

**COUNTER  
EXTREMISM  
PROJECT**

*Tahrik-e Taliban (TTP)*

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**Key Leaders**

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**Rhetoric:**

*Maulanda Fazlullah, Video, January 2015*

*Defending the Peshawar school massacre:* “We attacked the school as it was the army’s camp area and their training centre. If it was not an army camp then what were a brigadier and his soldiers doing there? We are at war with the army - if they kill us and our people... in fake encounters we will also kill them. Our men attacked the school and killed children of army personnel - not civilians. They asked about their identity before killing them. These people will always be our target and we will kill them in the streets, markets, everywhere. If the army knows our situation - then we also know theirs. Army camps everywhere are our targets.” (Video)<sup>1</sup>

*Maulanda Fazlullah, Video, January 2015*

*In reference to the Peshawar school massacre:* “Were our children not children? Even if the US or NATO comes we are ready to fight them. We only obey Sharia. We will do something which will make you forget the Peshawar attack.”(Video)<sup>2</sup>

*Maulanda Fazlullah, September 2013*

“We will remove any hurdle to enforcing Sharia. Our goal is very clear- we want the law of Allah in Allah’s land.”<sup>3</sup>

*Maulanda Fazlullah, April 21, 2007*

“People are fed up with corrupt system in which smugglers; murderers and rascals are considered the nobility. Therefore, they are coming to us [the TTP] for seeking peace of mind.”<sup>4</sup>

*Maulanda Fazlullah, April 21, 2007*

*In reference to interfaith dialogue:* “...We can sit together, argue but supremacy will be that of Islam because after the advent of Islam their religions are no more valid.”<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Chris Hughes, “Pakistan Taliban warlord behind Peshawar school massacre vows MORE children will be slaughtered,” *Mirror* (London), January 5, 2015, <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/pakistan-taliban-warlord-behind-peshawar-4923148>.

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<sup>3</sup> Agence France Presse, “Mullah Fazlullah: Pakistani Taliban's ruthless new commander,” *Express Tribune* (Karachi), November 7, 2013, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/628799/mullah-fazlullah-pakistani-talibans-ruthless-new-commander/>.

<sup>4</sup> Khurshid Khan, “Exclusive: An interview with Maulana Fazalullah,” *Valleyswat.net*, April 21, 2007, [http://www.valleyswat.net/articles/fazalullah\\_interview.html](http://www.valleyswat.net/articles/fazalullah_interview.html).

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