

Haneef case: international embarrassment and national disgrace

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There is one extremely clear aspect to the Haneef debacle; it has Howard written all over it! Yet does the PM or his flunky cohorts in crime fear arrest? Not that one can detect! The long history of deceptions, lies, duplicities and manipulations from Tampa, children overboard to Haneef, combine to form one final farewell fiasco for our resident 'draco,' John Howard.

While we sincerely regret the maltreatment, deprivation of liberty and other human rights violations Dr. Haneef has suffered, we owe him a great debt of gratitude for exposing the true criminal character of Howard and his conservative government. We also strongly urge Dr. Haneef to take action against the culpable for damages, compensation and a host of other injustices and illegalities. Never has Australia seen so many racists, buffoons, incompetents, criminal liars and bunglers in high office at one time. It hardly engenders confidence for the forthcoming APEC summit in Sydney; in fact, police and agency incompetence is an invitation for professional terrorists to gather in Sydney and make a 'statement.'

Short by stature, memory and tactics, Howard forgets the long-term memory of history. But the matter is not over by a 'long shot.' The criminality of the government is obvious, however, nothing short of a confession from one of the offenders would satisfy the courts, hard evidence is always a problem in these matters. Perhaps a number of involved parties could be "rendered" to various CIA torture centres in Saudi Arabia or Eastern Europe for interrogation!

Collusion, beat-up, racism, xenophobia, fabrication, manipulation, Muslim bashing, bullying, scapegoating, victimisation and general shameful behaviour for which Australia is now famous thanks to Howard and his policies - the recent stabbing of an Aussie tourist in Germany is not unrelated. Howard and his ministers have made us ALL an international laughing stock and almost as hated as the yanks.

Should we now jail those criminally responsible for dragging the once good reputation of Australia through the mire; or should we continue on the conservative road to ignominy and destruction? All Australians are acutely aware of Rudd's silence on the most critical issues affecting our reputation and future. The dreary Lib-Lab binary option is no longer viable - it's time for a Republic and real representative Australian leadership.

Restore the Australian heritage that Howard tried so desperately to destroy and re-establish good relations with the international community. Jail Howard for his crimes against humanity in Iraq, destroying Australian values with IR, and subverting national sovereignty by surrendering the nation to the yanks and the Transnationals.

Every Australian should remind themselves of the words in our anthem and ask, is there cause to "rejoice" over the conservative direction Howard has taken the nation - Rudd is NOT an alternative as he is a self-confessed conservative who serves the same interests as Howard, isn't that right, Mr. Murdoch?

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