

# The Saudis and 9/11: Justice Lies in The Creation of a Better Future

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Sept. 4—On Aug. 31, 2016 former U.S. Senator Bob Graham (D-Fla.), the former head of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the co-chair of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, addressed a room full of media at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The Senator has been a driving force behind the recent release of the long-suppressed 28 page chapter from his report of December 2002, and he has now called for the total declassification of all of the government's investigative files on the 9/11 attacks.

The 28-page chapter from the original Joint Inquiry made clear that senior Saudi officials, starting with Prince Bandar bin-Sultan, the long-serving Saudi Ambassador to the United States, had a direct hand in supporting the 9/11 terrorists. Bandar and his wife Princess Haifa provided at least \$50,000 to the hijackers al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi, through two known Saudi intelligence agents, al-Basnan and al-Bayoumi. The paper trail is explicit, and it reaches into the upper echelons of not just the Saudi Monarchy, but the British Monarchy as well.

Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, who served as Chief of Staff to George W. Bush's Secretary of State Colin Powell, recently told reporters that Vice President Cheney suppressed all evidence of the Saudi role in 9/11, because he was committed to blaming the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks on Iraq's Saddam Hussein, to justify the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

## Senator Graham's Intervention

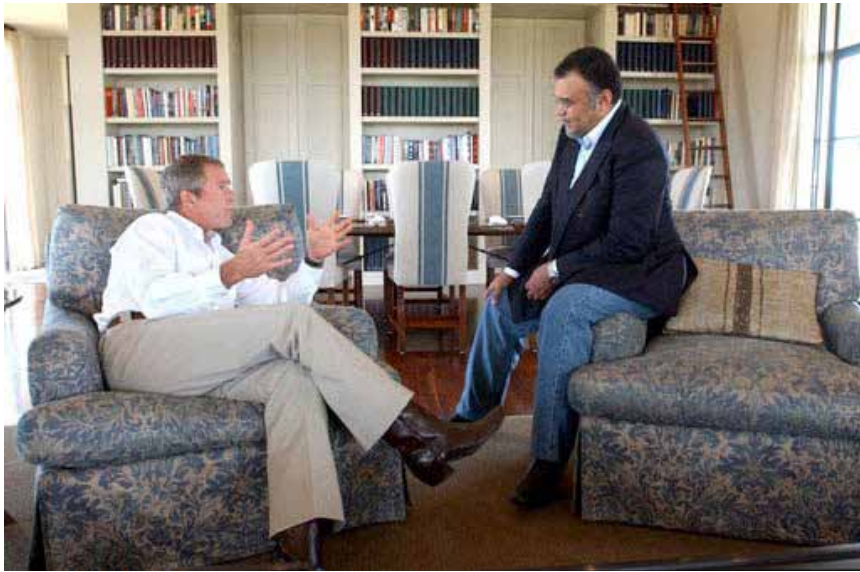
In his Aug. 31 Press Conference, Senator Graham detailed the fight, now underway in Florida, to declassify 80,000 pages of FBI documents on a prominent



*Senator Bob Graham (D-Fla.), the former head of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the co-chair of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, making a presentation at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Aug. 31, 2016.*

Saudi businessman who was tied to three of the 9/11 hijackers. A Federal Judge in Florida is now reviewing those very documents which reveal another Saudi link to 9/11, through a wealthy Saudi businessman, employed by leading Saudi princes, whose Sarasota, Florida home was frequently visited by the alleged ring-leader Mohammed Atta and two other hijackers. The FBI sat on those documents for a decade, and only released them to the Judge when investigative journalists for the *Broward Bulldog* online publication found out about the Sarasota links.

Senator Graham highlighted the role of Prince Bandar bin-Sultan in providing financial and logistical support to the 9/11 hijackers in San Diego, California and reviewed some of the now-declassified details about Bandar's private security links to a leading Al-



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*President George W. Bush meets with Saudi ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan at the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas, Aug. 27, 2002.*

Qaeda figure, Abu Zubaida. He made a strong case for the House to immediately pass the Justice Against Supporters of Terrorism Act (JASTA), to give the 9/11 survivors and families their long-overdue day in court to actually put the Saudi Royals on trial for their complicity.

