

Freedom Fighters or Cannon Fodder?

In 2001, after 9/11, USA felt that they had to attack some country – anyone. They had made Osama bin Laden and Al Qaida responsible for the attack and demanded from Afghanistan, then to 95% by the Islamic movement Taliban dominated, his expulsion. Bin Laden had synchronized the tasks of foreign soldiers against the Russian occupation with American (CIA) support. His organization was a database for communication of the foreign Mujahidin fighters with their relatives. Whether this was really called Al Qaida (or Al Qaeda) is disputed; some find it a name for a Pentagon propaganda institution.

Official sources claimed on December 14, 2001, that he had made a confession in a videotape. Six days later, a German state-television (ARD) brought an 'alternative' translation of three orientalisers, who sharply contradicted the official version [1]. The Osama-figure in the crucial videotape is not the one we know from other appearances of Bin Laden, on the other hand, the tape contains not the shadow of a confession. It was mentioned that the tape was several years older [2] and what was discussed here was dealing with matters from Saudi Arabia; it had nothing to do with New York.

The previously almost defeated 'North Alliance' was initially left with the fighting on the ground while the Americans fought from a distance – from the air. With this support, the North Alliance soon was able to conquer most of the country, and so American soldiers were also sent to the ground to prevent their supporter's unilateral declaration of victory.

Osama bin Laden's Fate

Osama bin Laden was a sick man, suffering severe kidney failure. He was dependant of regular dialysis, which was partially carried out in a hospital in Pakistan, partially at home with a mobile device – but not mobile enough to be used during his escape from Kandahar. Bin Laden retracted with many Taliban fighters to the caves of Tora Bora, at the South-East border to Pakistan. Here, the Americans assumed an advantageous fortress, as illustrated to the right. In reality, nothing was found like this fantasy castle. The area was bombed with ample doses of depleted uranium bunker blasting bombs (later it was denied that such had been used).

Suddenly, as the American troops were ready for the final fight, they were ordered to stop. Two helicopters were permitted to land in the area and for the commoners a corridor was kept open to Pakistan. Probably, the helicopter in reality contained family who had come to the funeral of Osama who died on December 16, 2001 [3]. A dialysis dependant patient cannot survive the fresh life in the field for long. Afterwards it was not particularly difficult to conquer Tora Bora. The prisoners taken were taken to the prison of Bagram and the survivors of the treatment there later 'exported' to the prison at Guantánamo Bay on Cuba.

With new actors and regular publication from the previously so critical Al Jazeera (Qatar) medium, Pentagon claimed that the fugitive was still alive, also five years after the last video-production in 2007, with the thick-nosed younger appearing actor (right). Our media reports with a slave's patience this propaganda, in order to terrify us stupid audience. In later years, however, the Bin Laden trail has 'gone cold' – along with Bin Laden!

Taliban and Opium

Afghanistan is the World's prime producer of raw opium and has long beaten off Laos in this respect. A part of it also find use within the country, and for that reason, Taliban had during their short reign almost obliterated the harvest. Perhaps this is the only good you can say about the movement. Now, each year show increasing harvest, to the benefit of

1 <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/0,1518,174025,00.html>

2 <http://www.whatreallyhappened.com/osamatape.html>

3 Note of Osama bin-Laden's funeral in the Egyptian magazine al-Wafd, December 26, 2001 Vol 15 No 4633

both local warlords and the CIA, which for many years financed its illegal operations by drug dealing and now cannot let the money go.

The Fight for Freedom at Hindukush

What started as an American revenge field action against the alleged initiators of 9/11 (the real guilty ones were mainly to be found in New York and Washington) has now to 50% been taken over by a coalition of about 40 countries, mostly under leadership of the former defence union, NATO (under the leadership of my compatriot, I am ashamed to say, Arne Fogh Rasmussen). The International Security Assistance Force [**ISAF**] has taken the hopeless task to 'win the hearts and minds' of the Afghan population, which regrets high rates of civilian casualties due to American bombings.

A part of these are carried out by unmanned predator drones, started from Pakistan and guided from Nevada (at least until a hacker gains control). Also several civilians have been killed in Pakistan. Occasionally, they also hit a Taliban fighter, but the vast majority of bomb victims are civilians – collateral damage, as the military expresses. This bombing terror has claimed sympathy in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

On the ground, the situation is therefore hopeless. Taleban now controls the major part of the country. While there is much talk about "building up the civilian structures," it seems there is more destruction of it. ISAF/NATO talks about supporting the civilian rule but is, in fact, involved in a bloody war, claiming victims from all sides involved. It has been claimed that the military is "defending Europe at Hindukush." If that is what came out of the expensive geography education, I support Mark Twain's ironic suggestion to "build more prisons and less schools," since they anyhow seem to fail their purpose.

The extra energy, currently enforced by ISAF, aims at stabilizing the upcoming presidential elections, which shall ensure the re-election of Hamid Karzai, the so-called 'mayor of Kabul,' reflecting the area of Afghanistan which he controls. A strange sense of 'democracy' is also felt in the NATO-countries themselves, in all of whom there is opposition to a participation in the population but where this opposition is not made a theme of ongoing elections since there is a broad support for this war among the political parties. Even in the US – a master of falsified elections and polls – a CNN poll recently demonstrated a clear majority against the Afghan War [4] (or whatever you prefer to call it). We can soon expect demonstrations as they occurred towards the end of the Vietnam War, another demonstration of diverging opinion between the population and their alleged representatives. Perhaps it also stimulates the dangerous question, "If this is democracy, is it really democracy you want?" Hopefully; the result will be an improved democracy instead.

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4 <http://edition.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/08/06/poll.afghanistan/>

United States - 29,950
United Kingdom - 9,000
Germany - 4,050
France - 3,160
Canada - 2,830
Italy - 2,795
Poland - 2,000
Netherlands - 1,770
Australia - 1,090
Romania - 1025
Spain - 780
Turkey - 730
Denmark - 700
Belgium - 510
Norway - 485
Bulgaria - 470
Sweden - 397
Czech Republic - 340

Summary of main troop participation in Afghan War, April 2009. For comparison, all supporters have now left USA's disastrous warfare in Iraq ["Coalition of one" 5].