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Lamont Cranston

15 hours ago

In reply to:

Mr Sajjan's comments were called "a bald-faced lie" by a retired Canadian officer familiar with the planning done for Operation Medusa. Question to Mr Trudeau - Should a bald-faced liar be kept on...

- wellsbells

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AllenJ C650A7DFD424F9FEE9446956B365AB96B55F81D545114AECF4451BA1EF8F9F63 13 hours ago

In reply to:

The definition of bald-faced liar is - easy to see and understand as being bad. Showing no guilt or shame : not hiding bad behavior.

- barberman

barberman, I know that. I found it funny that someone would be so naive as to be shocked by a politician taking undue credit for something. Let's lighten up a little, please.



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OldAndShouldKnowBetter

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In reply to:

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11 hours ago

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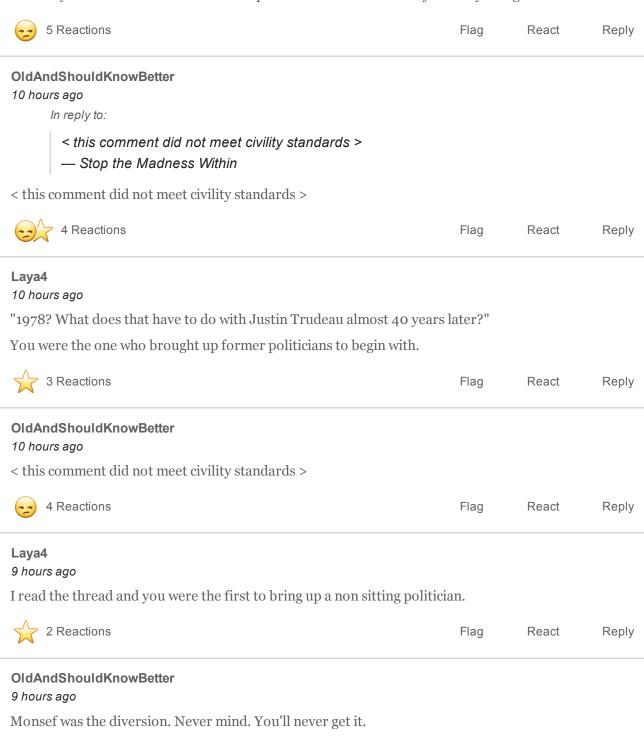
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Alceste

11 hours ago

Stop the Madness Within, I think we can all agree that his forgery was close enough to committing a crime to warrant resignation. You can start a discussion of his 40 year old misdeed if you want.

But you and another poster - out of nowhere - brought up Maryam Monsef who Conservatives pillory for her war-scrambled birth records. It doesn't look good on you now to cry about our bringing up the name of the previous incumbent of her parliamentary seat: Stephen Harper's former parliamentary secretary convicted for electoral fraud - prison sentence confirmed just one year ago.



Brylcreem Cannibal

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— OldAndShouldKnowBetter

You're going down a libelous path with all your unfounded bribe accusations



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Lamont Cranston

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In reply to:

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— OldAndShouldKnowBetter

Your deflection, certainly doesn't add anything...perhaps you should know better, no?

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globereader13

14 hours ago

Vice-admiral Mark Norman tried to exert pressure on the Trudeau government to do the correct thing vis a vis the Canadian navy, but the Prime Minister didn't like that and has seen to it that Norman's career is now in tatters.

Defense Minister Sajjan tells a bald-faced lie to make himself look good and still has his job, while Prime Minister Trudeau is silent on the whole sordid affair.

Shameful!!!



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BuyingBell

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Stop the Madness Within

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"Lies will balance themselves"..... oh, that's budgets.

Another lie



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Betty Swallocks

11 hours ago

I was an Officer in HM Forces and Mr Sajjans actions are an absolute disgrace. If he had any integrity at all he would resign.

In a Government with any standards for ethics he would be kicked out - but we are now aware of JTs standards. No doubt all will go on in as it nothing happened



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in-my-view

16 hours ago

He is only sorry because he got caught saying it. There would of been no apology or retraction from this self promoting fella had it not been caught. Kinda like Justin on a Quebec radio show claiming Canada should only be governed by Quebecers only.....



