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Italy: Arrest C.I.A. Operatives For Kidnapping

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The US and the CIA have endured a lot of criticism for kidnapping people and sending them to countries where we know they'll be tortured. Now the CIA may have to endure some arrests. In Italy, the New York Times reports a judge has submitted arrest orders for 13 people who either work for or are linked to the CIA. Imagine, a country that expects the US to follow its laws. Two things struck me here, beyond the embarrassment for the US and the Berlusconi government.

First, this note about where the CIA folk stayed:

The [CIA] suspects stayed in five-star Milan hotels, including the Hilton, the Sheraton, the Galia and Principe di Savoia, in the week before the operation, at a cost of \$144,984, the warrant says, adding that after Mr. Nasr was flown to Egypt, two of the officers took a few days' holiday at five-star hotels in Venice, Tuscany and South Tyrol.

Who the hell do they think they are? US Congressmen? Second, this comment by an Italian official:

A senior Italian official said the apparent abduction of Mr. Nasr had disrupted the Italians' attempt to identify his connection to a suspected terrorist network in Europe. "Our belief is that terrorist suspects should be investigated through legal channels and brought to a court of law - not kidnapped and spirited away to be tortured in some secret prison," the official said.

Clearly, this guy is unpatriotic and weak in the war on terror.









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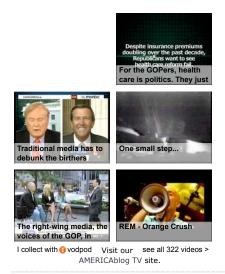
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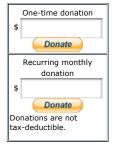
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