Terrorist Attack in Baltimore



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After an attack like we saw in Baltimore, which we have to assume to be terrorism, government officials typically are quick to rule out terrorism and then congratulate themselves on their "quick" response and express regrets for the loss of life.

Look at the lightweight Maryland Governor Wes Moore wearing his own "Wes Moore" jacket and talking about how the bridge was "up to code," despite collapsing after a cargo ship failed to go under the bridge and then mysteriously hit one of its pylons. These officials look ridiculous, at a time when the loss of life is still not completely known, but they are also very dangerous and playing political games with the lives of our fellow Americans.

They know America is under attack but don't want to undermine Joe Biden's campaign for president at a sensitive time when Americans are already on edge because of the terrorists coming onto the U.S. through the open borders.

Watch the video. Watch the video and you can see the ship being steered into the pylon, collapsing the bridge.

Considering the reality of Chinese and Russian cyber warfare, as documented by the FBI and others, the assumption has to be terrorism until they prove otherwise.

What we saw in the quickie news conference was a government

exercise in CYA, or cover your ass, which government officials are very good at. An FBI official, <u>William J. DelBagno</u>, was on the scene and even spoke at the quickie news conference. He ruled out terrorism, even without the results of any investigation! Amazing.

They think we are fools.

These officials want to divert attention away from the "theory" that it was an intentional terrorist attack.

"There is no specific or credible information to suggest there are ties to terrorism in this incident," DelBagno said.

How does he know this soon after the incident? Did he expect the Chinese or the Russians to announce they were responsible?

DelBagno was just named as the special agent in charge of the Baltimore Field Office. He most recently served as the acting assistant director of the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

His <u>bio</u> says that in 2012 he "served in a temporary duty assignment as a Supervisory Special Agent at the Chemical Countermeasures Unit in the Weapons of Mass Destruction Directorate; and in 2013, he transferred from New York to the WMD Directorate permanently with a promotion to Unit Chief of the WMD Operations Investigative Unit."

Cyber warfare is a weapon of mass destruction.

He was undoubtedly told in advance by FBI Director Christopher Wray to rule out terrorism.

"Tuesday's collapse came after the Singapore-flagged cargo vessel 'lost propulsion' and hit a supporting tower of the bridge, according to an unclassified Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency memo reviewed by CBS News and confirmed by a law enforcement official," the news outlet reported. Why is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency involved?

I have no doubt government officials are lying about why the ship crashed into the bridge. They jump to conclusions, trying to reassure the public, hoping we will accept what they say. This gives them time to assess the damage. They don't want our enemies to know that they know what happened.

But we know, or at least we can draw our own conclusions

I <u>covered</u> the post-9/11 anthrax attacks in depth, only to watch the FBI blame one American scientist after another, exonerating al Qaeda and its access to the deadly substance through a U.S. lab. The first scientist, Steven Hatfill, sued and got almost \$6 million in damages from the DOJ. The second, Bruce Ivins, was blamed by the FBI after he killed himself, the result of government persecution.

Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, head of Egyptian Islamic Jihad before he took over al Qaeda, was behind the attacks. He arranged the theft of the anthrax from a U.S. lab, using al-Qaeda assets and operatives on American soil.

Alexander Litvinenko, a former Russian intelligence agent who fled to London, told Konstantine Preobrazhensky that al-Zawahiri was a KGB agent trained by Moscow. Litvinenko is believed to have been poisoned by Russian intelligence on the orders of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In my view, the ship was sabotaged, probably through hacking. It supposedly lost propulsion – power and control – several times before hitting the bridge. This looks like cyber warfare.

This happened on a clear night. There is no excuse for what happened, unless the ship was commandeered by a foreign adversary using sophisticated hacking techniques. Our book, <u>Blood on His Hands: The True Story of Edward</u> <u>Snowden</u>, explains how we have been at a disadvantage since this former NSA/CIA analyst defected to Russia through China.

Consider that FBI Director Wray <u>said</u> only one month ago that "China's hacking program is larger than that of every other major nation, combined. And that size advantage is only magnified because the PRC uses AI – built in large part on stolen innovation and stolen data – to improve its hacking operations, including to steal yet more AI tech and data."

And conduct terrorist attacks inside the United States.

He cited the so-called "Hafnium" Microsoft Exchange hack, "where the PRC compromised managed service providers, hitting tens of thousands of victims."

He went on to say,

"In fact, China-sponsored hackers pre-positioned for potential cyberattacks against U.S. oil and natural gas companies way back in 2011. But these days, it's reached something closer to a fever pitch. What we're seeing now, is China's increasing buildout of offensive weapons within our critical infrastructure, poised to attack whenever Beijing decides the time is right.

"Take, for instance, persistent PRC access the U.S. found in our critical telecommunications, energy, water, and other infrastructure. China-sponsored hackers known as Volt Typhoon were hiding inside our networks, lying in wait for the moment China might choose to use their access to hurt American civilians. And while many of you may have seen the Volt Typhoon story as one about the PRC targeting the United States, in fact their targets spanned the globe-which shouldn't be surprising, because in hack after hack, for years, we've seen the PRC hitting our partners around the world." The problem with the FBI is that it is outgunned and outmanned, with too many agents wasting time arresting prolifers, J6 trespassers, and Christian conservatives.

Wray went on to say:

"Take for instance, the 2022 cyberattack by an Iraniansponsored group on a children's hospital in the United States, one that showed a callous—and, frankly, despicable—disregard for the safety of the most vulnerable among us.

"Or consider Russia's continued targeting of critical infrastructure-including underwater cables and industrial control systems both in the United States and around the world."

At the end of his talk, Wray said that "...no one should question its [Russia's] continuing willingness to launch destructive cyberattacks before and during military conflict."

Yet, when a bridge collapses in Baltimore because a cargo ship goes out of control, the FBI immediately rules out terrorism!

This agency does not deserve a new \$200 million headquarters in Maryland.

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