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**THE MOST COWARDLY
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INTRODUCTION

The sons of Saddam Hussein, Uday and Qusay, were demonised from earth all the way to hell by the imperialist media long before their death. All sorts of ugly and revulsive deeds have been attributed to them. Murder, cruelty, sadism, cowardice, frequent rape, vile vindictiveness – in short all the vices invented by human beings were attributed to one or the other of the brothers. If the vices were amalgamated and attributed jointly, then according to the US, we have a pair of monsters who did not deserve to live and who had to be physically exterminated without a fair trial.

Is there substance in the accusations levelled against the brothers?

We do not know.

What we do know is that imperialism and its various agencies have no qualms about fabricating outright LIES when seeking to demonise an enemy. Truth is something totally foreign to them and is used only to serve an ulterior purpose and never for its own sake.

The author recalls the time when Kwame Nkrumah, Africa's naively idealistic but great visionary, was deposed through the machinations of imperialism. Following hot on the heels of his deposition, there was a massive campaign of calumny and denigration of the man in imperialist-controlled media. "Evidence" was produced accusing the man of practising "juju" or magic through the use of objects or a doll. There were claims that when his home was raided the raiders found a preserved foetus in a jar, among other weird and repulsive objects.

All this was proved to be without substance.

For this reason we are not prepared to believe the calumny against the sons of Saddam Hussein. Let it be understood that we are not for a moment saying that the brothers were not guilty of the heinous crimes they have been accused of.

OUR POSITION

Our position is that we place no credence on anything that the imperialists tell us. They have no credibility left. In any event, the alleged deeds of the brothers is strictly a matter between the latter and the nation of Iraq. A properly constituted court of law could have held a trial at which the various and numerous allegations could have been raised and tested. Now that they are dead, it is still possible to deal with their alleged misdeeds through a properly constituted commission of inquiry where the charges can be raised, evidence given and tested.

The Commission will then make a finding and the posthumous verdict should settle the allegations once and for all.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL EXECUTION OF THE SONS OF SADDAM HUSSEIN

All fair-minded observers of the incident, which led to the death of the brothers, have no doubt that the US troops who killed the brothers were under strict instructions NOT to take them alive. They must also have been instructed that on no account were they to enter into negotiations with the brothers about surrender. The instructions must have been clear: KILL! KEEP FIRING UNTIL THERE IS NO LIVING BEING IN THAT HOUSE!

In the normal course of events, when such prized fugitives are cornered, every attempt will be made to pressurize them to surrender. The idea would be to parade the prisoners in the streets and to the world at large. Then a judicial tribunal would be set up with judges of impeccable record of fairness, independence and courage. The prisoners themselves would be accorded competent defence counsel. Then a proper trial would take place with detailed charges drawn and levelled against the prisoners and a trial in the best traditions of modern, civilised and democratic law would take place. In the end a judgement, respected by most, would be delivered and the prisoners would be dealt with in accordance of that judgement.

The question then to be asked is why did the US not follow that route? Why did the US extra-judicially execute the brothers, the child Mustafa and the single bodyguard? Why did they not lay siege and force the brothers out of the house? Why did they not use teargas?

The answer is clear. The US did not want the brothers alive. They did not want a proper trial. In short, they did not want the TRUTH to emerge. To put it differently, they did not want all the lies they would have spread about the brothers to be exposed as LIES.

THE MOST COWARDLY ARMY IN MODERN HISTORY

The US is a superpower and today it is the only superpower in the world. With the threat of the Soviet Bloc removed, its arrogance and bellicosity knows no bounds. Its army boasts the most sophisticated or diabolical, depending on which side you are, weapons in the world. One saw it in Afghanistan. The Taliban were quite prepared to take on the US in a face to face fight despite overwhelming superiority of US arms. What they were not prepared for was an enemy which was able to deliver devastating blows without exposing itself to retaliation. Persons sitting at computers thousands of miles away could send the cruise missiles and similar armaments. There was no way the Taliban could hit back at an invisible enemy. The initial stage of the war had to go the way it went, with the Taliban using all their remarkable skill in avoiding complete destruction and to be able to survive and live to fight a guerilla war on another day.

