

Way To Go, Barry

On April 4 Attorney General Eric “My People” Holder called a press conference to announce—just in time to try to remove the issue from Obama’s reelection campaign—that terrorist Khalid Sheik Mohamamed (KSM) and four of his September 11 co-conspirators will finally appear before a military tribunal. The decision represents a monumental political defeat for Obama and Holder, who wanted Guantanamo closed and KSM tried in New York City.

Laughably, Holder stated, “We cannot tolerate any further delay”—as though it was not he and Obama who caused the delay. An angry and arrogant Holder then complained about the refusal of Congress to allow civilian trials in the United States for terrorists held at Guantanamo, saying it “tied our hands in a way that could have serious ramifications.” (He blamed Congress generically, neglecting to mention that there was strong *bipartisan* support to block civilian Jihad show trials in NYC.)

Holder stated, “In reality, I know this case in a way that members of Congress do not. Do I know better than them? Yes. I respect their ability to disagree but they should respect that this is an executive branch function, a unique executive branch function.” (Holder accepts only the *ability* of Congress to disagree with him. Apparently he is not too keen on the *right* of anyone to disagree with him.)

The humble Holder, by the way, has a history of being sympathetic to terrorists. He persuaded Bill Clinton to pardon members of the Puerto Rican terrorist group FALN because, well, you can never have too many Puerto Rican terrorists walking around the streets of New York City. Covington and Burling, the law firm where Holder was a senior partner before Obama picked him to be the nation’s worst attorney general, represented 17 Yemeni prisoners held at Guantanamo—because, well, *somebody* has to represent those followers of the religion of peace who were unfortunate enough to have been in the wrong place at the wrong time while accidentally holding AK47s, RPGs, and IEDs. Holder is also opposed to the death penalty, and he likely assumed that Khalid Sheik Mohammed would more easily escape a death sentence if he were given a civilian trial in place of a military tribunal. (You have to bet that Holder would have pushed for at least one juror named Mohammed.)

White House press secretary Jay “Mr. Claire Shipman” Carney also attempts to defend the administration for the delayed justice. He shamelessly tells reporters, “I think that [Obama’s] primary concern is that the perpetrators—the *accused* perpetrators—of that terrible attack on the American people be brought to justice as swiftly as possible and as fairly as possible. Congressional opposition has created obstacles that’s [sic] been very hard to overcome.” (Note how Carney corrected his statement to say that KSM and his pals are only *accused* perpetrators. No doubt Carney wants to avoid offending the fragile sensitivities of Muslims who are easily aroused to cut off the heads of those who, unlike most of the members of Britain’s Parliament, have not yet fully embraced multiculturalism, the ideology of Islam, or Shari’ah law.)

Carney may have forgotten that KSM—who also beheaded journalist Daniel Pearl because he was a Jew—pleaded guilty. Carney may also have conveniently forgotten that it was Obama who, immediately upon entering the White House, ordered a halt to KSM’s military tribunal and the closing of Guantanamo. *Obama and Holder* have been the obstacle to justice for the families of the 9-11 victims, *not* the U.S. Congress.

KSM, it may be remembered, had the pleasure of being water-boarded by interrogators. As a result of that supine aquatic adventure, the Rosie O’Donnell look-alike eagerly gave up information that enabled the U.S. government to thwart a terrorist plot in Los Angeles that might have caused the deaths of thousands.

And before anyone says, “*Might* have? What kind of justification is *that* for water-boarding?” I should point out that Obama recently started a war in Libya because he said there “*might be*” a massacre in Benghazi if he did not lob a few hundred million dollars worth of Tomahawk missiles across a desert. Obama apparently values the lives of dung-burning barbarians in a third-world African pesthole more than the lives of the citizens of Los Angeles.

The twisted leftist morality therefore yields scenarios like this:

We can’t pour water on the face of a terrorist *even if it will save American lives*, but we can fire missiles at Libya because it *might* save the lives of rebels—rebels whose leaders include the radical Islamist Abdul-Hakim al-Hasadi, who, fresh from killing Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan, told *Le Journal du Dimanche* journalist Julien Fouchet that his goal in Libya is to “égorger Kadhafi et construire un État islamique en Libye.” (Although American liberals likely love France more than the United States, their Columbia and Princeton studies probably consisted of advanced recycling rather than elementary French, so as a public service I’ll translate al-Hasadi for them: “*Cut Gaddafi’s throat and establish an Islamic state in Libya.*”)

Note to Obama: *un état islamiste n'est pas une démocratie.*

After all the dust settles, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Bahrain, Yemen, the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire (Ivory Coast), and perhaps a few other nations in Africa and the Middle East may become radical Islamist theocracies. (Those who do not welcome the prospect of \$300 per barrel oil should hope that Saudi Arabia does not suffer that fate.) Their citizens will then be worse off than they were before Obama’s (and socialist policy advisor Samantha Power’s) “brilliant” foreign policy helped usher in Shari’ah law. And the United States will have fewer allies and friends in the region.

Oh, and Hamas will murder more innocent Israelis. In self-defense the Israeli Defense Force will respond with a strike on Gaza’s terrorist camps. Egypt—no longer governed by friends of the United States—will then attack Israel, setting off World War III.

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