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Osama Bin Laden Killing: What Else is Washington Hiding?

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Seymour Hersh's report on the killing of Osama bin Laden makes Americans wonder whether their government is lying to them about other events, Ron Paul and Daniel McAdams stressed.

Some influential US policy-makers have rushed to dismiss the report of American investigative journalist Seymour Hersh who published new revelations on the death of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, due to the fact that Hersh is challenging the government explanation of what happened, emphasized Ron Paul, a former Republican congressman and two-time US presidential candidate.

"I think the goal is mostly to discredit him [Seymour Hersh] and he is not an easy person to discredit because he is challenging this status quo," Dr. Ron Paul remarked.

Indeed, it was Pulitzer Prize winning Seymour Hersh who exposed the US military's mistreatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq in 2004, and revealed that Syrian rebels, and particularly the Al-Nusra Front Jihadist group, were behind the Ghouta chemical attack on August 21, 2013.

Obama's "mission accomplished" statement regarding the death of the US' longstanding enemy Osama bin Laden resembled a similar controversial speech made by George W. Bush on May 1, 2003 at the USS Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Paul emphasized.

Daniel McAdams, Executive Director of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity, emphasized that the alleged machinations behind the government narrative of the killing of Osama bin Laden was like something out of Wag the Dog, a 1997 black comedy film. The whole story looks incredibly sinister and could have been completely fabricated.

Although some criticism of Hersh's version could be justified, too many questions regarding the US military operation aimed at eliminating "terrorist number one" remained open, Dr. Paul noted.

"And now it turns out that one of the major things with this report is the lack of necessity to march in and kill bin Laden immediately because right now they are saying that there was no fight, nobody was defending him, he had no guards, he was a sick old man," Dr. Ron Paul stressed.

"My thoughts were: this is a valuable asset, why didn't we at least talk to this guy?" the former congressman asked rhetorically.

Meanwhile, billions of taxpayer dollars had been spent on intelligence in order to find out where the notorious al-Qaeda leader was hiding. And Washington has found itself in an awkward position after Hersh disclosed that the US intelligence service had been aware of bin Laden's location since 2006.

Unfortunately, everyone who tries to call the official version into question is immediately labeled as unpatriotic or defending bin Laden, McAdams noted.

"It does make you wonder about other things the government tells you. For example, we are constantly being told that Russia is invading Ukraine and is ready to take the Baltics. So are they lying or not?" Daniel McAdams emphasized.

It is good for people not to blindly follow politicians, Dr. Ron Paul stressed.

"I think it is healthy to try to figure out what is true and what is not true," the former Republican congressman and two-time US presidential candidate underscored.