Graham spelled out three powerful reasons why the full government files on the 9/11 attack had to be made public, even fifteen years after the fact: First and foremost, the families of those killed in the 9/11 attacks, and the American people as a whole, deserved the full truth as a matter of justice; second, the national security of the United States demands a full airing of the Saudi role; and third, the cover-up of such a crime breeds cynicism in the American people, and you cannot maintain a Republic if the citizens distrust their government and cease to participate in the political process. Graham cited Benjamin Franklin, who told an inquiring citizen during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia that “We have given you a Republic—if you can keep it.”<sup>1</sup>

## Understanding Justice

Speaking on the topic of justice for the victims of 9/11, during the Manhattan Dialogue on Sept. 4, La-

1. For the full press conference by Senator Graham, see: <https://larouchepac.com/20160831/senator-bob-graham-did-saudi-royals-make-dirty-deal-bin-laden-911>

Rouche PAC Policy Committee leader Diane Sare had the following to say:

To what end do we live and where is that identity? Take something like the question of what Sen. Bob Graham is doing on 9/11. How did we get to this point? Well, I would say the shift occurred in a couple of the Congressmen, namely, Congressmen Lynch from Massachusetts, and Walter Jones from North Carolina, and Massie from Kentucky, where at a certain point, it dawned on them that they should stop being afraid of what might happen to them if they decided to release the 28 Pages. And they said, publicly,

“We know that we can tell the truth about this and not be prosecuted.” And that was enough of a reason for Barack Obama, who had absolutely no intention in the universe of releasing those pages, to release the 28 Pages.

This was not a change in law. This was not a formal action in that sense. I think similarly, what Americans have to consider, is the way that people, including perhaps even people in this room, are thinking about the so-called election, as if voting for one of the two criminals who are current running for President on Nov. 8 has anything to do with what is going to change the affairs of mankind! Whereas, what we here are doing in these coming days on the question of securing justice is crucial, because what does justice mean in the case of the victims of 9/11? Does it really mean we have to have a lawsuit against Saudi Arabia? I don’t know; it might, it might not. Putin didn’t have a lawsuit against Erdogan after Turkey shot down a Russian plane, killed the pilot and put the world on the brink of thermonuclear war? No!

We don’t know in what form this will occur, but we know that there is a quality whereby human beings decide to stand up and act with the intention of generating an effect which is appropriate of immortality.

In other words, there is a change which is

almost unfathomable, and is unknown to most Americans here, even though every single American is going to be affected by it, and what we are going to see coming out of these next ten days, is something very different which also depends very much upon us, in terms of communicating this with our fellow man. That's what I think we should consider: What is the nature of that change? What is the driver of it, and therefore, what does that mean for each of us, and for mankind.

Think about what happened in Berlin when the Berlin Wall came down. Was there legislation? People voted, and they decided to remove the Wall, and the Wall came down? Or, they voted, and there was an election of someone who brought the Wall down? Or they passed a rule in the parliament that the Berlin Wall was supposed to come down?

No!

You had a point, which Schiller talks about; it's in the Rütli Oath, where in the first verse, "There is a limit to a tyrant's power." And there is a certain natural principle of justice, when the population or a group of people decide that there is something more important to them about their identity than any of the physical things that enslave us; like what Socrates discussed at the end of his life about the philosopher, that you are practicing for death as a philosopher, because you try to not place so much importance on what kind of clothes you have or where you live, or all of these things that we get caught up in when we are being smaller than human beings.

### **Truth Does Not Have an Expiration Date**

It is time for a full and honest reckoning with history. Lyndon LaRouche was on hand as the planes crashed into the World Trade Center towers on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. Seven months prior to those attacks, LaRouche had warned that the incoming Bush-



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*The 46th Vice President of the United States, Dick Cheney, on Dec. 14, 2015.*

Cheney Administration would look for a "Reichstag Fire" incident to go for dictatorship. On the day of the 9/11 attacks, LaRouche supporters were out on the streets of New York and many other cities around the country, warning about an imminent terrorist attack, based on evidence accumulated over the course of the summer of 2001.

