



Benghazi One Year Later: No Justice

Americans Continue To Wait For The Justice Obama And Clinton Promised After The Tragic Attacks In Benghazi

OVER ONE YEAR AGO, OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON PROMISED TO BRING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BENGHAZI ATTACKS TO JUSTICE

Obama: "We Will Not Waver In Our Commitment To See That Justice Is Done For This Terrible Act. And Make No Mistake, Justice Will Be Done." "No acts of terror will ever shake the resolve of this great nation, alter that character, or eclipse the light of the values that we stand for. Today we mourn four more Americans who represent the very best of the United States of America. We will not waver in our commitment to see that justice is done for this terrible act. And make no mistake, justice will be done." (President Barack Obama, Remarks By The President On The Deaths Of U.S. Embassy Staff In Libya, [Washington, D.C.](#), 9/12/12)

Hillary Clinton: "We Will Not Turn Our Back On That, Nor Will We Rest Until Those Responsible For These Attacks Are Found And Brought To Justice." "The friendship between our countries, borne out of shared struggle, will not be another casualty of this attack. A free and stable Libya is still in America's interest and security, and we will not turn our back on that, nor will we rest until those responsible for these attacks are found and brought to justice. We are working closely with the Libyan authorities to move swiftly and surely. We are also working with partners around the world to safeguard other American embassies, consulates, and citizens." (Hillary Clinton, "Remarks On The Deaths Of American Personnel In Benghazi, Libya," [Washington, D.C.](#), 9/12/12)

BENGHAZI TERRORIST SUSPECTS ARE STILL AT LARGE – BUT THEY ARE TALKING TO THE MEDIA

Over One Year After The Benghazi Attacks "No Arrests Have Been Reported" But The Main Suspect Has Given "Interviews In Benghazi With Several News Organizations." "One year after the Sept. 11, 2012 terrorist attacks on Americans in Benghazi, Libya, no arrests have been reported but the Justice Department says investigators have made "very significant progress." Four U.S. personnel, including U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens, were killed in mob assaults that moved from a U.S. diplomatic compound to a nearby CIA facility over a period of eight hours. Last month, government officials confirmed that sealed criminal charges have been filed against suspects. They are said to include Ahmed Khattalah, who gave interviews in Benghazi with several news organizations admitting he was at the scene of the attacks but insisting he was not the 'ringleader.' Khattalah also said that nobody from the U.S.

government had attempted to question him.” (Sharyl Attkisson, “One Year Later, Benghazi's Lingering Issues,” CBS News, 9/11/13)

- **In July, CNN Reported That A Reporter Sat Down For Two Hours With A Benghazi Suspect, Who Has “Never Been Contacted By The Libyan Government, Never Been Contacted By The FBI.”** CNN’S JOHN KING: “And Arwa Damon, our great correspondent, went back to Benghazi. She sat down with one of the people the FBI says is a lead suspect for two hours. He says he’s never been contacted by the Libyan government, never been contacted by the FBI. So that is why you have this exasperation among some leading Republicans in the Congress.” (CNN’s “[New Day](#),” 7/31/13)
- **White House Chief Of Staff Denis McDonough Did Not Answer Questions On Why A Benghazi Suspect Spoke To CNN, AP, And The New York Times But Has Not Been Arrested.** FOX NEWS’ CHRIS WALLACE: “Finally, Wednesday marks one year since the terror attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. The day after, in the Rose Garden, the President promised to bring the killers to justice. But while our government has charged Ahmed Khattalah as one of the people involved in this, there’s been no arrest while at the same time Khattalah has given interviews to CNN, to AP and to the New York Times. Why is it that reporters seem to be able to find this guy who the government is charging for involvement in Benghazi but our law enforcement can’t find him?” MCDONOUGH: “Look, we’ve been very clear that we will hold those people who carried out this dastardly, heinous attack against our people to account.” WALLACE: “It’s been a year, sir.” MCDONOUGH: “It has been a year. And you know what the United States does, Chris, is we track every lead until we find and can accomplish what we say we will do.” (Fox’s “Fox News Sunday,” 9/8/13)

MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE FRUSTRATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION’S SLUGGISH RESPONSE

Military And Law Enforcement Are Frustrated By The White House’s Unwillingness To Pressure The Libyan Government Or Make Arrests Of Benghazi Suspects. “Some military and law enforcement officials have grown frustrated with what they believe is the White House’s unwillingness to pressure the Libyan government to make the arrests or allow American forces to do so, according to current and former senior government officials. Mr. Obama acknowledged last month at a news conference that the suspects had been charged but were still on the loose.” (Michael S. Schmidt And Eric Schmitt, “Libya Thwarts Arrests In Benghazi Attack,” [The New York Times](#), 9/9/13)

