

of many members of those groups in its efforts to topple Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

For the immediate security of the nation, however, the following undeniable facts of the refusal to provide security, and the coverup, including continuous lying, are sufficient to lead any honest patriot to the conclusion that Obama must be removed from office now.

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## Grounds for Impeachment

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# The Undeniable Facts Showing the Coverup

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Oct. 1—In a statement issued Sept. 26, and circulated broadly in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 27, the LaRouche Political Action Committee charged that President Barack Obama is guilty of covering up the assassination of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other U.S. personnel on Sept. 11 in Benghazi, Libya. For this, LaRouchePAC stated, the President should be brought before the U.S. House of Representatives for impeachment.

The President's complicity in the atrocity in Benghazi, as *EIR* has reported, extends much more broadly, ranging from his coverup of the British-Saudi terrorist networks who carried out the original 9/11, to his unlawful war against Libya and murder of President Muammar Qaddafi, which action was widely known, at the time, to lead to the unleashing of al-Qaeda-linked terrorist groups, whom official U.S. agencies, including the State Department (according to 2008 cables released by Wikileaks) and the Combating Terrorism Center at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, have judged to be active in the Benghazi area. Indeed, the Obama Administration is currently supporting the activities

**Spring 2012:** The State Department contracts with the British SAS-linked Blue Mountain Group, to handle security at the Benghazi diplomatic compound. Blue Mountain hires Libyan nationals who are unarmed.

**April-June 2012:** The frequency of attacks by jihadi groups in the eastern Libya area around Benghazi increases, leading the International Committee of the Red Cross to suspend operations in the east after an attack on its Misurata complex June 12. Convoys transporting the UN country chief and the British ambassador were attacked in April and June, leading to the British government shutting down its consulate soon after.

Specifically, according to a letter sent Oct. 2 from the House Oversight and Government Affairs Committee to Hillary Clinton, the following specific incidents occurred:

**April 6:** A small IED was thrown over the consulate fence by two Libyans who had been fired from a security contractor.

**April 11:** A gun battle between an unidentified armed group and forces loyal to the government oc-



*Former U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens, shown here in a promotional video, had expressed fears for his safety in Benghazi.*

curred about 4 kilometers from the Benghazi consulate.

**April 27:** Two South African contractors were kidnapped by armed men while walking through a residential area of Benghazi. They were released unharmed.

**May 1:** The deputy commander of the Tripoli Embassy's Local Guard Force was carjacked, beaten, and detained by a group of armed youth. He escaped. Libyan security forces fought a gun battle with the assailants in order to recover the vehicles and release other detainees.

According to the *New York Times* of Oct. 1, four U.S. Special Forces soldiers were sent to Benghazi to augment security and conduct a security assessment.

**June 6:** A small roadside bomb is detonated outside the walls of the U.S. outpost in Benghazi. No one is injured, and no evacuation is ordered.

**Aug. 6:** Armed assailants attempt to carjack a vehicle bearing U.S. diplomatic plates.

**August-September:** Blue Mountain Group Libyan guards are warned by their families to quit their jobs at the consulate because of rumors of an impending attack.

**Aug. 27:** The State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs warns U.S. citizens "against all but essential travel to Libya. The incidence of violent crime, especially carjacking and robbery, has become a serious problem. In addition, political violence in the form of assassinations and vehicle bombs has increased in both Benghazi and Tripoli."

**Sept. 8:** According to the *New York Times* of Oct. 1, a U.S. official in Benghazi met with security leaders to ask for a threat assessment. A senior Libyan official told the *Times* that "if there's going to be any foreign presence [in the city], it better be discreet." Jamal Mabrouk, a member of the February 17th Brigade, an anti-Qaddafi group that was allied with the U.S. during the war, and was part of the Benghazi U.S. compound's security detail, said he and a battalion commander had met with U.S. officials and told them the situation was "frightening, it scares us."

**Sept. 9:** The State Department receives credible information that American missions might be targeted in Libya, according to senior U.S. diplomatic sources. However, no warnings are given for diplomats to go on high alert and "lockdown," under which movement is severely restricted (London *Independent*, Sept. 14).

A senior Pentagon source confirms to *EIR* that the White House and the CIA received a detailed warning of a pending attack from both the Defense Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. The reports were detailed enough to identify the Ansar al-Sharia

group as being directly involved in the planned attacks. The source notes that the DIA had recently boosted its human intelligence unit and had operatives on the ground around the world, and that the NSA was monitoring relevant global communications traffic.

**Sept. 10:** Ayman al-Zawahiri, the Egyptian emir of al-Qaeda, releases his annual message on the eve of 9/11/2001, calling for attacks on Americans, especially in Libya, in retribution for the drone murder of senior Libyan al-Qaeda operative Abu Yahya al-Libi on June 4, 2012.