The much-expected final phase of the war where the US troops were to face Iraqi contestation street by street in Baghdad did not materialise. All sorts of reasons have been put forward for this supreme anti-climax, ranging from ineptitude of the commanding officers of the elite Republican Guard to a secret deal hatched with Saddam Hussein to allow him and the leadership of the Baath Party to slip away into exile. It later came to light that the US weaponry was so sophisticated that whenever there was an artillery or missile strike by the Iraqi forces, there was instant retaliation which destroyed those making the artillery and missile strike. To initiate such a strike was tantamount to committing suicide. The Iraqi opposition in the expected form melted away and was replaced by a war of attrition against the US – something small but something daily. In this way the toll of US fatalities rises by the day. The US wounded amount to about five times the number of each fatality. One well known journalist has already described the situation as *Iraq-nam!*

COWARDICE EXPOSED IN VIETNAM

It was in the jungles of Vietnam that the true cowardice of the US soldier was revealed. Apart from the fact that the US soldier did not have his heart in that war (Nobody believed the story that tiny Vietnam which in the main had a subsistence agricultural economy was a threat to the mighty US which was thousands of miles away), he had to fight in a terrain chosen by the Vietnamese freedom fighters and for whom it had decided advantages.

One had merely to compare the material advantage of the US soldier. The Vietnamese freedom fighter was lightly clad; his food consisted of a handful of rice; he wore sandals and carried his AK 47, grenades and ammunition. The US GI was heavily clad with boots, heavy helmet, a knapsack filled with rations, additional ammunition, Swiss army knife etc., etc. Whenever there was an encounter which caused US casualties, the US soldier was quick to radio for helicopter reinforcement, medical treatment and to be evacuated from the danger zone. It was so much part of their way of fighting that they had no shame in depicting those scenes in films. And when Saigon was about to fall to the Vietnamese forces of liberation, the US army personnel could not bolt fast enough out of Vietnam, leaving behind mountains of war *materiel*.

It was little wonder that the US soldier was called a CRY BABY!

It was to compensate for proven cowardice in the battlefield that a RAMBO had to be created. What the US could not accomplish in the real battlefield, they did so in movies, i.e. in a fantasy world.

ONCE AGAIN THE DEMONSTRATION OF SUPREME COWARDICE

From the accounts in the local press, the sons and grandson of Saddam Hussein were betrayed by their host and supposed protector. Judas, we are told, did his betrayal thing for 30 pieces of silver about 2000 years ago. The Iraqi Judas was promised \$30 million. Regardless of the price, betrayal is about the most despicable thing a human being can do. Can you imagine any other animal capable of doing such a thing?

The brothers, Uday and Qusay, together with Mustapha, the 14 year old son of Qusay and an unnamed companion described as a bodyguard, were

surrounded by US troops. Not even the spin-doctor, most devoted to the US, can describe what followed as a fair fight. It was a mismatch all the way through.

Here is a description of the one-sided fight from The Natal Witness of the 24 July 2003:

“Around 200 soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division pounded the house with grenades, rocket-firing Kiowa attack helicopters and Humvees mounted with heavy 50 calibre machine-guns and anti-tank missiles. On standby were A-10 Warthog tankbuster aircraft, Apache attack helicopters and a psy-ops team, but they were not used.”

The battle lasted 4 hours and was described as “blistering”.

Apparently, a missile attack killed the three adults and the report strangely states that thereafter the US troops came under fire and they then killed the “remaining individual”. The writer of the report could not bring him or herself to state: “They then killed Mustapha the 14 year old son of Qusay”. Mustapha must have been a very remarkable boy who chose to die with his father. However much his mother will mourn his death, she should rightfully be proud of him.

So there you have it. The great, brave US army at its best!

As for the brothers, they gave an account of themselves which does great credit to them. They did not cringe; they did not beg for mercy; they did not ask to be spared. Though vastly outnumbered and outweighed in the matter of armaments, they fought like lions until the very end.

Only in death when they could no longer defend themselves were they subjected to indignities worthy of barbarians. Their bodies all bloody and disfigured, were displayed to the public as if they were trophies of wild animals killed by hunters. There was an outcry of extreme revulsion at the parading. The bodies were then “made presentable”, but even then there was dishonour to the corpses. There was just enough sheet covering the bodies to deflect a criticism of indecency.

CONCLUSION

There will come a time when the Anglo-American imperialist invaders will be literally driven out from Iraq. Hopefully then, democracy will prevail in this unhappy land which ought to be dearly treasured as a repository of the earliest of civilisations. When that happens the people of Iraq will decide how to judge and deal with the rule of the Baath Socialist Party under Saddam Hussein. They will need to pass judgement on that rule. In this process they will need to examine and judge the activities of the leadership of the Baath Party and which will include persons like Saddam Hussein, his sons, Uday and Qusay. It is the Iraqi people alone who have that right.

That right, however, has been usurped by the invaders who arrogated to themselves the right to act as gendarme, prosecutor, judge and executioner.

But they in turn will be judged.

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