PAYBACK

JUSTICE DELIVERED AFTER THE BIGGEST TERROR ATTACKS IN MODERN HISTORY

"Never forget those that were killed, and never let rest those that killed them."

- Maj. Douglas A. Zembiec, CIA Special Activities Division, KIA Baghdad, May 11, 2007



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PAYBACK LOOKS AT — FOR THE FIRST TIME — WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE BIGGEST TERROR ATTACKS IN MODERN HISTORY. THE UNITED STATES AND IT'S ALLIES GO TO EXTREME LENGTHS TO DEMONSTRATE THEY WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, GO WHEREVER THEY MUST GO, AND HUNT FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED TO DELIVER JUSTICE.



Benghazi, Mogadishu (Black Hawk Down), the U.S.S. Cole bombing, and the attack on the U.S. Embassy and Marine Barracks in Beirut all evoke strong emotions among members of the military and civilians alike. Most can tell you about the attacks, where they were – what happened – and sometimes even who did it. But how many peop`le can tell you about what happed in response to the attacks? Were the perpetrators brought to justice? How were they found? How were they captured or killed? Payback looks at the intricate cooperation between law enforcement agencies, intelligence agencies and militaries around the world, and the delicate and audacious missions they embark on to bring justice to their enemies.







PAYBACK FOR BENGHAZI - In 2012 the CIA lost 3 people, and the State Department lost Ambassador Stevens during these attacks. CIA was determined to avenge the loss of it's people. After a complex 5 year manhunt, the leader and mastermind of the Ansar Al-Sharia cell that planned the attacks, Mustafa Al-Imam, was captured by US Special Forces in Libya and brought back to the U.S. for trial, and subsequently sentenced to more than 19 Years in Prison.

PAYBACK FOR THE KENYA AND TANZANIA EMBASSY BOMBINGS - in 1998 Al Qaeda used suicide bombers to destroy U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing hundreds of civilians. 22 years later the chief planner – Abu Mohmammed Al-Masri was killed by an unknown hand on the streets of Iran. Fellow planner Mohammed Atef was killed in an airstrike in Afghanistan at the beginning of the U.S. led invasion.

PAYBACK FOR RAMADI -An army unit in Iraq sustains grave losses in an IED bombing on their convoy. The events that unfold after are surreal, and hard to believe. {SECRET}

PAYBACK FOR THE U.S.S. COLE BOMBING - In October of 2000, Al-Qaeda militants ram the USS Cole, docked in Aden, Yemen, with an explosives-packed boat, killing 17 U.S. sailors. The United States would not – and could not let this attack go unanswered. One of the main planners - Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri who was captured in 2002 in the United Arab Emirates. In late 2002, another planner, Abu Ali al-Harithi – and reputed head of the group al-Qaeda in Yemen, was killed by a missile fired at his car by a Predator drone.

PAYBACK FOR BLACK HAWK DOWN - when Mohammad Farah Aidid, the strongest warlord in Mogadishu brought down the US Special Forces Blackhawk, killing operators and capturing the pilot, the U.S. didn't realize that Al Qaeda was already in Africa helping Aidid. Twenty years later – the Al Qaeda leader who helped train Aidad's forces in these attacks was killed on the streets of Iran.



PAYBACK FOR KHOST - in December of 2009 when a triple agent suicide bomber inflicted the greatest loss of life the CIA had ever sustained, an unnamed intelligence official used unusually harsh terms when he said "The deaths would be avenged through successful, aggressive counterterrorism operations."In March of the following year – just three months after the attack – the CIA made good on it's threats and the Hussein al-Yemeni – the planner of the attack was killed in Pakistan by a Drone Strike.

PAYBACK FOR BEIRUT - 22 years after Hezbollah and Iran destroyed the U.S. Embassy and Marine Barracks in 1984, killing hundreds of Americans, Hezbollah military leader Imad Mugniyeh was killed in Syria in a massive car bombing. Mugniyeh was responsible for numerous terror attacks against targets in the Middle East and Africa, and was wanted by more than one intelligence agency.

PAYBACK FOR THE BATACLAN THEATER ATTACK -in 2015, Salah Abdeslam and his brother attacked spectators at the Batalcan Theatre in Paris France, killing 130 people. After one of the largest manhunts in Europe's history, Abdeslam was captured with a co-conspirator in a Brussels suburb after evading authorities for four months. His co-conspirator was sentenced in Belgium to 20 years in prison, and Abdeslam goes on trial in a Paris court in late 2021. (Paris, France)

PAYBACK FOR 7/7 (ENGLAND) - On July 7th, 2005, four suicide bombers killed 52 people throughout London. After an exhaustive global investigation, authorities determined that the mastermind of these attacks was a British national – and Al Qaeda leader Rashid Rauf. Rauf met his death in a drone strike in Pakistan just three years later.

PAYBACK FOR THE ATTACK AT CIA HQ -In 1993 Mir Aimal Kansi – attacked and killed 3 CIA employees as they lined up in their cars to turn into CIA HQ in Langley, Virginia. Kansi then fled to Afghanistan to hide with the Taliban. CIA could not allow an attack on it's HQ to go unanswered, and after a global manhunt, Kansi was caught in Pakistan 4 years later, and then executed in 2002.

