

## Finally!

The precipitous fall and the ignominious exit of Rudolf Giuliani from the treacherous track of 'tour de America' politics is a fresh breathe of relief to one and all. Senator Joe Biden once said of Giuliani: 'there are only three things he mentions in a sentence - a noun, a verb, and 9/11.'

Blinded by ignorance and encouraged by the neoconic propaganda that thrives particularly in the election-time dirty waters, he enriched his diction with two more words- 'Islamic terrorists'. He used them endlessly with diabolic shamelessness during every campaign speech. His thought? He could exploit America's 6-plus years old nightmare and promote his presidential campaign. Unbeknownst to him, the Americans have come a long way since that fateful day. Today, they know the terrorists well, but they know Islam and Muslims even better. More importantly, they know the difference between Islam and terrorism too.

His calculations that the New York retirees now living in Florida could be faithfully cowed into his 'fear dungeons' badly misfired. He was so obsessed with his own interpretation of terrorism, for war with Iran and scorn for the US constitution that I bet he had no idea why the country is talking about the stimulus package. And how could America forget that Giuliani had once nominated Bernard Kerik to lead the Home Land Security Department?

Never mind the billions he made on the ashes of 9/11 on the premises of carefully crafted fear syndromes. Or the fame that was wrapped in sheer self-grandiose and earned at the cost of life and health of hundreds of firefighters who braved the worst on September 11. He will be remembered by many simply as the 'man that ran and left the real heroes down there.'

In the end, what brought him down was his misplaced hubris. Oh, that and his faded yellowed-out and soiled 'Islamic terrorists' placard!