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## To protect Australians from ISIS, government must address the '28 pages'

ISIS is able to threaten to kill Australians in "Brunswick, Broadmeadows, Bankstown and Bondi", because the Australian government and media, in collusion with their counterparts in the USA and UK, continue to cover up Saudi Arabia's financial and logistical support for the 9/11 attack on New York City and Washington, DC, fifteen years ago this weekend.

The Saudi role in 9/11 is revealed in the 28 pages of the 2002 report of the US Congressional Joint Inquiry on 9/11, which first the Bush-Cheney administration and then Obama suppressed for nearly 14 years, until, under pressure, the White House finally declassified them in July.

Click here to read the full 28 pages, reprinted verbatim, and supporting information in the CEC's pamphlet *To Stop a Near-term Terror Attack, read the '28 Pages!'*

*Because these 28 pages were suppressed for so long, the Saudi terrorist apparatus they identify has been able to flourish, leading to the rise of ISIS, which now threatens every nation, including Australia.* Don't just take the CEC's word for it: this is the informed view of former US Senator Bob Graham, who authored the 28 pages as chair of the 2002 Joint Inquiry, and led the campaign to have them released.

Graham issued his Congressional report on 9/11 in December 2002, which is when the Bush White House promptly classified the 28 pages about the Saudis. A few months later, he was one of the few US Senators to vote against the Iraq war—compared with fellow Democrat Hillary Clinton for instance—knowing that Saddam had nothing to do with 9/11, and that the neocons in the White House and British government who were fabricating intelligence to justify invading Iraq were covering up for Saudi Arabia. Australian Prime Minister John Howard was one of those who insinuated that Saddam Hussein was behind 9/11.

At a 7 January 2015 press conference in Washington DC, on the day of the Charlie Hebdo killings in Paris, Graham blamed the current wave of terrorism on the suppression of the 28 pages: *"There is a threat to national security by non-disclosure, and we saw another chapter of that today in Paris.*

*"What would you think the Saudis' position would be, if they knew what they had done, they knew that the United States knew what they had done, and they also observed that the United States had taken a position of either passivity, or actual hostility to letting those facts be known? What would the Saudi government do in that circumstance, which is precisely where they have been, for more than a decade?"*

*"Well, one, they have continued, maybe accelerated their support for one of the most extreme forms of Islam, Wahhabism, throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East. And second, they have supported their religious*

*fever, with financial and other forms of support, of the institutions which were going to carry out those extreme forms of Islam. Those institutions have included mosques, madrassas, and military. Al-Qaeda was a creature of Saudi Arabia; the regional groups such as al-Shabaab have been largely creatures of Saudi Arabia; and now, ISIS is the latest creature!"*

Even though the 28 pages were finally released in July, they have been largely buried; in Australia they have not been reported at all. Yet the implications are enormous. For instance, the *San Diego Reader* has just reported a former FBI agent says he is "200 per cent" sure that the 9/11 attack "would have been stopped" if, in early 2000, the CIA had not blocked him and a fellow agent from sending a memo warning that a known terrorist, who would become a 9/11 hijacker, had arrived in the USA. The FBI agent was investigating the same San Diego-based terrorists and Saudi agents who are the subject of the 28 pages.

### Not just the Saudis ...

Combined with the revelations in the 28 pages, the FBI agent's claim demands a new, unconstrained investigation of both 9/11, and the subsequent cover-up. This investigation must include the role of the British government, Saudi Arabia's longstanding partner in war and arms trading, *in facilitating the financing of 9/11* through the al-Yamamah oil-for-arms deal.

The Australian government is complicit in the crimes, especially the illegal invasion of Iraq, committed by those who covered up the 28 pages. Australians are now under threat from the consequences of that cover-up and resultant crimes, namely ISIS. Therefore the Turnbull government, and the Opposition, must demand, on behalf of all Australians, that our US and UK allies conduct full and open investigations of this issue. If Turnbull and Shorten, and the Australian media, continue to remain quiet on this scandal, they will be responsible for any harm that befalls Australians.