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EKBlack

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Whatever happened to that great, honourable parliamentary tradition established and still practiced in the UK for Cabinet Ministers, called resigning?

Are our petty little, Canadian politicians too selfishly worried about their losing their position at the public trough?



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It's not question of race, religion or political affiliation. It's a question of character. Should the Minister of Defence continue in that roll after demonstrating that his top priority in decision making is self aggrandizement. Maybe not



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SAFFY111

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He is learning from the best as far as aggrandizement is concerned.



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Monsef first



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Mary is just his character who wags her finger and says that posters who disagree with BigGlenn should be banned.



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Andrew Smith

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Stolen valour is fatal. Goodbye Mr. Sajjan.



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Rabbie

10 hours ago

Mr Smith This man served three tours in Afghanistan and did an exceptional job. THREE TOURS. Almost 3 years. Unless you are a Veteran which judging by your post you are not, you are not evenly remotely qualified to question this mans valour.

Most likely you have never heard a shot fired in anger.

You sir are what we called in the Army a Kitchen table Commando.



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CFL Junkie

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I had a great uncle wounded 3 times in Western Europe during WWII but that didn't give him any right to make unfounded claims that he was the major architect of any operation, Rabbie.

His lies were said as a politician and he must be removed.



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Don't embellish his record anymore than he did. He was NOT a combat arms officer (Infantry, Armour, Artillery) but an Intelligence Officer and Reservist at that. He spent 99% of his tour locked away well inside secure bases at HQ next to the Tim Horton's. The closest he got to combat and tactical engagement with the enemy was with the selfies he took in front of the US Army Humvee.



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FB57202

11 hours ago

These "Word Warriors" whom attack Mr. Sajjan, I personally did not see their faces in the bloody battle fields of southern Afghanistan. Mr. Sajjan was a main component in the information building in our Area of Operations. He was not the "Architect" of the overly proud battle plan. He was a key "Architect" in the gathering of the coveted intelligence that allowed the clearest situational awareness and best picture to develop of the battle space. His endless effort greatly assisted the base side headquarter planners to build OPERATION MEDUSA.

So yes, a misstep in words for sure. Only for those with thin skin, weak egos or a veiled self serving agenda. These citizens lack the fortitude of the Patriot and can never comprehend the warrior's brotherhood forged in the burden of battle.

I therefore say let us all be watchful of the naysayer for what citizen hasn't made a minor misstep, mistake or an error. If there is one among us, surly they may cast the first stone.



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Rabbie

10 hours ago

Well said brother. Mr. Sajjan is 10 times the man and warrior that these armchair commandos can only dream about. He gathered intelligence which made him a key architect in the outcome of the battle.

Media playing with words.

I am not a Liberal and can't stand the party but I would be proud to have served with this man and would follow him anywhere in an arrowhead formation.

Pro Patria

Ex Coelis



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Vincent R.

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In reply to:

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— FB57202

Hold on. The mission of our militaries is to defend our style of democracy and value. Lying about your vitae as a minister of the Crown goes against our democracy. Think quick!



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Patrick Nash

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In reply to:

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- FB57202

You seem to be missing the point. This wasn't a "minor misstep" due to, for instance, an accident or poor grammar. It was a Cabinet Minister being caught in lie due to intentionally inflating his role. The issue is a lack of trust in an elected politician representing Canada on the world stage. He should resign.



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Ottawa Poog

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Canada's Armed Forces has for decades been top heavy - a high number of senior officers relative to the total number of enlisted personnel - much higher, for instance, than in the U.S. forces. With a Canadian Major-General (David Fraser) already in Afghanistan, the arrival of a lowly major (Sajjan) many ranks (at least four) below Fraser would have had virtually no influence on Operation Medusa, which had been in the planning stages for some time before Sajjan arrived.



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Captains serve coffee at base functions



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Fraser served as a Brigadier General, not as a Major General, in Afghanistan....

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Mikey from the GWN

10 hours ago

many veterans and serving members had hopes that an ex-soldier would be able to help balance the usual Liberal anti-military bias. Unfortunately this has not proven to be true as this latest farce illustrates.

