

## Kosovo: Hillary Clinton's Legacy of Terror

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The "liberation" of Kosovo unleashed radical Islamism in Europe

Kosovo is Clinton Country: a 10-foot-high statue of Bill overlooks "Bill Clinton Boulevard" in the capital city of Pristina. Hillary is also memorialized in what has become the <u>crime capital</u> of Europe: right off the street named for her husband is <u>a store named "Hillary,"</u> featuring women's clothing modeled after the putative Democratic party nominee for President. Pantsuits figure prominently. As Vice puts it: "While former President Bill Clinton has had a boulevard named after him, it's without a doubt that his wife's the real star out here." Why is that?

As <u>Gail Sheehy pointed out</u> in her biography of Hillary, it was Mrs. Clinton who hectored her husband into bowing to a chorus of neoconservative and liberal interventionist voices and finally giving the order to bomb the former Yugoslavia. Traveling to Kosovo when Serbs in the northern part of the country were demanding some form of local autonomy to stave off violent attacks by Kosovar ultra-nationalists, Mrs. Clinton <u>reassured</u> her hosts that the US would stand behind Pristina: "For me, my family and my fellow Americans this is more than a foreign policy issue, it is personal." She then <u>physically embraced</u> Kosovo President and Mafia chieftain Hacim Thaci – who has since been <u>credibly</u> accused by the Council of Europe of stealing human organs from Serb victims and selling them on the black market.

Hillary *owns* Kosovo – she is not only personally responsible for its evolution from a province of the former Yugoslavia into a Mafia state, she is also the mother of the policy that made its very existence possible and which she carried into her years as Secretary of State under Barack Obama.

As the "Arab Spring" threatened to topple regimes throughout the Middle East, Mrs. Clinton decided to get on board the revolutionary choo-choo train and hitch her wagon to "moderate" Islamists who seemed like the wave of the future. She dumped Egyptian despot Hosni Mubarak, whom she had previously described as a friend of the family, and supported the Muslim Brotherhood's bid for power. In Libya, she sided with Islamist rebels out to overthrow Moammar Ghaddafi, celebrating his gruesome deathby declaring "We came, we saw, he died." And in Syria, she plotted with Gen. David Petraeus to get around President Obama's reluctance to step into the Syrian quagmire by arming Syrian rebels allied with al-Qaeda and other terrorist gangs.

The Clintonian legacy of enabling Islamist terrorists extends to present day Kosovo, where the *New York Times* has <u>revealed</u> an extensive network of ISIS-affiliated madrassas – indoctrination centers – funded by the Saudis, the Qataris, and the Kuwaitis. The *Times* reports:

"Every Friday, just yards from a statue of Bill Clinton with arm aloft in a cheery wave, hundreds of young bearded men make a show of kneeling to pray on the sidewalk outside an improvised mosque in a former furniture store."

"The mosque is one of scores built here with Saudi government money and blamed for spreading Wahhabism" in the 17 years since the war ended with Kosovo's independence, says the *Times*.

"Since then – much of that time under the watch of American officials – Saudi money and influence have transformed this once-tolerant Muslim society at the hem of Europe into a font of Islamic extremism and a pipeline for jihadists."

Kosovo is jihadi heaven. The *Times* informs us that "Over the last two years, the police have identified 314 Kosovars – including two suicide bombers, 44 women and 28 children – who have gone abroad to join the Islamic State, the highest number per capita in Europe."

The Wahabist ideology carried by radical imams is directly financed by the Saudis, the Qataris, the Kuwaitis, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman. All of these countries, by the way, are <u>major donors to the Clinton Foundation</u>.

Hillary Clinton's Islamist-friendly foreign policy created a terrorist base in Kosovo, and her friends the Saudis are instrumental in setting up the conditions whereby ISIS has gained a foothold in the heart of Europe. At sprawling Camp Bondesteel, where US troops have been stationed since the "liberation," radical imams recruited three Kosovar employees, including Lavdrim Muhaxheri, who is today a commander of the Islamic State: his claim to fame is that he was videotaped executing a Syrian by blowing him to bits with a rocket-propelled grenade. ("I did not do anything less or more than what KLA soldiers did during the war," he declared in an interview with an Albanian newspaper.)



Hillary Clinton and Hashim Thaci

After ignoring the problem for years, the authorities are <u>making a show</u> of rounding up terrorist suspects: five were recently arrested and given long sentences, but there are hundreds more where that came from.

Kosovo today is a fulcrum of terrorism, violence, crime, and virulent nationalism. The Parliament is <u>in chaos</u> as Albanian ultra-nationalists demanding union with Albania shut down sessions with smoke bombs and mob action. This is the legacy of the Clintons in the Balkans: a terrorist state <u>run by Mafia</u> chieftains that has become the epicenter of radical Islamism in the midst of Europe.

This is "blowback" with a vengeance, and Hillary Clinton and husband Bill have their fingerprints all over this outrage: but of course the "mainstream" media isn't holding them to account. The *Times* story on the rise of ISIS in Kosovo never mentions the dubious duo, and is vague when it reports on the three employees of Camp Bondesteel who wound up in Syria's terrorist camps. Who are the other two besides Muhaxheri? Did they receive any military <u>training</u>? <u>This Reuters report</u> confirms that NATO brought Muhaxheri to Iraq, where he worked for two years at a military base.

And there's more where he came from. As Reuters informs us:

"Thousands of Kosovars have moved on from Bondsteel to work with U.S. contractors on bases in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past decade, earning the kind of money they can only dream of in Kosovo."

The terrorist pipeline runs from Kosovo, to Iraq and Afghanistan, and then on to Syria – where they fill the ranks of ISIS and al-Qaeda.

Could there be a more perfect illustration of how the principle of "blowback" works, and how we're creating an army of Frankenstein monsters?

All this brings back memories of Antiwar.com's first days: this site was born as a protest against US intervention in the former Yugoslavia. Back then we warned <u>again</u> (and <u>again</u>!) about the specter of Islamist extremism as the energizing ideology of the Albanian separatists, both in Kosovo and <u>Bosnia</u>.

We were right on target.

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We've been holding down the fort for over 20 years – yes, that's right. It seems like only yesterday when we first burst on the scene, but in reality a lot of time has passed – enough to demonstrate that we've been right so many times that we might as well be officially designated an authentic oracle.

It takes a lot of effort – and, yes, <u>some money</u> – to keep this site going. We've done our part, day in and day out, for two decades – and now it's time for you to do your part. We aren't asking for a lot: what we spend annually is a drop in the bucket compared to what the War Party spends. And yet it's enough to get by – and that's all we ask.

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I've written a couple of books, which you might want to peruse. <u>Here</u> is the link for buying the second edition of my 1993 book, <u>Reclaiming the American Right: The Lost Legacy of the Conservative Movement</u>, with an Introduction by Prof. <u>George W. Carey</u>, a <u>Foreword</u> by Patrick J. Buchanan, and critical essays by <u>Scott Richert and David Gordon</u> (ISI Books, 2008).

You can buy <u>An Enemy of the State: The Life of Murray N. Rothbard</u> (Prometheus Books, 2000), my biography of the great libertarian thinker, <u>here</u>.

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