

# Will Hearings Break The Benghazi Coverup?

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Nov. 10—At least three Congressional committee hearings will be held this coming week on the 9/11 terrorist attack on the U.S. Benghazi consulate. All will occur behind closed doors, and bring high-level Administration officials to testify on the intelligence and security situation which led to the murder of four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. The question is, will any of the hearings break the obvious coverup by the Administration, including the de facto alliance of the Obama Administration, the British government, and the Saudi monarchy which is spreading jihadi terrorism throughout the Muslim world, and threatening to detonate World War III? Will they lead to pinning the blame on Obama for his “impeachable crimes?” (See *EIR*, Nov. 9.)

Among the questions being intensively discussed in the run-up to the hearings are those about the lack of response in real time, to the calls for help from the besieged Benghazi compound, as well as the coverup of the actual terrorist nature of the attack by UN Ambassador Susan Rice and the President himself.

Of equal significance, however, are the well-documented facts that the area around the Benghazi compound was known to have been under threat by jihadi terrorists well before 9/11, and that requests for beefed-up security had been ignored, or turned down. Extensive documentation of the threats, from the government’s own records—communications from U.S. officials in Benghazi to Washington, D.C.—has been made public, and formed a major part of LaRouchePAC’s Nov. 2 press conference in Washington, D.C.

## Alliance with al-Qaeda?

Since that press conference, *EIR* has uncovered even more evidence that the Obama Administration—which continues to cover for the Saudi monarchy’s involvement in 9/11 One—was aware that it was *working*

with al-Qaeda members or assets in the Benghazi area. *EIR*’s Jeffrey Steinberg discussed this at a Nov. 8 private briefing in Washington, D.C.:

“One of the documents that has recently been noted was a report that was commissioned by the Pentagon and completed by the Library of Congress in August of this year, headlined ‘Al-Qaeda in Libya: A Profile,’ and a major section of this report singles out the organization Ansar al-Sharia, which was the group that actually carried out the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

“In the Executive Summary, they say: ‘Ansar al-Sharia, led by Sufian Ben Qhumu, a former Guantanamo detainee, has increasingly embodied al-Qaeda’s presence in Libya, as indicated by its active social-media propaganda, extremist discourse, and hatred of the West, especially the United States.’”

A review of the full 54-page report uncovers dozens of other references to the danger represented by Ansar al-Sharia, which, according to leaks from U.S. intelligence officials given to Daily Beast reporter Eli Lake, was not considered a threat to American interests prior to the Benghazi attacks. We quote some here:

- Page 2: “Ansar al-Sharia (Supporters of Sharia), a militia group led by Sufian Ben Qhumu ... could be the new face of al-Qaeda in Libya despite its leader’s denial.... Ansar al-Sharia is a Salafist-jihadist militia based in Benghazi.

- Page 3: “The name *Ansar al-Sharia* is also being used by al-Qaeda in the Lands of the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) in so-called liberated areas of Yemen and by Salafist groups in Tunisia.

- Page 3: “Various militias, also known as katibas (battalions/brigades), from throughout Libya are thought to ... make up the bulk of al-Qaeda’s network in Libya....

- Page 18: “Al-Qaeda will probably refrain from using the al-Qaeda name and instead may use other names, such as Ansar al-Sharia, or simply mujahedin.”

There are dozens of other specifics detailed in the 54-page [report](#).

Even worse, this tolerance and de facto alliance with incarnations of al-Qaeda are continuing in other locations throughout the Middle East, including Syria. If Congress doesn’t stop it, it may lead to a conflagration far worse than the assassination of a few personnel, very soon.