

ASIO BOSS DENIES REFUGEE LINK TO TERROR. IS HE BLIND?

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ASIO boss Duncan Lewis made a startling claim yesterday as he apparently tried to make One Nation leader Pauline Hanson look silly. Instead, Lewis has made himself seem dangerously blind with this staggering claim:

I have absolutely no evidence to suggest there is a connection between refugees and terrorism.

Yes, that really is what he said:

No evidence?

But what about Farhad Jabour, an Iranian refugee who murdered police accountant Curtis Cheng while shouting "Allah is the greatest"? What about Man Monis, an Iranian refugee and Islamic State supporter who staged the deadly Lindt cafe siege and caused the death of two hostages? What about Numan Haider, an Afghan refugee and Islamic State supporter who stabbed two police in Melbourne? What about Mohammad Ali Baryalei, an Afghan refugee who became a recruiter and fighter for the Islamic State? What about Saney Edow Aweys, a Somalian refugee who plotted to attack the Holsworthy Army base?

Then there's this:

At its height more than 50 refugees were held for years after 2009 inside Australia's immigration detention network on security grounds.

And this:

More than 500 Iraqi and Syrian refugees bound for Australia in the past year under the government's humanitarian program have been refused entry after an alert from the Five Eyes intelligence network that their names were on an international security watchlist.

At least 30 of those refugees had also turned up on ASIO's national security terrorism watchlist, with a further but undisclosed number red-flagged by intelligence agencies as having adverse national security profiles.

And this:

Young Somali refugees in Melbourne are being seduced by Muslim extremists, a Somali community leader has warned. Herse Hilole, a Sydney community leader and Islamic scholar, fears the recruits could be used in terrorism attacks in Australia.

And especially this:

[Immigration Minister Peter] Dutton made clear in parliament [that] his reference to the fact two-thirds of those charged with terrorism-related offences in Australia are "from second and third-generation Lebanese Muslim backgrounds" was related to Muslim Lebanese-Australians whose parents and grandparents entered Australia under the Lebanon concession, or as a beneficiary of family reunion schemes for Lebanon concession "refugees".

There's also this:

Between January 2010 and November 2011, the Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) issued adverse security assessments to over 50 refugees, the majority of them Tamils.

Then there's this other kind of terrorism:

A TRAUMATISED former asylum-seeker was last week placed on a good behaviour bond after threatening Department of Human Services staff in Dandenong with a bottle of petrol and a cigarette lighter. The defendant, 28, had threatened to “burn down the place” if he didn't secure a public housing property “by the end of the day”

And this:

DESPERATE refugee parents are banishing their children to Africa to get the youngsters away from Melbourne's teen crime scourge. Police say parents are regularly sending young troublemakers back to their homelands, including South Sudan, Sudan and Somalia, to break the cycle of criminality.

Or we could take heed from overseas:

Saffie Roussos was just eight years old... She is one of 22 people at a Manchester pop concert who were murdered by suicide bomber Salman Abedi, son of Libyan refugees.

Or from this, about one of the Islamists behind the shocking Paris attack:

The real name of the suicide bomber apparently carrying a fake Syrian passport when he detonated at the Stade de France remains a mystery, but officials say he entered Europe as an asylum seeker less than two months earlier.

In Germany:

5 people were injured, 2 of them critically, when a 17-year-old Afghan asylum seeker attacked passengers on a train with an axe and a knife. Also in Germany: A 27-year-old Syrian refugee detonated a bomb at a wine bar in Ansbach, killing only himself, but wounding 15 civilians.

There's this warning from the European Union Institute for Security Studies:

The refugee flows present foreign terrorists with a potential new mode of entry to the European Union from ISIL-controlled areas in the Middle East... In January 2016, ... a man of Moroccan origin who had previously stayed at a refugee camp in Germany was shot dead by police in Paris while carrying out what appeared to be an uncoordinated attack. This raises a final eventuality – the spectre that refugees could act as lone wolves, and that the EU is permitting entry to large numbers of foreigners who may harbour resentments against the West and become more radical over time. As predominantly young, male and Muslim, the refugees – and migrants – from the Middle East do broadly fit the profile of those most susceptible to radicalisation,

So what on earth is Duncan Lewis saying - and why? Did he mislead Hanson and a Senate committee?

Or is our ASIO boss blind to the facts - and to a clear and present danger?
Please explain.

UPDATE

Lewis's patently false claim is exactly what Fairfax political writer Mark Kenny wanted to hear, and that Hanson was contradicted made it even more welcome. So Kenny accepts the falsehoods uncritically, and rejoices in a blizzard of polysyllables: It is no revelation that an increasingly unabashed discourse of racism, nativist superiority and religious intolerance floats on ignorance... The spymaster's testimony was a hammer blow to Hanson's prejudice – an evidence-based exemplar of frank and fearless advice.

A pompous and sanctimonious sermon spoiled only by the fact that Lewis was wrong and Hanson right.

But what is the truth to Kenny?