**August-early September:** According to a handwritten journal belonging to Ambassador Stevens, found on the floor of the Benghazi compound by CNN, Stevens was worried about "the never-ending security threats" that he was facing in Benghazi, and specifically "the rise in Islamic extremism" and "growing al-Qaeda presence in Libya," and "being on an al-Qaeda hit list." CNN reporters were deployed to corroborate the reports in the diary, which was given to his family.

**Sept. 11:** Ambassador Stevens and three other U.S. personnel at the Benghazi compound are murdered in the course of an armed assault. Details of exactly what happened are still unclear.

What is known is that there were no Marines stationed outside or inside the consulate. The security, according to many sources, consisted of three guards from the Libyan 17th of February Brigade, and five unarmed Libyans employed by the British Blue Mountain Group. The *Daily Beast*'s Eli Lake, Sept. 21, reported on a U.S. intelligence intercept of a communication between a pro-al-Qaeda politician and the 17th of February Brigade, in which "the Libyan politician apparently asks an officer in the brigade to have his men stand down for a pending attack—another piece of evidence implying the violence was planned in advance."

The attackers, according to some eyewitnesses, numbered as many as 125, and used rocket-propelled grenades and other heavy weapons. There are numerous reports of complicity between the attackers and the security detail, and the suspicious fact that the attackers knew the location of the safehouse to which those who survived the initial assault retreated, as well as the precise location of the Ambassador.

**Sept. 12:** *EIR* received a briefing from a high-level Washington source who reported, from a Libyan source, that the attack on the compound had nothing to do with a demonstration against the movie, and that Benghazi was known to be a hot-bed of jihadi activity, including

the fact that there are two members of Ansar al-Sharia, the group suspected in the attack, on the Public Safety Committee which oversees the city.

**Sept. 14:** Sen. Susan Collins (R-Me.), Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, posts a blistering statement on her website:

“During the past two days, I have participated in classified briefings by the National Counterterrorism Center and the Department of Defense on the attacks on our consulate in Benghazi during which four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, were killed.

“The lack of security provided to the Ambassador and other American personnel in Benghazi is deeply troubling and inexplicable given the dangerous threat environment in that city. Earlier attempts in June to reportedly attack the British ambassador and to plant a bomb outside of our consulate clearly demonstrated how dangerous and unsettled Benghazi is. Surely, the State Department should not have relied on Libyan nationals to guard the consulate. Rather, armed U.S. Marines should have been assigned to provide security.

“The kind of weapons used by the attackers also strongly suggests to me that this attack was planned and not the result of a spontaneous protest. . . .”

**Sept. 15-16:** Libyan President Mohamed Magarief tells al-Jazeera and the CBS TV show “Face the Nation” that “the way these perpetrators acted and moved, and their choosing the specific date for this so-called demonstration, leaves us with no doubt that this was pre-planned, determined. . . . It was planned, definitely. It was planned by foreigners, by people who entered the country a few months ago. And they were planning this criminal act since their arrival.”

**Sept. 15:** On the same day the Libyan President is insisting that the attack on the consulate was preplanned, UN Ambassador Susan Rice is sent onto several Sunday TV talk shows to proclaim that the attack in Benghazi was the result of a demonstration against the anti-Islam film “Innocence of Muslims.” This line continues to be spouted by Administration spokesmen until testimony by Homeland Security’s director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Matthew Olsen, on Sept. 19.

**Sept. 17:** A Libyan security guard, hired by Blue Mountain Group, is reported in the London *Daily Telegraph* to have said that there were *no* demonstrators at the time of the attack. Several other eyewitnesses subsequently declared that there *never* was a protest demonstration outside the Benghazi compound.

**Sept. 19:** CNN’s Anderson Cooper reports that “a source familiar with Ambassador Christopher Stevens’ thinking said that in the months before his death, he talked about being worried about the above threats to his life.” He follows this up the next night with the fuller story of Ambassador Stevens’ security concerns.

**Sept. 26:** Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) demand that the State Department release relevant correspondence from Ambassador Stevens on the security situation, in the run-up to the deadly events of Sept. 11.

**Sept. 28:** Director of National Intelligence James Clapper issues a statement taking responsibility for the initial misassessment that the attack that killed Ambassador Stevens was the outcome of a demonstration gone amok, and claims that “subsequent evaluation” has confirmed it to be a terrorist attack.

**Sept. 30:** In a statement posted on his website, Senator Corker says that the State Department continues “deafening silence” in response to his requests, and those of other Senators, for information on what led to the terrorist attack on the Benghazi consulate.

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