

**DON'T BLAME WASHINGTON FOR EVERYTHING ...
POLITICAL MYOPIA IS GOOD ENOUGH !**

Nobody, in the past two decades, could have imagined any terrorist group that could be worse than al-Qaeda, its acknowledged founders, being Osama bin Laden and a small handful of his murderous henchmen.

From 1988 until only recently, al-Qaeda was the most-hated as well as being the most-feared terrorist group in the world.

Today, however, there is an international terrorist group that has only recently emerged onto the world stage: It is much better than al-Qaeda has ever been in terms of its ability to kill infidels and anybody else that is considered as a prospective enemy.

This new terrorist group goes by a number of names: ISIL – The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant – ISIS – The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – and, recently, IS – The Islamic State.

Originally, ISIL was a branch of al-Qaeda, but earlier this year, even al-Qaeda found it difficult to accept the bloodthirstiness of this Sunni Islamic group and cut its ties with it.

Comparing ISIL with al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden's operatives are pussies.

Even the September 11, 2001 incident when two, hijacked commercial aeroplanes were flown into the twin World Trade Center Towers in New York while a third, hijacked commercial aeroplane was crashed into The Pentagon.

Only 3,000 people were killed in the World Trade Center Towers's attack.

ISIL, in a relatively short period of time, is known to have killed upwards of 10,000 Syrian and Iraqi civilians although the exact number of the dead has never been officially published.

It could be said, therefore, that ISIL is at least three times more effective in the killing fields than al-Qaeda has ever been.

The United States of America is engaged in The War on Terror. The idea of The War on Terror was first promulgated by President George W. Bush on September 20, 2001, following the attacks, nine days earlier, on New York and The Pentagon.

The aim of this US declaration was to eliminate al-Qaeda and any and all other militant entities, aligned with al-Qaeda and/or Osama bin Laden and any of his murderous henchmen.

ISIL had not been created in its present form in 2001 and so one may presume that, sooner rather than later, Phase II of The War on Terror will, officially, be commenced even though ISIL has yet to attack any US property.

How many fighters does ISIL have is unknown, but estimates range that it could be between 4,000 and 50,000.

ISIL has stepped into the political morass, first in Syria, and, then, it expanded its tentacles into Iraq.

In both cases, it is a given that ISIL saw its opportunity due to the abject failures of the respective governments of these two, Middle Eastern countries.

In Syria, the Government, controlled by President Bashar Hafez al-Assad, was, in essence, a dictatorship, with a penchant for Shia fundamentalistic Islamic dictates. President Bashar Hafez al-Assad is a follower of Alawite Islam, a somewhat mystical sect of Shia Islam.

And, In Iraq

In Iraq, under the Administration of President Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki, this Government had a penchant to favour those who professed Shia Islamic beliefs and, to a very great extent, made a habit of excluding Sunnis and Kurds, among others, from the Administration, brooking no dissention to the majority determinations of President al-Maliki's Shia Islamic Government.

It could be said that Mr Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki had been hand-picked by the US Government for the Prime Ministership of Iraq, following an interview in April of 2006 by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) where the thrust of the interview was to determine, among other things, his connections, if any, with The Islamic Republic of Iran.

At that time, the US Ambassador to Iran was Mr Zalmay Khalizad who is reported to have stated that Mr Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki's reputation is as someone who is independent of Iran.

The CIA interviewed four candidates before making a determination as to the best person to lead the Iraqi Government: Mr Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki won the day.

One may ponder:

Did the CIA interrogators forget something, such as the mandate of this candidate for the top job in Iraq, a mandate that would include only the preferred parties of the same faith as he in important posts of his Administration?

Sunni Islamists were excluded from any important posts in Prime Minister al-Maliki's Government of Iraq, history has recorded.

One would have thought that as soon as the US Government came to know that the Administration of Prime Minister Nouri Kamil Mohammed Hasan al-Maliki was not inclusive of all Iraqis, regardless of their religious beliefs, that pressure would have been brought to bear to persuade the Government to become inclusive.

It did not happen, however, and cronyism became the order of the day in 'democratic' Iraq.

And, thus, the fields of Iraq were fertile for the growth of ISIL.

And, In Egypt

This short history of Iraq is not too dissimilar to the recent history of Egypt.

Mr Mohamed Morsi was elected President of Egypt on June 24, 2012, following chaotic scenes in Cairo where thousands of Egyptians took to the streets of this Capital City over the way in which the country was being governed by Muhammad Hosni El Sayed Mubarak who had held onto power from 1981 to 2011.

As President of Egypt, Mr Mohamed Morsi sought to consolidate his powerbase and, on August 2, 2012, it was announced that his 35-member cabinet comprised 28 new faces, all of which were members of The Society of the Muslim Brothers.

