

RECALL TAIWAN'S PRESIDENT CHEN SHUI-BIAN

BULLETGATE: Mr. Chen Shui-bian was shot on March 19, 2004, the eve of Taiwan's presidential election. Immediately after the shooting, Chen's camp launched a massive propaganda blitz to accuse the opposition party of conspiring to assassinate Mr. Chen. As a result Mr. Chen won by a record low margin of 0.22%, although only 2 days before he was still trailing by 5% to 10% in all independent polls. It was obvious that the shooting tipped the balance and therefore changed the election outcome. Half a million people went on the street to protest, demanding the truth about the shooting incident.

1. If Mr. Chen was indeed a victim of an assassination attempt, he should by common sense have demanded an all-out investigation into the incident. He, however, has done just the opposite:
 - He insisted that the 3/19 shooting is an ordinary criminal case and the investigation should be carried out by the local District Attorney's Office.
 - He mobilized all government resources to delay, and to block the opposition party's effort to establish an independent investigation body similar to the **Warren Commission**.
 - Six months later, the Act for establishing the **Truth Investigation Commission (TIC)** for the 3/19 Shooting Incident was **finally passed by the Legislation Yuan (Parliament) with majority votes** and Mr. Chen was left no choice but to sign the bill.
 - Refusing to give up, Mr. Chen wrote a letter to heads of all branches of the government, claiming that TIC was potentially unconstitutional and its investigation should be boycotted.
 - While challenging the constitutionality of TIC Act in the court, Mr. Chen led his government in an all out assault on TIC, blasting TIC as an "Unconstitutional Godzilla" which will devour all innocent people.
 - **Chen's government refused to fund TIC and prohibited all officials from cooperating with the investigation, as mandated by the law that was signed by Mr. Chen himself. In so doing, President Chen shows no respect for law and consensus of the people. He has broken his oath for serving the presidency and the people.**
2. Despite all hardship, TIC has recently released its findings and recommendations. Highlights include:
 - The graze wound on Mr. Chen's abdomen was NOT caused by the confiscated bullet which was allegedly fired at the 3/19 shooting scene. Forensic and ballistics experts from the USA and UK believe the wound was made by surgical cauterizer.
 - The whole episode of the shooting was staged to manipulate the Presidential election. Dr. Henry Lee, the famous US forensic expert, later pointed out that the shooting was NOT a political assassination.
 - **The Parliament should recall President Chen for his active role in obstructing the investigation of the BULLETGATE scandal.**

Conclusion: What has happened in recent Ukraine's presidential election is reminiscent of Taiwan's election last March. The Ukrainians have finally won the battle but Taiwan's people have not. We believe that findings revealed by TIC's first report represent only the tip of the iceberg. We plead with the American people and international friends for help and support, so that Taiwan's pursuit for the truth of Bulletgate can be continued until justice is served and democracy is restored.

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