He's lost the respect of every active or retired service member I know



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Schmelter

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The only capable minister in this govenment is Goodale.



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Rabbie

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LOL LOL LOL Surely you jest



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Jack Canuck

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"The opposition Conservatives have latched onto the issue, saying they plan to raise questions about Sajjan's credibility and character."

In my opinion, it's more than partisan Conservatives latching on to this issue. Numerous retired and serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces have expressed their dismay with Mr. Sajjan's remarks.....I must say, having served for 37 years in the Canadian Army as a mid-ranking commissioned officer, I find this sort of behaviour disturbing.



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extrooper

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Start asking him questions about child sexual abuse by the people who "co-operated" with our intelligence. Go ahead G and M, start doing some real journalism. I dare you. It took you long enough to get this fiasco into print.



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Harold Richard Head IV

13 hours ago

The Globe is a Liberal cheerleader and don't actually do any journalism any more.



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warbirds

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Rabbie = Sajjan's relative

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1rockcut

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Dosen't really work that way. We support our allies. Most military types that I know after being shot a few times would prefer another hobby, me included, war is an extension of diplomacy, the defence of Canada would likely include combat,, ya I'm with you on the peacekeeping, that's the road to purgatory

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Kevka

15 hours ago

Our society exerts enormous pressure on people to be "interesting", so personal stories and anecdotes are often embellished or extrapolated to the point of pure falsehood. The fact is most people are simply not that exciting, and there's nothing wrong with that. It takes a truly secure and confident person to admit that about themselves. The only real thing we've learned so far is that Defense Minister Sajjan is not one of those people.



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BuckSaver

14 hours ago

Credibility gone...and a former Canadian Military Captain wanting to lead the Conservative Party of Canada amidst investigations into the what seems to be every nook and cranny of our dysfunctional armed forces!

Operation Medusa...anyone else looking at an image of the snakes not contained see the irony?



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Dartguard

12 hours ago

I wonder what General Leslie thinks?



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Rabbie

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Torytwo

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The Ottawa media has not latched on to this story with the same euphoric exuberance they went after Bev Oda for an expensive glass of orange juice. Because of the Opposition and media pressure, she was forced to leave the cabinet and resign her seat in the House of Commons. Will publicly lying about one's role in a military campaign force Mr. Sajjan to do the same. Probably not, Liberals are seldom held to account!



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BlaqueJacqueShallaque

16 hours ago

A vainglorious minister of defense...

Not exactly confidence inspiring, is it.



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Majority Rule

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Monself, Trudeau and now Sajjan



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Rovenbird

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And two days later the Globe arrives at the story with a CP insert.

Not that our MND making false claims to a the leadership of a foreign country is newsworthy of course....



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AllenTravels

15 hours ago

What has happened in the last few days (of April), is that Sajjan has brought shame to Canada. His story has reached a worldwide audience.

Presently our Prime Minister has a lower approval rating than President Trump, and yes it does seem hard to believe.

Canada has lost respect in many ways, for example the minister who is, in fact (technically) an illegal immigrant. (Maryam Monsef)

A negotiator who left Europe "in tears", which made Canada look foolish.

A Prime Minister who stated that a hated dictator, (Castro) was a respected family friend. (Trudeau)

The recession that was a worldwide problem, the Americans call it. "The Great Recession, of 2007, showed that Canada could, and did survive, thanks to the Prime Minister, at the time, (Stephen Harper)That has passed.

These are dark days for Canada.... agg



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Pantera negra

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The G&M now insults you by describing you as an insane person if it doesn't agree with your post. What kinf of disgusting censurship is that?



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Lamont Cranston

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The voting system is interesting, isn't it?

I like when you don't find something either a good post, or offensive, and then the "black screen of death" appears, and cautions you with a count-down to suspension...

Sad/funny thing, is that it does not give you a chance to change your vote...



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Alceste

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In reply to:

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- Pantera negra

Interesting. What does it say?



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Laya4

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– Lamont Cranston

But wait! There's more!

I described in another thread how Layla4 was not able to take a subscription to the G&M after receiving that black box warning.

The service agent had to change my name in order to get my subscription t go through.



