

Apologies from ISIS soldiers.

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Two of the remaining members of the British ISIS cell known as "the Beatles" have confessed their part in the ransoming of Western hostages in a rare interview that showed them broken and pleading for news of their fate. One of the fighters also offered an unprecedented apology for his actions with the group.

Alexanda Kotey and El Shafee Elsheikh have been held in northern Syria by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) for more than a year, and they recently consented to speak to CNN through a cameraman in their jail and a correspondent by remote video link from London.

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Their comments come amid a raft of activity by foreign governments and the SDF to resolve the destination of hundreds of Western ISIS fighters held in overcrowded Syrian prisons, including the transfer of a dozen French fighters to Iraq where they were sentenced to death in May.

A visibly drained Elsheikh said: "I consider my role in this whole scenario, this whole episode as one of my mistakes that I would like to apologize for. [To] everybody involved and everybody who was affected, directly or indirectly."

Kotey -- whose year mostly in solitary confinement appears to have removed the arrogance he displayed when interviewed by CNN a year ago -- declined to offer an apology. But he admitted taking email addresses from European hostages and assisting in the ransom negotiations that followed with relatives and friends.

"I was a fighter," Kotey said. "Extracting from them email addresses for communications. For example, if it was a proof of life question, something that only they would be able to answer." Asked why he agreed to this task, he replied: "It just so happened that way."

Worksheet 6



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Q1) Can you accept their apologies? Your answer must be supported with reasonable factors and facts.

Q2) Should the families of the victims accept their apologies? Your answer must be supported with reasonable factors and facts.