The Members of the U.S. Congress, who joined with Sen. Graham and with LaRouche PAC in fighting for the release of the 28 Pages, have all said, in their own words, that the reading of those 28 Pages and the evidence they contained of the Saudi complicity in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, changed their view of history. Those 28 Pages merely opened the door into a much bigger scandal, which must now be fully unearthed. The families and victims of 9/11—living and dead—have the right to the truth, as do the American people.

The release of the 28 Pages was a victory for persistent public action, which forced the Obama Administration to end the nearly eight-year cover-up, which followed the eight year cover-up by Bush and Cheney.

### **Courage Comes from Within**

Perhaps, among the reasons given by Senator Graham for the urgent necessity for the disclosure of *all*

government files pertaining to the 9/11 attacks, it is his third reason—that a cover-up of this magnitude breeds cynicism in the American people, and you cannot maintain a Republic if the citizens distrust their government and cease to participate in the political process—that is the most compelling.

It is precisely this cynicism, this cowardly demoralization, that has relentlessly eaten away at the morality of the American People, and it must be reversed. Lyndon LaRouche has frequently pointed to the culpability and moral failure of the American people who witnessed the 9/11 attacks—the cold-blooded murder of thousands of our own citizens—and who failed to demand the truth; who failed to demand justice for those who died.

The issue of 9/11 today is, “Will we get justice”? Justice. Not will we get revenge, but justice in restoring our nation to a society wherein truth is the standard and people happily give their consent to be governed. A society in which citizens will no longer tolerate the crimes committed by Bush, Cheney, and Obama on a daily basis. A higher sense of national purpose is required, one which will slowly fill the souls of our citizens with a better temperament.

Between Sept. 9 and 12, a series of concerts will be performed in the New York metropolitan area commemorating the fifteenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The Schiller Institute NYC Community Chorus will participate in four performances of Mozart’s *Requiem*, sponsored by The Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture.

On Sept. 2, Diane Sare reported the following:

Mozart was a supporter of the American Revolution; he was a supporter of the ideas of creating a republic, and he was murdered. His work was eliminated and his contribution to future generations was cut short. But his *Requiem* has lived on because it has a quality which is immortal, which actually embodies the question of human creativity. The choral work leading into these performances has evoked from the participants a certain kind of passion which probably was always in them. But because they have a chance to participate in something which is going to be so profound and so beautiful, and which also has a mission in the real world, they are becoming passionate again; which is, I

think, something that has been very lacking. Everyone can think of conversations that you’ve had with your friends and neighbors about the upcoming election or almost anything; and the population has become passionless, which is why people don’t act when they should or when they can.

So, I have a sense that we really are on the brink of a major breakthrough, that the United States will be a part of. Our job as Americans—in a sense—we’ve been given a mission that other very important leaders are saying that the United States is wanted as a valued partner in a global New Paradigm for peace and economic development. It is for us to deliver that by straightening out this criminal regime that we have.

Some have said that the lesson to be learned from 9/11 and the continuing crimes of the last fifteen years is the urgent necessity to re-establish a functioning Office of the Presidency, as such was conceived by Alexander Hamilton. This is true, but it must be understood that the Office of the Presidency is first and foremost an idea—a principle—within the minds and hearts of the people, and its existence is dependent on a commitment to the future emanating from those same people.

On Sept. 4, John Sigerson, the Conductor of the NYC Schiller Institute Community Chorus, speaking on the work going into the Living Memorial Concerts, made this observation:

And it got me to thinking about this question of justice, because I think there’s still a misconception that justice is something external to you. And this is absolutely not the case. Because really to me, justice, and I think Mozart would agree with this, justice is a state of mind. It’s a state of mind of the *rightness* of you, personally, participating in something *that is right*, and it’s going in the right direction; and it’s that warmth of soul, that passion, which *is* justice, really, if it’s based on something real.

The *Requiem* mass, the core of it, is a beautiful poem. And one of the aspects of that is this idea of *lux aeterna*, which means “perpetual light”—“and let perpetual light shine upon them” [*Lux aeterna luceat eis*].