

# Mission Accomplished? Osama May Yet Haunt Obama

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"I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars." Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968.)

In spite of numerous reports (news, websites) that Osama bin Laden died in December 2001, the world has been rocked by his daring nocturnal assassination by a bunch of US., Navy "Seals", in the early hours of May 1st., in a villa in Abbottabad, in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, in Pakistan.

It had been quite a day for State sponsored terrorism. Only hours earlier, three of Colonel Qadhafi's grandchildren, under twelve and his second youngest son, Saif Al Arab, had been killed by NATO's missiles, "precision targeted" at the twenty nine year old's home, in an apparent attempt to assassinate the Libyan Leader.

President Obama and close advisors, including Secretary of State Hilary Clinton and Defence Secretary, Robert Gates, it was confirmed (with accompanying photograph) watched on live video as the bin Laden murders took place. "The minutes passed like days", one of those present is quoted as saying. Nothing like a real life, Presidential home entertainment system, to pass the nocturnal hours. Who needs to watch: "The Killer Inside Me", when you can live the dream.

In fact, as is now known, they were fantasizing watching a real life slaughter or few, since the fairy story of the real time viewing, via a camera on one of the killers' helmets, seemingly went blank for the time the time of the murders.(i)

"Once those teams went into the compound I can tell you that there was a time period of almost 20 or 25 minutes where we really didn't know just exactly what was going on. And there were some very tense moments as we were waiting for information." "We had some observation of the approach there, but we did not have direct flow of information as to the actual conduct of the operation itself as they were going through the compound", said CIA Chief Leon Panetta stated.

Perhaps they were watching "The Killer Inside Me", after all. And what of Hilary Clinton's apparently queasy expression, hand over her mouth, in the staged photo-shoot? She was: "... preventing one of my early spring allergic coughs." Of course, in the pristine, air conditioned environs of the White House.

In a late night address, having swapped the grisly visual fallacies and bloodied bedroom,(ii)

for a microphone, the President told the nation: "We got him", tastelessly, exactly echoing the words of the cringe making former Iraq "Viceroy", Paul Bremer, regarding Saddam Hussein's capture (13th., December 2003.) The nauseating site of the celebrations, the fireworks, vuvuzelas, flags, the "USA., USA.," chants, the joy at more death and carnage - even a baby's cot destroyed in the ruined home. A twelve year old witnessed a killing, according to Pakistani authorities. What is it about "Defense Forces" and children? Surely the Nobel Committee must be finally ruing the day?

Gun smoke still obscures the body count in this massacre, was one son killed, or as some reports say, two? Was the dead woman one of bin Laden's wives, or a visitor? Were the two reported dead Pakistanis owners of the compound, or visiting?

Reportedly America's most wanted, had five hundred Euros (about £440) sewn in to his clothes. Logically that seems unlikely, since seemingly he was in night clothes and unlikely to flee in those. And with a number of wives, children and maybe others in the household, it would hardly have got him very far.

Prime Minister David Cameron said the summary execution, rather than the legality of a trial for one accused of wrongdoing was a: "Massive step forward." UN., Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, cited a: "Watershed moment." Rabbi Joel Sisenwine of Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley, Mass., commented: "When we take life, we do it hesitantly, carefully, at times mournfully."

"When we take life ..." What have we become?

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, global Leader of the Anglican Church, took five days to make a strangled comment. Asked by the Daily Telegraph whether he thought the US., has been right to kill bin Laden, he first declined to respond. Finally, he said: "I think the killing of an unarmed man is always going to leave a very uncomfortable feeling, because it doesn't look as if justice is seen to be done in those circumstances." So much for the sixth Commandment: "Thou shalt not kill."

And what a mental million miles from what he said, as then Archbishop of Wales, when reportedly, he had been just two hundred yards, from when the Twin Towers fell:

"It seemed that morning that the closer you were to facing and accepting death, the harder it was to wish the fear on anyone else... The prospect of death elbows aside thoughts of power and revenge. The unspeakable tragedy of thousands of innocent dead - the tragedy unfolding around us that morning - cannot be made 'better' by more deaths. It may be humanly as unforgivable as it gets; but that is not the same as saying that revenge (as opposed to just punishment) is what is needed."(iii) Blood letting now rules.

"Sometimes you have to strike back", said that man of peace, the Dalai Lama.