Lacta alea est! – The die has been cast.

A sectarian-style government, led by a President of the Shia Islam sect, went over like a lead balloon by the 86 million or so Egyptians.

President Mohamed Morsi was ousted from his position by a military coup d'état on July 3, 2013. This followed massive protests throughout the country against President Morsi's rule.

The military junta rounded up members of the The Society of the Muslim Brothers and banned The Society, for all times.

Many of the members were given the death sentence for various offences after the junta labelled The Society as a terrorist organisation.

Today, Mr Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil el-Sisi, Field Marshal of the Egyptian Armed Forces, is the President of the country.

Lacta alea est!

And so this country, a powerhouse in the Middle East, has gone full circle, from the dictatorial government of President Muhammad Hosni El Sayed Mubarak, formerly Air Chief Marshal of the Egyptian Air Force, to President Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil el-Sisi, formerly Field Marshal of the Egyptian Armed Forces, to whom the militia of the country, numbering about 40 million, able-bodied men and women, remain loyal.

One perhaps might like to consider:

Is this the kind of democracy that President George W. Bush envisaged when the US, along with some of its allies, successfully invaded Iraq on March 20, 2003?

The coalition that invaded Iraq was on the pretext that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. That was not the case, as history has proved.

The CIA provided what it considered as being tangible proof as to the extent of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. The CIA was wrong, as history has proved.

And, Now ISIL

ISIL has determined that a large slice of Iraq and Syria form the core of the caliphate, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, being the Caliph.

The main weapon of the ISIL is fear. Its fighters kill indiscriminately.

According to the records of the United Nations, between June 5 and June 22, ISIL killed more than 1,000 civilians.

ISIL went as far as to produce photographs of its fighters, shooting young men in the manner of a slaughterer in an abattoir.

Whenever ISIL captures a village, town or city, those residents, lucky enough to escape, bring back horrific reports of barbarism of men, women and children, with women, often raped, prior to them, having their throats cut.

On August 5, 2014, it was reported that ISIL had seized the Sinja Region of northern Iraq, forcing between 30,000 and 50,000 Yazidis (a syncretic combination of Zoroastrian, Manichaean, Jewish, Nestorian Christian, and Islamic elements), comprising, inter alia, elderly men and women along with entire families,

including very young children, to flee into the mountains lest they be killed, outright, by the invading fighters.

With no food or water, many of these Yazidis died from thirst or exposure to the elements on the mountains – while the fighters of ISIL engaged in target practice at the fleeing religious group.

The following day, August 6, ISIL captured 400 Yazidi women and sold them as sex slaves.

The fighters of ISIL are not only Muslims from the Middle East, as many people, first thought.

When American journalist James Foley was beheaded, the execution, being videographed and, soon after the shocking scene of murder, broadcast over the Internet, it was performed by a person who spoke with a clear, British accent.

He wielded the knife that cut the throat of the helpless man as he proceeded to dismember Mr Foley's head from the torso of the defenseless American.

On August 14, it was reported that brochures were handed out to shoppers in Oxford Street, London, urging all Muslims to join ISIL.

This was not a covert operation because men stood in front of posters, brazenly proclaiming, '*The dawn of a new era has begun*'.

The United States of America: The Minimalist Approach

It has been reported that, now, the US Government is considering taking military action against ISIL.

One recalls the concept of Socratic Irony whereby a pretense of ignorance and/or perceived willingness to learn from another is assumed in order to make the other's false conceptions conspicuous by adroit questioning.

The Government of President Barack Hussein Obama is, one is told, considering a minimalist approach to the ISIL problem.

This is a joke, isn't it?

ISIL is far from being finished, invading Middle Eastern countries – and who knows where else this homical bunch will go.

One recalls part of the lyrics of the song, '*Just You Wait*', from the 1956 musical comedy, *My Fair Lady*:

*Just you wait, 'enry 'iggins, just you wait!
You'll be sorry, but your tears'll be to late!
You'll be broke, and I'll have money;
Will I help you? Don't be funny!
Just you wait, 'enry 'iggins, just you wait!*

*Just you wait, 'enry 'iggins, till you're sick,
And you scream to fetch a doctor double-quick.
I'll be off a second later And go straight to the the-ater!
Oh ho ho, 'enry 'iggins, just you wait!
Ooooooh 'enry 'iggins!*

*Just you wait until we're swimmin' in the sea!
Ooooooh 'enry 'iggins!
And you get a cramp a little ways from me!*

*When you yell you're going to drown I'll get dressed
and go to town! Oh ho ho, 'enry 'iggins!
Oh ho ho, 'enry 'iggins! Just you wait!*

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