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### Bush: "Casual To The Point Of Careless;" World Stunned

by Michael in New York on 9/02/2005 02:30:00 PM

UK's Independent captures the brewing storm of criticism that is building around Bush on virtually EVERY level -- his lack of preparedness, his initial indifference to the unfolding disaster and his current ineffective actions. It's a humdinger.

The Biloxi Sun Herald in Mississippi...surveyed the disaster around its editorial offices and asked: "Why hasn't every able-bodied member of the armed forces in south Mississippi been pressed into service?"

As when the Asian tsunami hit last year, Mr Bush found himself on holiday at his Texas ranch when disaster struck. As with the tsunami, he was soon in the firing line for reacting slowly - he spent Monday on a fundraising tour of the American West - and failing to provide adequate leadership. As survivors complained of a lack of water, food and medical supplies yesterday, fingers from across the political spectrum were pointed at the White House.

Experts on the Mississippi Delta...noted that flood-control spending for south-eastern Louisiana had been chopped every year that Mr Bush has been in office, that hurricane protection funds have also fallen, and that the local army corps of engineers has also had its budget cut.

And here's Reuters on how the world is stunned at watching Bush and the US struggle to deal with this disaster.



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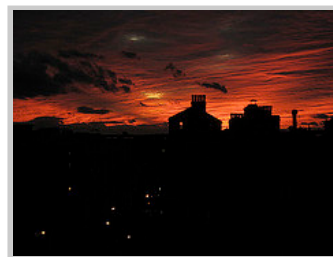
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