Benghazi 3.0

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 We all have seen the unmistakable similarities of the images of the fall of Saigon in April 1975 and Kabul, August 2021, both with the single helicopter flying in and then flying out. It appears that history has now repeated itself. There is another situation however, of a more recent history that fills my thoughts as I see the images and read the stories of the chaos now playing out before the world. The similarities of excuses between the Benghazi attack on September 11, 2012, and now Afghanistan on August 15, 2021are too uncommon not to mention. Both instances involved the overtaking of a US Embassy and the attempts to evacuate US civilian personnel. Also, they both had previous reports of threats of potential overtaking and fall by Islamic militants, Ansar al-Sharia in Benghazi and the Taliban in Afghanistan, Kabul to be more specific. In both instances, these reports sent to the Democratic leaders were disregarded and the rest as it is said is history. The notable players involved include for Benghazi President Barrack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Chairman Joints Chief General Martin E. Dempsey, and then Vice President Joe Biden and for Afghanistan there is Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, Chairman Joint Chiefs General Mark Milley, and now President Joe Biden. When the Democratic leadership is quoted as saying in regards to the death of Americans, to include a US Ambassador, Chris Stevens, as “What difference does it make,” or “We can not guarantee your safety and protection”, and “It could not have happened any different then the way it did,” then this is all we need to know about how Democratic leaders feel about Americans in service to this country if not Americans in general.

 Watching the second Presidential briefing since this Afghan fiasco started, I come away with a few takeaways that I can not comprehend. First was the opening comment by Biden where he inferred there has been “significant improvement” to secure the airport. That is great, but the airport has not been the problem. The problem for Americans and Afghan citizens wishing to depart Afghanistan has been getting to the airport. The surrounding areas of the airport filled with Taliban combatants beating and killing civilians are the problem. Not going out beyond the boundaries of the airport to provide safe passage for those wishing to depart is the problem Mr. President. Other countries have been going out and escorting their citizens to the airport so why can’t the US? Second, he states he is “immobilizing any US resource necessary” to assist Americans and Afghans who wish to leave if they so desire but if these resources are only stationed at the airport, then the full utilization of these resources is not being implemented to assist in the extraction from the city of those civilians wishing to leave.

 As General Jack Keane (ret.) stated prior to the President’s briefing, Biden needs to relay to the Taliban leadership in the most demanding way that if they, Taliban, are not going to follow through on their commitment to allow safe passage to the airport of US citizens then “Anything less than the full force of the US military in response is dishonorable.” The meaning being the mission is “To get our people out!” Per the General, he states Biden needs to forcibly communicate this point with the Taliban and tell them, “Your goons are on the street hindering the evacuation and this is the part of the problem.” The General puts it in simple terms, he sees “no resolve and no commitment” by the President. All Biden says is, “I’m working with NATO and calling for a G-7 summit next week,” pausing in thought, and continues stumbling and rambling on in speech.

 Now to add insult to injury, a story reported and posted on [www.theweek.com](http://www.theweek.com) dated August 18, 2021, “*The Afghan President Ashraf Ghani reportedly fled Kabul with $169 million in cash,*” to the United Arab Emirates shows how there was no commitment by the Afghanistan leadership, military and security forces to defend their own country. So, who is kidding who? Things are so bad that CNN, the democratic propaganda machine, even reports how much a debacle and failure this whole US exit has been. So, with CNN reporting this, this confirms how awful and bad this withdraw has been. The best headline of the week since this all started was seen on the New York Post, “*Dumkirk”* with a picture of Biden.

 Should the US have departed Afghanistan long time ago? The answer of course is yes. The US has spent billions of dollars in training, resources, and materials all towards assisting Afghanistan in its rebuilding. Now, all is for not with the Afghan President turning tail and running away with $169 million in cash, Afghan forces collapsing immediately, and the millions of dollars of US armaments and modern weaponry left behind now at the Taliban’s disposal to be used to continue their reign of terrorism. All “bobble-head” Biden can do is stutter and toddle off to Camp David. As one Wall Street Journal columnist stated “Afghanistan is a landlock country with no coastline. We, the US, now have no ears on the ground in Afghanistan. So, all we are left being able to do is to launch a 2-million-dollar rocket at a $10.00 tent.”

 Juan Williams and Richard Fowler, both democratic political analysts, have come out and stated their belief on where this evacuation failure should fall. According to these two it is not poor planning, though the administration has had since April 2021 – 5 months – to come up with an evacuation plan, but it is on the shoulders of past administrations that kept the US in Afghanistan. Problem with that theory is Bush, Obama, and Trump are not currently serving as the President of the United States and other than Trump had no present input into how to evacuate. It is all on Joe Biden and the rest of his national security team currently serving and holding their positions is where the blame falls.

 Biden wanted all American forces out of Afghanistan by September 11, 2021, the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 attack. What he and others don’t understand and realize is that Islamic militant groups such as Isis, Ansar al-Sharia, and the Taliban are into symbolic images as well. The attack on the US Embassy in Benghazi, 9-11-2012 and now with this episode the black Taliban flag will be flying over the former US Embassy and the country of Afghanistan on September 11, 2021 and billions of US dollars later. What has the US funded, the rebuild of a country or the resurgence of a terrorist organization that brought the US into the country. America deserves better than what we are receiving.