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Molson Light

11 hours ago

The media should review all of cabinets & parliament secretary members' resumes & qualifications to ensure they are truthful & credible. So far we had 4 of them with fake facts & credentials...



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US American

14 hours ago

OMG.....

what clown appointed this clown?



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Schmelter_

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So now it is confirmed the vacant Harjit Sajjan is bunko. Hopefully in the future we won't hear of illegal payments from aerospace competitors.



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JeffSpooner

15 hours ago

A well respected new anchor in the States, Brian Williams, lost his job for claiming a war experience when it didn't happen. Hilliary Clinton had to backtrack on a similar false claim, Trudeau should ask for this man's resignation, but I suspect he won't. The point however like the other two individuals mentioned, this was no mistake, it wasn't embellishing a story, it was simply a lie and he got caught.



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Dartguard

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Its rather Sad the Defence Minister is starting to drink the Virtue signalling Liberal Kool-aid.

He is a street smart Gang busting big city Cop that brought those skills to Kandahar and had some demonstrable success at breaking up Taliban thugs. General Lavoie however is the man responsible for sending most of the 1500 Taliban casualties to their graves. The minister will have some tense meetings for the rest of his life in any Mess he happens to visit. That is if he manages to break away from Liberal Virtue signalling.



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pbonline

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So Mr. Sajjan made a mistake, and he apologised. Now, can we focus on issues that really matter? Examples: urban planning, health care, education, and the economy?



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And illegal border crossings, this is being completely ignored by this government. The immigration minister is certainly keeping a low profile on this one.



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— pbonline

"So Mr. Sajjan made a mistake, and he apologised."

Are you his kindergarten teacher?



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pbonline

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I'm just a citizen with an interest in the 'real' issues that affect most Canadians today, and will be of interest tomorrow. Thanks for asking.



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Schmelter__

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Imagine the public reaction if this Gomer was a member of Trump's team.

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Vincent R.

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Now that we have him on tape forlying about that, can we revisit his claims of not participating in extrajudicial kidnapping and his claims of not being involved in delivering prisoners to Afghan authorities even if it was known that hey would be tortured.



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jilljuice

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Is Mr Trudeau's race and gender based cabinet picks coming back to haunt the PM? Canadians should be outraged the Defence Minister lied. Mr Sajjan should be forced to step down from his cabinet post as his integrity is now highly suspect to Canadians.



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globereader13

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There are several disturbing elements here:

First, Minister Sajjan is now confirmed as a "bald faced liar".

Second, Sajjan violated the ethics of the Canadian Armed Forces and therefore disgraced the uniform worn so proudly by our men and women who serve in Canada's military.

Third, these men and women have to report to him as Minister of Defense, yet he took credit for "planning" a successful Canadian military operation for which he clearly had no business doing. How can he look them in the eye ever again?

Fourth, Sajjan is not the first Trudeau Minister to lie. You have Freeland (family's NAZI past), Monsef (heritage and place of birth), Philpott (limousine), Trudeau (vacation) and others such as Wilson-Raybould, Morneau, and of course the Prime Minister himself who have told some whoppers in their nowbroken election promises. Yet the lying seems to be largely let slide by the media. (If this had been a Conservative government, would they have treated so gently? - No way!!)



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RSouthward

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Not unusual for a politician to take credit where it is not deserved. The apology usually just means they are sorry they got caught in a lie.



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The CBC won't print this story. My mistake the CBC does have a story. If the CBC has a negative report on the Government that means that vindictive Trudeau has targeted Sajjan and his days are numbered



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Lamont Cranston

15 hours ago

Well, I am at least sure he knows where he was born...so that is a notch up from some in the Trudeau cabinet...be thankful...

On the other hand, he didn't claim he invented the Internet...



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jangm

13 hours ago

I have no experience personally with the military and am not too bothered with some embellishment but I can see where others might be offended.

I think our Minister got carried away while on an overseas trip.

He apologized.

Does this affect his credibility?

I was more concerned when our last MofD travelled around in helicopters and felt entitled to do so when caught.