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## Turnbull government must demand Obama not block justice for victims of 9/11

US President Barack Obama has said he will veto the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA) that the US Congress passed unanimously on 9 September. JASTA would allow the victims of the 9/11 attack to bring lawsuits in US courts against the government of Saudi Arabia for its supporting role in the 9/11 attack. Saudi Arabia's role was confirmed in the just-released 28 pages of the 2002 US Congressional Joint Inquiry Report on 9/11, which were suppressed for almost 14 years.

The Australian media has blacked out the 28 pages, until today: news.com.au has posted a *NY Post* article by investigative reporter Paul Sperry, "Despite '28 pages' release, Saudi's 9/11 involvement still buried".

The Turnbull government must speak up for the 10 Australians who were killed on 9/11, and demand Obama not veto JASTA. This is also an issue for the 88 Australians killed and the many more injured in the 2002 Bali bombings, who too are victims of the global terrorist network sponsored from Saudi Arabia. If JASTA becomes law, lawsuits against Saudi Arabia would enable the courts to order the release of literally hundreds of thousands of pages of documented evidence held by US government agencies, blowing the lid off the entire Saudi-spawned terrorism apparatus that includes al-Qaeda, ISIS, and the numerous jihadist groups terrorising Libya, Syria and many other nations in Africa and Asia.

Why have successive US governments covered up this evidence, and instead continued to ally with Saudi Arabia? Even more damning, why have the USA, UK and France—and implicitly Australia—allied with the actual terrorist organisations supported out of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states such as Qatar, including the same al-Qaeda that killed nearly 3,000 people on 9/11, in "regime change" operations against Libya—just condemned by a Foreign Affairs Select Committee of the UK Parliament—and Syria? Especially as the Saudis themselves have ceased making flat-out denials and are now admitting their decades-long sponsorship of Islamist terrorism, according to former US Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, reported in a 14 September *Politico* column, "'We Misled You': How the Saudis Are Coming Clean on Funding Terrorism".

The truth, which the US government is covering up, is that it isn't just the Saudis; the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has employed a strategy of sponsoring terrorism in partnership with a far more significant kingdom, of which the Saudis are a client—the United Kingdom. The British sponsorship of terrorism is well documented: back on 11 January 2000, the CEC's American associates at Lyndon LaRouche's *Executive Intelligence Review* magazine, submitted a memorandum to US Secretary of State Madeline Albright entitled "Put Britain on the List of States Sponsoring Terrorism".

The 28 pages reveal the US end of a money trail of financing for the 9/11 attack *that starts with the British*

*government!* The 28 pages record that the money Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the USA, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, paid to the Saudi agents in San Diego who assisted two of the 9/11 hijackers, came from his account at the Riggs Bank in Washington DC; a 7 June 2007 *Guardian* newspaper report exposed that the UK Serious Fraud Office's investigation of the British-Saudi al-Yamamah oil-for-arms deal had stumbled across regular payments that BAE Systems made to Prince Bandar in corrupt kickbacks, which were transferred from a confidential account at the Bank of England administered by the UK Ministry of Defence into Prince Bandar's account at the Riggs Bank! Once the SFO started questioning these payments, then-Prime Minister Tony Blair shut the investigation down.

When the US Senate passed JASTA unanimously in May, Conservative MP and former adviser to the UK's Chief of the Defence Staff, Tom Tugendhat, expressed extreme concern in a 5 June *Telegraph* article, "Why a US law to let 9/11 families sue Saudi Arabia is a threat to Britain and its intelligence agencies". Tugendhat admitted that JASTA could have "serious unintended consequences for Britain" as some accuse the UK government of an approach towards Islamist extremism, for which the nation acquired the nickname "Londonistan", that has "spawned terrorism".

Obviously this British role is not just a sensitive issue for the United States, but also for Australia. However, it is time for citizens of all of our nations to stop turning a blind eye to such criminality at the highest levels, which has had such a devastating impact on the world over the 15 years since 9/11. We must demand accountability for these crimes, so we can achieve justice for the victims of terrorism, and peace and security for the world.

Accountability starts with JASTA: the CEC calls on all Australians to join us in demanding the Turnbull government deliver the message to Obama that he must not veto this chance to defeat terrorism and bring its perpetrators and sponsors to justice.

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