

Western Politicians and Media Praise Saudi King Abdullah, “A Man of Vision and Wisdom” Who Ordered Beheadings, Whippings and Banned Women From Driving

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Saudi Arabia’s King Abdullah Dead at 90

American politicians and mainstream media are falling all over themselves praising the late Saudi King Abdullah.

King Abdullah was a man of wisdom & vision. US has lost a friend & Kingdom of [#SaudiArabia](#), Middle East, and world has lost a revered leader

— John Kerry (@JohnKerry) [January 23, 2015](#)

I extend my deepest condolences to ppl of [#SaudiArabia](#) on passing of King Abdullah. My stmt: <http://t.co/gcbHX4NJA0> [#KSA](#)

— John McCain (@SenJohnMcCain) [January 23, 2015](#)

President Obama on the death of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz. pic.twitter.com/8wXmZp6EGU — The White House (@WhiteHouse) [January 23, 2015](#)

“ Wolf Blitzer and Fareed Zakaria are almost as devastated as the sons of the King” <http://t.co/8DGKRxnLDC> — Glenn Greenwald (@ggreenwald) [January 23, 2015](#)

IMF chief [@Lagarde](#) hails Saudi King Abdullah a ‘strong advocate of women’ - watch <http://t.co/TFQuaRoOML> [#c4news](#) pic.twitter.com/rQ2oLmMXmm — Channel 4 News (@Channel4News) [January 23, 2015](#)

Obituary: Saudi King Abdullah, seen as a reformer & vocal advocate of peace in Middle East <http://t.co/UtA2v9wurO> pic.twitter.com/lyrvoNGX16 — BBC Breaking News (@BBCBreaking) [January 22, 2015](#)

“He was loved by his people and will be deeply missed.” Tony Blair on the death of King Abdullah. <http://t.co/BT9f5DbZpN> — Tony Blair Office (@tonyblairoffice) [January 23, 2015](#)

But the truth is [very different](#) ...

US politicians rush to issue tributes to a king that bans women from driving, whips bloggers for criticism, & leads the world in beheadings.

— Trevor Timm (@trevortimm) [January 23, 2015](#)

Former Sen. Bob Graham: "ISIS. ... is a product of Saudi ideals, Saudi money and Saudi organizational support." <http://t.co/l2ofjsGLlt>

— Col. Morris Davis (@ColMorrisDavis) [January 23, 2015](#)

King Abdullah was a merciless US-backed butcher and a systematic human rights abuser.

— jeremy scahill (@jeremyscahill) [January 23, 2015](#)

Saudi Arabia's Tyrant King Misremembered as Man of Peace
<http://t.co/9xQnjXJbEH> by [@MazMHussain](#)

— The Intercept (@the_intercept) [January 23, 2015](#)

After all, the Saudis under King Abdullah have [beheaded more people than ISIS](#), treated [women drivers](#) and [atheists](#) as terrorists, and [flogged people who speak out](#). (Indeed, the Saudi government and ISIS are [virtually indistinguishable](#)).

And given that [unconditional Western support](#) for Saudi Arabia is [one of the main causes](#) for terrorism, Western hypocrisy is very costly, indeed. And see [this](#), [this](#), [this](#) and [this](#).

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