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Jack Canuck

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In my opinion, as you self admittedly have no military experience, I would suggest that you "just don't get it." You ask the question, "Does this affect his credibility?" Speaking as a veteran with 37 years service in the Canadian Army, I would say yes, it does....this wasn't simply a question of mis-speaking off the cuff, but was included in the prepared text of a speech....one would expect a former officer to know and act better....



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Duke Charles Martel

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Sajjan was a reservist.



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"He apologized."

That doesn't cut it after the third grade in school.



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ScottyKnows2

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Can be still command the respect of the soldiers in the Canadian armed forces now??



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William Benjamin

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Saijan has always struck as someone in over his head, who survives by memorizing talking points. he is what happens when a PM's main priority is the optics of gender and ethnic parity. Actually, parity is beside the point, since there are four Sikhs in cabinet (20 in the House), more than in the cabinet of India! I fear that using Defence as a sinecure for a less than brilliant SIkh MP, just because he was a competent midlevel field commander in Afghanistan, speaks to the low opinion he has of the military, something endemic to the Liberal party since his father's days. There are no doubt a couple of stellar Sikh MP's in the Liberal caucus, who are or would be excellent fits for cabinet posts. Saijan is not one of them and he should resign.



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Janey7

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If he would lie to them what would there be to stop him from lying to us. Certainly not an innate sense that lying is wrong, he has already demonstrated that.

He should resign.

Trudeau's picks aren't working out so well.



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ProVertias

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He should do the honourable thing and resign.



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This is what he said in his speech from the DND website:

"On my first deployment to Kandahar in 2006, I was the architect of Operation MEDUSA where we removed 1,500 Taliban fighters off the battlefield...and I was proudly on the main assault."

Why doesn't the Globe quote his real words??

This is outrageous. He didn't do any of that. He is taking credit for what others did



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Bill G

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I think Minister Sajjan let politics get the best of him. As a soldier he really shouldn't let that get in the way of things.



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Barrowboyne

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He must do the honourable thing that any other proud member of the Armed Forces would do...and that is to resign from cabinet.

His credibility and reputation is now in tatters.



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Harold Richard Head IV

13 hours ago

Where are those Liberals, Chris, Cassandra and Thomas to defend Sajjan by blaming Harper because we all know this is really Harper's fault that Sajjan lied.



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MG-TD

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Word has it he was the "architect" of the Death Star attack and helped Ike out with the Normandy invasion.



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AnonthySingh

6 hours ago

The Mujaheddin, Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and ISIS were ALL created by the MOSSAD and the CIA.

Osama-Bin Laden did not do 911 from a cave in Afghanistan, it was again the MOSSAD and the CIA who executed that operation.

The Afghanistan war is a war against poor people and their resources and to secure geopolitical interests.

CANADA and its soldiers and all of the people who "SUPPORT" the troops are therefore WAR CRIMINALS.

The Jewish-controlled media made Sajjan look GOOD to get him elected and now they made him look BAD to cut him down to size.

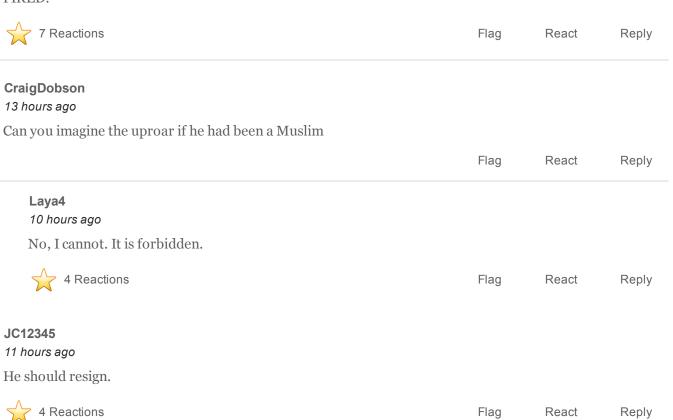
And all of the people who fall for this ROUTINE formula are, until they wake up, COMPLETE IDIOTS.

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professor_x 7 hours ago			
The unfortunate use of the word "architect". Is that what this is about?			
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Wump Gorsley

16 hours ago

FIRED! Our Minister of Defence is so immature that he feels the compulsion to completely invent stories about himself and is also dumb enough to think he'll get away with it? FIRED! Did I say that already? FIRED!



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