



Deceit by design By Anjum Niaz

In September of 2001, just after the mighty World Trade Centre turned into dust, a man whose name President Bush had difficulty remembering, arrived to attend the UN General Assembly. He was Pakistan's president General Musharraf. That was when America suddenly found out about a country called Pakistan and who its leader was. Front page interviews, prime time TV appearances and press conferences greeted the Pakistani leader. The lead question all asked: Where is Osama bin Laden? Musharraf, it has to be said, was good, fluent and very confident in his tone. "Osama is dead," he told anyone who asked him. "Osama was on dialysis. While hiding in the caves of Tora Bora, he died of kidney failure."

Such a statement did not suit Bush and his two war mongers Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld who wanted to scare the Americans. Hying up the war hysteria daily, Defence Secretary Rumsfeld often said in his press briefings at Pentagon telecast live on major networks: "Every morning Joyce (his wife) asks me 'where is Osama?'"

According to a news report just out, Rumsfeld knew well where Osama was. He was six feet under! Gordon Duff, writing in 'Veterans Today' quotes Marine Colonel Pappas claiming that Osama was killed nine years ago by American troops. "Since we spent 200 million dollars on 'special ops' looking for someone we knew was dead, still Bush, Rumsfeld and Cheney continually talked about a man they knew was dead." Besides, in a 66-page report, General Stanley McChrystal (lately sacked by President Obama for criticising him and the Pentagon) never mentions Osama. Everything is 'Mullah Omar' now. In his talk at West Point, President Obama never mentioned Osama bin Laden.

"The bin Laden scam is one of the most shameful acts ever perpetrated against the American people," writes Duff whose column shows the disfigured face of dead Osama. "We don't even know if he really was an enemy, certainly he was never the person that Bush and Cheney said. In fact, the Bush and bin Laden families were always close friends and had been for many years."

In his first interview last week regarding his book 'Decision Points' George W Bush talked at length about his failure to bring Osama to justice. "It ranks as my biggest disappointment," he told his interviewer with a straight face.

For years, America chastised Pakistan for not "hunting down someone everyone knew was dead," continues Duff. "Bin Laden's death hit the newspapers in Pakistan on December 15, 2001. How do you think our ally [Pakistan] felt when they were continually berated for failing to hunt down and turn over someone who didn't exist? Recently Secretary of State Hillary Clinton declared Osama to be in Pakistan.

Hats off to the investigative journalism of the 'New York Times' that this week exposed American lies and hypocrisy about how the most notorious Nazi war criminals were provided a 'safe haven' in America. The Justice Department did its best to block the news item but the newspaper went ahead with its publication. It even produced chunks of redacted bits that the government had blacked out. The 600-page report kept secret by the Justice Department for four years contains damning testimony of how the American intelligence agencies gave shelter to top Nazi criminals responsible for sending millions of Jews to their death chambers. "It describes the government's posthumous pursuit of Dr Josef Mengele, the so-called Angel of Death at Auschwitz (who used Jews as guinea pigs), part of whose scalp was kept in a Justice Department official's drawer."

'Fair Game' a movie on the attractive CIA agent Valerie Plame just opened in theatres across the US. It shows how the CIA blew off her cover to punish her husband, Ambassador Joseph Wilson for exposing Bush in his 2003 'New York Times' op-ed accusing Bush of "manipulating intelligence about weapons of mass destruction to justify the invasion of Iraq." Kudos to the press revelations on CIA's deceit by design.

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