

Despite shooter shouting “Allahu-Akbar” DoD refuses to say attack was terrorism

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An attack by a Muslim psychiatrist in the Army that left 13 people dead and dozens wounded has been labeled as a simple case of workplace violence by the Defense Department.

On Nov. 5, 2009 Army Major Nidal Hasan opened fire on his fellow soldiers on the Fort Hood Army base. During the attack which killed 13 fellow soldiers and injured another 29 Hasan reportedly shouted “Allahu-Akbar,” before opening fire.

Witnesses said Hasan passed up several chances to shoot civilians, but instead chose to concentrate exclusively on soldiers in uniform.

Following the attack, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) said the attack had nothing to do with Islam. It was claimed that Hasan’s murderous rampage was the fault of Army officials who ordered him to deploy to Afghanistan.

The investigation after the shooting revealed that Hasan had attended the Dar Al-Hijrah mosque at the same time as two of the 9/11 hijackers.

Hasan’s radical views regarding Islam were well-known. Once, while presenting a medical lecture to other psychiatrists, Hasan talked about Islam, stating that non-believers would go to hell decapitated, set on fire and have burning oil poured down their throats.

Hasan also exchanged as many as 20 e-mails with Anwar al-Alwaki, a U.S. born cleric who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in late September.

Following the investigation, the defense department refused to call the attack “terrorism,” instead choosing to call it a case of workplace violence.

Lawmakers said there have been 33 plots against the U.S. military since Sept. 11, 2001 with 70 percent of those occurring since mid-2009.

Sen. Joe Lieberman, chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee said Obama needs to call the attacks what they are, "violent Islamic extremism" and not catch all terms like workplace violence.

Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CD-6) sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, criticizing the Obama administration for being afraid of offending Muslim sensitivities. Coffman noted that when he joined the Army and Marine Corps he was asked to swear under oath that he was not aligned with any organizations such as the Communist Party that were dedicated to the destruction of America.

“Just as the United States had previously recognized that it was in an ideological war with Marxist Communism, now it must come to terms with accurately describing the current threat to our national security: radical Islam. Unfortunately, our military, constrained by the Obama administration, has yet to do so for fear that it might offend the loyal adherents to the virtues of political correctness that has lead this administration to change ‘Global War on Terror’ to ‘Overseas Contingency Operations’ and ‘Terrorists Attacks’ to ‘Man-Caused Disasters,’” Coffman said, “I strongly believe that the failure to classify radical Islam as an ideological threat to the United States led to the loss of 13 American soldiers at Ft. Hood, Texas.”

Coffman acknowledged while serving in Iraq he worked with many Muslim Americans who were loyal patriotic Americans. However, he said by failing to classify the attack as an act of terrorism, the Army does a disservice to loyal Muslim soldiers.

“The unintended consequences of the “politically correct” approach, currently advocated by the U.S. Army, will ultimately have the negative effect of only increasing the suspicions of Muslim American military personnel and thereby potentially causing increased alienation, segregation, and finally the radicalization of Muslim American personnel.”

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