

# Pentagon Asks College to 'Honor' Dead Saudi King in Essay Contest

U.S. establishment continues praise of tyrannical dictator

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Pentagon officials announced the creation of an essay competition Monday to honor recently deceased Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz.

According to a [press release](#) from the U.S. Department of Defense, attendees of the National Defense University have been tasked with formulating a written tribute to the "life and leadership" of the "Saudi Arabian monarch."

"The king, who died Jan. 23 at age 90, oversaw the modernization of his country's military during the time he spent as commander of the Saudi Arabian National Guard, a position he held from 1963 until he became king in 2005," the press release states.

Headed up by Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, the essay contest will focus on both Abdullah and the region as a whole.

"This is an important opportunity to honor the memory of the king, while also fostering scholarly research on the Arab-Muslim world, and I can think of no better home for such an initiative than NDU," Dempsey said.

Marine Corps Major General and National Defense University President Frederick M. Padilla had no issue with praising the late King, calling the competition a unique research opportunity.

"This scholarly research competition presents NDU students with a unique opportunity to focus their research and writing efforts on relevant issues at the intersection of U.S. security interests and the Arab-Muslim world," Padilla said.

Dempsey went one step further in his idolization of the ex-ruler by calling him a man of "remarkable character and courage."

"In my job to train and advise his military forces, and in our relationship since, I found the king to be a man of remarkable character and courage," Dempsey said.

Since Abdullah's passing, members of the U.S. establishment have given endless praise to the former dictator, seemingly ignoring his barbaric rule and world-renowned brutality.

As noted by the Intercept's [Murtaza Hussain](#), prominent U.S. leaders such as John McCain, Joe Biden and John Kerry wasted no time in highlighting Abdullah's alleged accomplishments

following his death.

In a [statement](#) last night Senator John McCain eulogized Abdullah as ‘a vocal advocate for peace, speaking out against violence in the Middle East.’ John Kerry [described the late monarch](#) as ‘a brave partner in fighting violent extremism’ and ‘a proponent of peace.’ Not to be outdone, Vice President Joe Biden released a [statement](#) mourning Abdullah and [announced](#) that he would be personally leading a presidential delegation to offer condolences on his passing.

Similarly, [President Obama expressed his grief](#) over the loss of Abdullah as well, ridiculously pointing to his so-called “search for peace.”

“He took bold steps in advancing the Arab Peace Initiative, an endeavor that will outlive him as an enduring contribution to the search for peace in the region,” the President said. “At home, King Abdullah’s vision was dedicated to the education of his people and to greater engagement with the world.”

The British government and the Royal Family paid their respects to the dictator by ordering [all flags over state buildings and palaces to be flown at half mast](#), a move which produced an almost immediate backlash.

In reality, King Abdullah’s leadership produced atrocities nearly identical to that of alleged U.S.-enemies in the Islamic State.

Western leaders made no mention of the country’s “[record level](#)” beheadings in 2014 for crimes such as adultery, apostasy and “sorcery.”

Self proclaimed women’s rights supporter Hillary Clinton, who [publicly praised the Saudi king](#) last week, had no issue with [two females being taken to terrorism court](#) last month over the offense of driving a vehicle.

Many politicians who claim to support free speech were also silent as a Saudi court sentenced a human rights lawyer to 15 years in prison for “[inciting public opinion](#)” last July.

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