



Trump's Labor Chief Alexander Acosta Loses Chance at AG Appointment over Weak Prosecution of Sex Abuser Jeffrey Epstein

Jeffrey Epstein was accused by more than 40 victims of being coerced into a sex ring when they were underage girls, and he faced life in prison for his crimes, but he only served 13 months in jail in 2008. The federal prosecutor who made the 'sweetheart' deal for his release was Alexander Acosta. President Trump, who has known Epstein for many years, appointed Acosta as the US Secretary of Labor, which oversees human trafficking. -GEG

Summary by JW Williams

Last week, Alexander Acosta, the Trump-appointed Secretary of Labor, was knocked out of the running for the job as US Attorney General following a report in the Miami Herald about how Acosta, a former US attorney, gave billionaire Jeffrey Epstein an extraordinary plea deal in 2007 for sex crimes against numerous underage girls. Despite ample evidence from victims, Epstein served only 13 months in jail when he was facing charges that could have put him away for life. Acosta said he cut the sweetheart deal because he was under pressure

by Epstein's superstar lawyers.

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Epstein's case highlights the two-tier justice system for the wealthy and politically connected in contrast to justice served to average Americans.

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The case is unusual, because Acosta granted immunity to "any potential co-conspirators" under his non-prosecution agreement which extends to influential people who had sex with the underage girls. High profile people who have been linked to Epstein but not proven to have committed crimes, include Bill Clinton, Prince Andrew, Donald Trump, attorney Alan Dershowitz, actor Kevin Spacey, former national security adviser, Sandy Berger, former Colombian President, Andrés Pastrana, former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak, and many others.

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Acosta's deal was kept secret from the victims, which is against federal law. The deal was under a court seal until Epstein finished his jail sentence, thus, preventing victims from attempting to stop the deal.

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On Tuesday, sex offender, Jeffrey Epstein, struck a last-minute deal to avoid a civil trial that would have allowed some of his victims to testify against him in court. The deal included a confidential financial settlement and an apology from Epstein to victims' attorney Bradley Edwards, who had accused Epstein of trying to ruin his reputation as retaliation for having represented his accusers. Epstein's statement reads, "I am now admitting that I was wrong and that the things I said to try to harm Mr. Edwards's reputation as a trial lawyer were false. I sincerely apologize for the false and hurtful allegations I made." The apology offered no words of remorse for Epstein's alleged victims, several of whom had been expected to testify in the trial.

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Senator Rand Paul Rebuked the Deep State for Secrecy and Called for Congress to Take Back Power to Declare War

Senator Rand Paul organized a press conference outside the CIA's briefing on the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi that the lawmaker was blocked from attending, even though he is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Paul said that only eight Congressmen are given intelligence information, which creates an oligarchy-like system instead of a democratic system. Paul called out the

deep state and argued that, if lawmakers aren't allowed to have access to the intelligence community's conclusions, they can't provide oversight. Paul said that the Senate needs to take back foreign policy as the president lacks the authority to declare war (in Yemen) without permission from the Senate. He said that 63 Senators support a vote for a resolution requiring President Trump to stop support for Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen.



Secret Alliances and Covert Operations Come to Light Following the Khashoggi Murder

The murder of *Washington Post* journalist, Jamal Khashoggi, is destabilizing Saudi Arabia as crown prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) is under fire following accusations that he ordered the murder. President Trump supports MBS and the current Saudi regime in order to maintain the \$110 billion weapons deal and low oil prices. Israel is anxious to keep MBS in power because Saudi Arabia is a strategic ally against Iran. The CIA appears to oppose MBS. Ron Paul says that the Saudis are bad partners, and America should stop selling weapons to them and stop helping them in their war with Yemen. -GEG

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Trump is supporting the Saudi regime that has been run by crown prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) since 2017 despite accusations that the prince ordered the murder of *Washington Post* journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a critic of the Saudi regime. The Saudis have a secret alliance with Israel because they have a common enemy in Iran, and they are pressuring the US toward war with Iran. The *Times of Israel* reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called senior American officials recently to urge that Washington not abandon its support for Prince Salman over the murder, because he is a strategic partner and a “linchpin” of the alliance against Iran.

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Ron Paul criticized a recent statement by President Trump condemning the murder of Khashoggi, because Trump defended the close relationship between the US and the Saudis, saying they are a “great ally in our very important fight against Iran.” Trump deflected away from Saudi murder by instead lambasting Iran, which had nothing to do with the murder of Khashoggi.

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Trump rejected the argument that Saudi Arabia is responsible for the bloody civil war and starvation in Yemen, due in part to Saudi blockades.

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Meanwhile, the CIA opposes MBS because he has drawn attention to the relationship that the CIA has had with the Saudis who have been described as “both the arsonists and the firefighters” regarding jihadi terrorism.

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Ron Paul concluded that the US should stop selling weapons to the Saudis and remove American assistance to them in their war in Yemen.

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