



Obama Pentagon's Coverup of 'Bacha Bazi' Child Rape by Afghan Soldiers

Under Obama, the Pentagon attempted to block an independent report on child sex abuse and rape of young boys among Afghan soldiers and police. Despite 93 congressmen requesting this document in 2015, it is still classified by the Pentagon. A high-level Afghan police official said that the practice of "bacha bazi", which is dressing young boys like women and making them dance and perform sex acts, no longer exists. However, the practice is actually growing, and local officials do nothing about it. Two years ago, while Obama was President, reports surfaced about US Marines being ordered to ignore child abuse by Afghan police officers, but the reports were marked classified by the Pentagon to prevent public knowledge of them. -GEG

If the Democrats had any sense left that they were morally superior to Republicans, this report is sure to squash what remains of it.

According to reports, the Obama Pentagon attempted to block an independent report on child sex among Afghan Forces. Washington Post reports:

The Pentagon tried to block an independent assessment of child sex abuse crimes committed by Afghan soldiers and police, instead insisting on the creation of its own report offering a far less authoritative review of human rights

violations perpetrated by U.S. allies, according to an aide to Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). [...]

But the results of SIGAR's unreleased inquiry, which was requested by 93 members of Congress in 2015, remains classified at the Pentagon's direction, raising questions about the military's transparency and the extent to which it is complying with laws meant to curb such abuse.

The Pentagon responded with "resistance" when Congress tapped SIGAR to conduct the probe, said Tim Rieser, an aide to Leahy, vice chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee whose namesake legislation, known as the Leahy Law, requires the U.S. military to halt assistance to foreign military units found to have committed gross human rights violations.

Instead, senior Pentagon officials argued that SIGAR, which since 2009 has produced dozens of reports exposing corruption within the Afghan government and incompetence among Afghan security forces, lacked the jurisdiction for this particular task, Rieser said.

"Afghan security personnel have been known to recruit young boys as servants, sometimes to use for sex. There is a broader practice in Afghan society to dress some boys as women and have them dance at gatherings. Known as bacha bazi, it was banned under the Taliban but revived after the U.S. invasion in 2001," reports Alex Horton.

The Pentagon reportedly reviewed 16 allegations between 2010 to 2016. Horton says this number is unlikely to be accurate because of irregularities in reporting procedures and "an overall lack of unified guidance on reporting and record keeping relating to child sexual abuse."

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