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20K Afghan "Refugees" and Counting. Is Another 9/11 Coming?

According to a State Department spokesman, the United States has flown at least 23,876 Afghans into America since the Kabul airlift began.

Prior to the announcement by the State Department's Ned Price, the White House had not given information about how many of the 123,000 people evacuated from Afghanistan had been brought to the United States.

There were 31,107 evacuees between August 17 and August 31. Of these, 14 percent are U.S. citizens, nine percent are legal permanent residents, and 77 percent are "Afghans at risk," Price said.

AP Images
Afghan refugees arriving at Dulles International Airport

Price did not specify how many of those Afghans were part of the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) pipeline due to work with the U.S. military. On Wednesday, a senior State Department official said most SIV applicants were unable to get out.

Major General Hank Taylor at the Pentagon told journalists on August 21 that "intelligence, law enforcement, and counterterrorism professionals are conducting screening and security vetting for all SIV applicants and other vulnerable Afghans before they are allowed into the U.S."

Taylor did not say that vetting would be completed before allowing migrants to enter the country.

Ken Cuccinelli, who served as deputy chief of homeland security under President Trump, said it is very difficult for U.S. troops in Afghanistan to vet Afghans who claim to have fought alongside American troops or to have worked for U.S. projects.

"It is brutally difficult to get that done with any reliability…. It is impossible when you no longer have a presence in the area," Cuccinelli said.

Cuccinelli argued that "If [the vetting] is going to happen, it has to happen in these third countries before they get to the United States."

The Left isn't wasting the chance to use the chaos of the Afghanistan withdrawal to demand more refugees be brought into the country. "The US Should Take as Many Afghan Refugees as it Can," demands a recent headline in *New York* magazine. Those who voice opposition to this refugee inundation are called racists and xenophobes.

While Democrats, Big Tech, the media, and the intelligence/justice communities continually say that America is threatened more by "far right" domestic terrorism than by foreign-born terrorists, a quick history refresher reminds us of the opposite.

After all, the 9/11 hijackers, who were responsible for the deaths of nearly 3,000 Americans, were all

foreign-born individuals in the United States on visas.

Have Americans already forgotten the days when terror attacks preceded by shouts of "Allahu Akbar" were a common occurrence?

President Trump's travel ban on terror hotspots, along with his crackdown on migration from the southern border (which also serves as an entryway for people from the Middle East) and his successful campaign against ISIS helped to effectively end Islamic terrorism in the United States during his presidency.

But will Biden's fast-tracking of Afghan refugees, combined with his revocation of the Trump travel ban and refusal to protect the southern border make inevitable another 9/11-size terrorist attack on American soil?

Such a terror attack would not only result in the loss of American lives, but give the federal government pretext to launch another slew of unconstitutional surveillance programs with which to spy on political dissenters under the guise of combating terrorism.

But because the establishment considers conservatives to be the true terrorists, programs such as the Patriot Act are used more on right-wing citizens than they are on foreign terrorists.

Last month, the Department of Homeland Security put out an alert warning that "extremists may seek to exploit the emergence of COVID-19 variants by viewing the potential re-establishment of public health restrictions across the United States as a rationale to conduct attacks."

"DHS has seen an increasing but modest level of individuals calling for violence in response to the unsubstantiated claims of fraud related to the 2020 election fraud and the alleged 'reinstatement' of former President Trump," DHS also said in August.

"We are currently in a heightened terrorism-related threat environment, and DHS is aware of previous instances of violence associated with the dissemination of disinformation, false narratives and conspiracy theories about the 2020 election," a spokesman for the department added.

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