Senior F.B.I. Officials “Believe The White House Should Be Pressing Harder For Arrests.” “Several senior F.B.I. officials and members of the F.B.I. team based in Tripoli, Libya, who have been building the investigation for the past year believe the White House should be pressing harder for arrests. Among the decisions that the new F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, will be confronted with in the coming weeks will be how hard to lobby the White House to exert more pressure on the Libyans.” (Michael S. Schmidt And Eric Schmitt, “Libya Thwarts Arrests In Benghazi Attack,” [The New York Times](#), 9/9/13)

Former Senior Official: “There’s A Huge Frustration On The Issue Among The Agents About Why Nothing Has Happened To These Guys Who Have Killed Americans.” “‘Whether he likes it or not, he is going to have to deal with this issue,’ said a former senior American official, referring to Mr. Comey. ‘There’s a huge frustration on the issue among the agents about why nothing has happened to these guys who have killed Americans.’” (Michael S. Schmidt And Eric Schmitt, “Libya Thwarts Arrests In Benghazi Attack,” [The New York Times](#), 9/9/13)

ONE YEAR LATER, VICTIMS’ FAMILIES ARE STILL IN THE DARK

Patricia Smith, Mother Of Benghazi Victim: “All I’m Waiting For, Even To This Date, Is For Someone

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To Get Back To Me And Tell Me What Happened.” “I don’t believe him anymore. He’s wrong. My son is dead. How could that be phony?” Smith said on Fox News’s ‘Your World’ on Thursday. ‘How can I tell you? I mean it’s wrong. It’s not phony, it’s not fake. My son is dead and why is he dead? And all I’m waiting for, even to this date, is for someone to get back to me and tell me what happened.” (James Arkin, “Benghazi Mom: Son’s Death Not ‘Phony,’” [Politico](#), 7/26/13)

“Smith Said That Despite Pleas To Obama, Vice President Joe Biden And Then-Secretary Of State Hillary Clinton At The Ceremony Of The Arrival Of The Casket, She Has Not Been Informed On The Events That Led To Her Son’s Death.” (James Arkin, “Benghazi Mom: Son’s Death Not ‘Phony,’” [Politico](#), 7/26/13)

- **Smith: “I Begged Them, Please, I Must Know What Happened With My Son.”** “I begged them, please, I must know what happened with my son. How come this happened?” she said on Fox. “They all promised me they would get back to me. And you know, not one of them, not one of them ever got back to me in any way shape or form, not by a letter, not by anything other than I got a memo stating that I didn’t need to know because I was not part of the immediate family.” (James Arkin, “Benghazi Mom: Son’s Death Not ‘Phony,’” [Politico](#), 7/26/13)
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Smith: “It Is Not Justice At All.” TAPPER: “President Obama said that justice would be done. What does justice look like for you?” SMITH: “This isn’t justice. I am sorry. It is the wrong word. That’s the wrong word. It is not justice at all.” (CNN’s [“The Lead,”](#) 9/11/13)

- **Smith: “I Want Hillary To Come Up And Stand Up For What Happened.”** TAPPER: You are going to be speaking on Capitol Hill at a government oversight and reform committee hearing. What do you plan on seeing?” SMITH: “I don’t know. I just got the invitation, the actual invitation today. And -- I don’t know. I have no idea what I will say. Whenever I talk, I speak from my heart at the time, and I don’t know how I’ll feel. I want Hillary to come up and stand up for what happened. I want her to do that. I want the government to make her answer. Just answer the simple question she was asked. She won’t do it. I don’t know why. In fact, I don’t even care why anymore. I just want her to do it: stand up, and admit when you blow it.” (CNN’s [“The Lead,”](#) 9/11/13)

AND DESPITE ALL THIS, OBAMA HAS DOWNPLAYED THE BENGHAZI ATTACK AS A “PHONY SCANDAL”

Obama: “With An Endless Parade Of Distractions, Political Posturing And Phony Scandals, Washington Has Taken Its Eye Off The Ball.” PRESIDENT OBAMA: “With an endless parade of distractions, political posturing and phony scandals, Washington has taken its eye off the ball. And I am here to say this needs to stop.” (President Obama, [Remarks](#), Knox College, Galesburg, IL, 7/24/13)

- **White House Press Secretary Jay Carney: Obama Is Referring To Benghazi When He Talks About “Phony Scandals.”** REPORTER: “Jay, in his speech again yesterday, President Obama mentioned the phony scandals that are part of an endless parade of distractions. Can you tell us what phony scandals he’s talking about?” MR. CARNEY: “I think we all remember a few weeks ago when

Washington was consumed with a variety of issues that, while in some cases significant, there was an effort underway to turn them into partisan scandals. I don't think anybody here would doubt that. And what we've seen as time has passed and more facts have become known -- whether it's about the attacks in Benghazi and the talking points, or revelations about conduct at the IRS -- that attempts to turn this into a scandal have failed." (White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, [Press Briefing](#), Washington, DC, 7/31/13)