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## Blackwater/Xe founder relocating to UAE



Erik Prince testifies during a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in October 2007. (file photo)

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**Erik Prince, the founder of the notorious security company Blackwater/Xe, has left the United States and is settling with his family in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.**

Prince, 51, personally is not facing any criminal charges for now, but his company, now known as Xe Services LLC, has been implicated in a series of scandals related to its operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, court documents say.

In documents filed with the Justice Department, the North Carolina-based company is facing multiple lawsuits, including a case in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, alleging that Blackwater/Xe defrauded the US government. The case was brought up by two former employees, AFP reported on Wednesday.

Five former executives have been indicted on federal firearms charges, and two former contractors are on trial in Norfolk, Virginia, accused of murdering two civilians in Afghanistan in 2009. They pleaded not guilty on Tuesday.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs had sought to obtain a statement from Prince before his departure for Abu Dhabi, saying he might not return to the United States "if he is indicted on weapons smuggling charges or other matters."

Prince's attorneys responded, saying, "There is no basis for such speculation." But the judge in the case has ordered Prince to appear for the deposition on August 23, 2010 or another day, but not later than September 3, in Abu Dhabi.

Xe has earned over \$1 billion doing security work for the US government in Iraq and Afghanistan. Prince put the company up for sale in June.

In the June 4 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, it was reported that Xe's most recent government contract tasked the group with protecting CIA bases in Afghanistan.

The report was confirmed at the end of June by Central Intelligence Agency Director Leon Panetta during a TV interview, the newspaper wrote.

Blackwater/Xe mercs were hated by the Iraqis during their time in that country because they were able to kill many civilians with impunity.

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US WILL DESTROY BLACK WATER

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US IS DONE WITH BLACK WATER, THEY ARE BECOMING A LIABILITY FOR US GOVERNMENT. SOON MR. PRINCE WILL BE FOUND DEAD AND THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE DISMANTLED. AND OF COURSE ALL THE BILLIONS THAT US GOVT OWES THEM WILL BE KEPT BY US BEAUTIFUL.

**chosen people of hell**

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UAE is becoming a haven for all kinds of USA criminals n sickos. this criminal-one of them who calls themselves the chosen people, chose to make killing any human in iraq n afghanistan his personal business. he is a mercenary, without a consciousness, killing for profit, and for fun. let the long arms of usa reach out n bring him to gitmo bay for "waterboarding"-which is not torture by USA definition.

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AMERICAN TAX PAYERS ARE NOT PAYING ENOUGH TO THE REGULAR ARMY,AND ASKING NOT MANY QUESTIONS. US.ARMY SEEMS TO BE UNHAPPY ABOUT IT,. . .SO? . . . WELL . . . THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS A HAPPY ARM CARRYING MEN OF ACTION WHO KILL FIRST FOR A HANDSOME PAYMENT AND QUESTIONS NEVER ASKED BY ANY PARTY ! FOR THAT MATER ,THEIR BASE HAS TO BE UNREACHABLE TO THE TAX PAYERS AND INQUIRING MINDS!

**US SCUM**

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When an America soldier dies you hear it all over the news, but when companies like this and the army kill thousands of Afghan and Iraqi civilians, there is nothing reported

**UAE will become Terror central**

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These mercenary thugs will turn UAE puppets into a haven for regional terror and destabilization. UAE will regret this.

**NOT IRONIC?!**

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Haliburton moved to Dubai, now this guy feels safest in Abu Dhabi?! I grew up there knowing that US Military brats and Defense related Company people had the most power and immunity. But this is too much!! So open and shamelessly defending a US citizen against US prosecution and then, in an-almost US Colony!?!

**kafka**

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These mercenaries should be arrested and tried for crimes against humanity for the discriminate and indiscriminatekilling of civilians

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