

Gina Haspel Confirmed as CIA Director. Torture: “The New Face of America’s Intelligence Community”

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Once a torturer, always one, the high crime an indelible stain on Gina Haspel’s despicable record.

Confirming her as CIA director assures continuation of virtually every conceivable form of agency lawlessness – including torture Haspel publicly repudiated, saying one thing, supporting another.

On Thursday, Edward Snowden tweeted:

“Gina Haspel participated in a torture program that involved beating an (innocent) pregnant woman’s stomach, anally raping a man with meals he tried to refuse, and freezing a shackled prisoner until he died. She personally wrote the order to destroy 92 tapes of CIA torture.”

Six undemocratic Senate Dems joined nearly all Republicans, confirming her by a 54 – 45 margin – following a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing days earlier, mostly lobbing softball questions at her, failing to hold her feet to the fire for ducking semi-hard ones.

Don’t let her gender fool you – a she-devil as vicious as the worst of her male counterparts. Her despicable record speaks for itself.

The White House headlined “Congratulations to our new CIA Director,” turning truth on its head, saying:

“Gina Haspel is the right woman at the right time” – to head Langley’s torture program and other criminal activities worldwide, it failed to add.

She’s “the new face of America’s intelligence community” – its actions incompatible with democratic governance.

Former naval reserve officer/current Professor of Public Health Dr. Sondra Crosby has extensive experience evaluating torture victims.

She evaluated Abdal Rahim al-Nashiri, one of Haspel's torture victims, saying:

She's "one of the only health professionals he has ever talked to about his torture, its effects, and his ongoing suffering. He is irreversibly damaged by torture that was unusually cruel and designed to break him," adding:

"In my over 20 years of experience treating torture victims from around the world, including Syria, Iraq, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mr. al-Nashiri presents as one of the most severely traumatized individuals I have ever seen."

Haspel bears full responsibility for destroying him, currently held at Guantanamo, charged with masterminding the 2000 USS Cole bombing, killing 17 US sailors - being tried in a lawless military commission, a capital case without a death penalty lawyer representing him, in March proceedings suspended.

In 2009, charges against him were dropped, reinstated in 2011.

Before sent to Guantanamo, he was held in five CIA black sites.

Lawyers representing him called proceedings against him a show trial, never to be freed if found innocent of all charges. Earlier his legal team said the following:

"Through the infliction of physical and psychological abuse, the government has essentially already killed the man it seized" years earlier, adding:

"By torturing Mr. Al-Nashiri and subjecting him to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, the United States has forfeited its right to try him and certainly to kill him."

Bloody Gina's dirty hands were responsible for bringing him to the brink of death from severe torture, then reviving him for repeated episodes - transforming him to zombie state, a living dead man.

She's now in a position to order industrial-scale torture and abuse on countless other victims of US savagery.

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