US., Attorney General Eric Holder has opined that: the "killing was: "lawful, legitimate and appropriate in every way." Heaven help us.

"It was a firefight going up that compound. By the time they got to the third floor and found bin Laden, I think this was all split-second action on the part of the SEALs," said CIA., Director Panetta in a PBS interview. Another mistruth. It seems there is one certainty. "Bin Laden" (if it were he) was unarmed. Colonel

Patrick Lang, of Joint Special Operations Command is quoted as describing the SEALs as: "Sort of like murder incorporated."

"A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability." (WhiteHouse.Gov) It seems there were eighty of them.

RIP The Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 10: Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11: Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

Osama bin Laden, as Quaddaffi, has been legally charged with nothing.

The US., President, former Professor of Constitutional Law, elected Head of the prestigious Harvard Law Review, in February 1990, has clearly forgotten much. Including the Sixth Amendment of the US., Constitution itself:

"In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence."

George W. Bush had his: "Wanted Dead or Alive" moments, posters and his ridiculous playing cards with the names of more "Most Wanted" in the sovereign, Iraqi Administration, in an illegal invasion. Barack Obama defined his Wild West stunt, seemingly uninvited on foreign soil, by naming it "Geronimo", thus enraging First Nation Americans in general, and the Apache in particular.

The apparently crass name, may in fact not have been so much of a: "Yes we can", message as a: "To hell with you", one. In 1918, a group of Members of Yale's notorious Skull and Bones society, including George W. Bush's grandfather, Prescott Bush, are alleged to have stolen Geronimo's skull, other bones and items from his grave at Fort Sill, Ok. In a dispute involving claims, denials and counter claims, which has rumbled on across the decades, in 2009, on the centenary of Geronimo's death, former US., Attorney General Ramsey Clark, filed a law suit on behalf of twenty descendants. It seeks the release, by the Skull and Bones Society, of the remains for proper re-burial, in a lawsuit which named also President Obama, Defence Secretary Robert Gates and Army Secretary Pete Green as defendants, as those directly responsible for maintaining the graves of the Indian Prisoner of War Cemetery at Fort Sill. (iv, v.)

Three days after 9/11, having left the cave, or bunker where he had disappeared on the day, George W. Bush stood in the rubble of the World Trade Center, to the same shouts of: "USA., USA., USA.," that manifested for Barack Obama after the events of May 1st. Now Obama too has had his Ground Zero moment, wreath laying, bowed headed, humbug.

Another day another photo-op. It worked for Bush, a tragedy became an electoral miracle. Perhaps a sub-judicial murder or few, on the eighth anniversary of Bush's "Mission Accomplished" appearance, on the USS Abraham Lincoln, will do it for Obama.

Depends how fast the story continues to unravel. From the photograph of the newly "dead" bin Laden, which had been circulating for some years, to the story of the hermit like existence of a man too scared to use 'phones or computers lest he be located, apparently made the lie by the cache of both the raiders removed from the houses.

I wonder what Major James Abbott who founded Abbottabad in 1853 would have made of it all. He wrote a poetic tribute to its tranquility: "where the tiny cuckoo sang", to the streams, scents, snows, pines, hills and to which he "bade farewell with a heavy heart", after eight years.

The actions of last Sunday, both in Libya and Pakistan, may yet prove to be an illegality too far. Renowned human rights lawyer Geoffrey Robertson, author of: "Human Rights and the War on Terror", has called President Obama's statement about "justice", a perversion of the term. "Justice means taking someone to court, finding them guilty upon evidence and sentencing them," Mr. Robertson told an Australian television network. "This man has been subject to summary execution, and what is now appearing, after a good deal of disinformation from the White House, is (that) it may well have been a cold-blooded assassination." (vi)

That coupled with the apparent furtive disposal of bodies – even death, apparently, cannot save a soul from water boarding – has not alone met with revulsion in the Islamic world, but amongst those concerned with humanity and legality across the globe. Two ghastly, shameful, shoddy – some would argue criminal – acts, in Libya and Pakistan, may yet come return to haunt.

In: "Beyond Vietnam — A Time to Break Silence", Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote: "We can no longer afford to worship the god of hate or bow before the altar of retaliation. The oceans of history are made turbulent by the ever-rising tides of hate. And history is cluttered with the wreckage of nations and individuals that pursued this self-defeating path of hate." His words were, surely, never more apt.

## Notes

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