showed calls to 33 Pakistanis, including 27 militants from the banned Pakistani Taliban, and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a group identified as terrorist organisation by both the US and Pakistan, which has been blamed for the assassination of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, and to the brutal slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

While the US continues to claim that Davis was "defending himself" against two armed robbers, the Associated Press is reporting that its sources in Pakistan's intelligence agency, the Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI), are telling them that Davis "knew both men he killed."

The ISI "fears there are hundreds of CIA contractors presently operating in Pakistan without the knowledge of the Pakistan government or the intelligence agency."

Diplomatic Double Standard of US is well known. They won't hesitate to dump their trusted allies or valets to achieve strategic goals. Maybe, Pakistan is heading towards chaos and the covert presence of American security establishment, all in the name of combating terrorism is accelerating, for all practical purposes, Pakistan's disintegration or what they call balkanisation. America fights Taliban but America also creates Taliban to keep the people of Pakistan in good humour. □□□