



INDIAN NEPHROLOGIST AND OSAMA BIN LADEN'S KIDNEY DISEASE

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Late Dr. H.L.Trivedi was an Internationally reputed kidney Surgeon. While doing commutable job in his field abroad at the call of Late Mrs Indira Gandhi, then Prime Minister of India he returned to his own country (1). After returning from his long carrier abroad, he joined his field at Ahmedabad. Which made him leading to become the founder and Director of Institute of Kidney Disease and Research Center (IKDRC) at Ahmedabad. Dr. Trivedi and his team performed more than 5800 kidney transplantation (1). An enthusiastic surgeon in his field he also established Institute of Transplantation Science at Ahmedabad where he also functioned as Pro Vice Chancellor. He was the founder of Gujarat University of Transplantation Sciences.

Considering his excellent performance in this field, the Government of India recognized Dr. Trivedi by awarding Padmashree in 2015. He was honoured to be president of the Indian Society of Nephrology. He was the first editor of the Indian Journal of Nephrology.

Osama Bin Laden's Kidney Disease

Noble in his profession and concerned about patients irrespective of religion or nationality, he was attracted to a news item of that time " The Most Wanted Man", Osama Bin Laden was suffering from major kidney disease and his both kidneys failed for which was required immediate treatment (2). This news on Saudi Arabia born rich man turned leader of an international terrorist group, Al- Qaeda was a sensitive item for readers. The knowledge available about Bin Laden was that he was hiding somewhere in Afghanistan under Taliban administered area to save his life from another attack of United States of America. Dr. Trivedi was interested to treat his ailment and through a friend of his having contact world over planned to reach secretly Bin Laden. On the advice of an influential person in London, Mullah Mohammed Umar, a Kandahar based cleric who was close to Bin Laden contacted Afghan ambassador Fazlurrahman Fazl in New Delhi and on his advice, Dr. Trivedi sent his curriculum vitae to Afghanistan embassy on which he received good response. Dr. Trivedi had approached Union Health Ministry but he was replied to adapt a pro- American stand in this regard (3); which the Government of India followed. Dr. Trivedi was not to deny treatment to anyone just because the patient was hostile to India or her interest (3). He believed a patient was equal whether he was a saint or a terrorist. He considered service to patient as service to God (1).

According to an earlier reports (2,3,4) Dr. Trivedi was contacted for this purpose by a simple man who walked into IKDRC and politely requested the receptionist for an appointment with Dr. Trivedi; he was granted an audience with him. Visitor introduced himself as a representative of a patient in Pakistan and requested Dr. Trivedi to reach the neighboring country to treat him and if found necessary to perform kidney surgery. On enquiry, Dr. Trivedi was told that he was talking about none other than Osama Bin Laden, the

person who controlled the world famous Al Qaeda terror network. The visitor was with a ready plan. Dr. Trivedi and few of his members would visit Pakistan under the pretext of attending a medical conference and while the conference would be on, the team would skip and reach the patient. Dr. Trivedi seriously thought about the patient and told the visitor that he had no problem in treating Bin Laden provided he was brought and admitted to the IKDRC in Ahmedabad. Dr. Trivedi showed his willingness to treat Laden as a patient who needed help. Soon this secret mission of this person collapsed. The plot was smelled by CIA, the intelligence agency of USA. On behalf of CIA an official from Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) of Government of India visited Dr. Trivedi and informed him to take care of his action and was told that his phones were also being tapped regarding this matter. Dr. Trivedi also got a message from CIA warning him of disastrous consequences if he tried to treat Osama. He was questioned repeatedly and stern warning was given to stop working on this idea or else he would be eliminated (2).

On the other side, Dr. Trivedi was equally disappointed by the note given by Afghanistan embassy. The initial enthusiasm expressed by the embassy vanished on unknown accounts. He was advised to exclude the idea on treating Bin Laden, a rich man instead to use his services for poor patients in India.

He dreamt by treating Bin Laden, IKDRC could become more popular and fetch credit assistance. He also had a potential wish that Laden in return help India by topping decades long bloodshed in Kashmir of India where those days different terrorist groups supporting Pakistan were fighting against Indian Army for the liberation of Kashmir and its unification to Pakistan.

President of Pakistan, Pervez Musharaff talked about kidney problems of Bin Laden (5). The Report showed Laden was on treatment from a hospital based in Dubai (5).

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11 2001, a well coordinated four terrorist attacks by the Wahhab (4) terrorist group Al- Qaeda (1,5,6) were carried out against the United States.

After his death in hands of USA on May 2, 2011, analysis on his health was initiated. Supportingly Bin Laden's wives nearest to him said he had no ailment. He was living in two rooms of their house for years (5). Which clearly showed he was not undergoing dialysis. This was also clear as report showed no evidence of dialysis machine was in his two rooms (6). Adil Najam, Professor of International Relations at Boston University commented Bin Laden was to be followed by tracing his dialysis machine and similarly Kenneth Katzman, a Congressional Research Service expert on Afghanistan commented it would have been easily possible to get him by tracing kidney dialysis equipment. Intelligence department had no evidence of a dialysis machine where Osama Bin Laden was living (6).

According to intelligence report, there was no evidence to show that he had kidney problem and which required dialysis. Reports also said that Osama Bin Laden had kidney stones. Carolla (6) reported the whole story of kidney disease was cooked up after 9/11 attack (6).

Long search concluded he did not suffer from any kidney ailment (7).

The episode of Kidney disease of Osama Bin Laden and eminent Nephrologist Dr. Trivedi appeared In News Media as early as November 2000. It was a trick played to project to the world that he, the terrorist was a kidney patient and by which to divert the attention of CIA and also acquire sympathy from the world. A well planned gimmick!

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