

Somaly Mam Rides Again

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If you haven't heard of Somaly Mam, she first came to prominence in 1996 when she co-founded an organisation to help women and girls in Laos, Vietnam and her native Cambodia who had been sexually abused and exploited. Eleven years later she set up a foundation to continue this work. Her inspiration for this was her own horrific past which saw her being sold into sex slavery as a child, or so the world was told.

As the years went by, more and more stories of sexual exploitation emerged, including one of her own daughter being kidnapped and raped, apparently as an act of revenge by traffickers. Then in 2012, her fairy tales **began to unwind**. In 2014 she resigned from the Somaly Mam Foundation, and later the same year, the Foundation was wound up. Mam tried to rehabilitate herself, and had the backing of among others the well-meaning but

gullible A List actress Susan Sarandon, but it seems unlikely her new organisation will come to anything.



Susan Sarandon

It is difficult to credit that in this evil world in which people see conspiracies everywhere – **real ones as well as imaginary ones** – the media and even the high and mighty can be so gullible as to fall for any damsel who comes along with a sob story. Remember Nayirah? She was the fifteen year old girl who gave **emotional testimony** to the US Congress about wicked Iraqi soldiers murdering babies in a Kuwait hospital. A few people were suspicious at the time that she spoke English like a native; she turned out to be the daughter of the Kuwaiti Ambassador, and her testimony was of course a lie, one that helped precipitate a war. Now we have another young woman coming forward with a tragic tale. Unlike the lies peddled by Somaly Mam and the war propaganda of Nayirah's manipulators, it has not been shown to be false, because no one is investigating, no one is doing due diligence, instead the media is parroting uncritically the claim by Karla Jacinto that she was raped 43,200 times over a four year period from the age of 12. Like Nayirah she has also **testified before** the US Congress. That claim is horrific, but how credible is it?

Did she really keep count? According to **the lady herself**:

“I come from a very dysfunctional family. I was sexually and physically abused by a family member when I was 5 years old”.

At the age of 12 she fell into the hands of a vicious pimp who forced her to *sleep* with 30 men a day, which works out to over 43,000. She claims too she was beaten; we are spared the lurid details of her sexual encounters, but leaving aside the near certainty of contracting some sort of vile disease, a child who was forced to engage in such depravity for so long would surely have suffered terrible physical damage, yet today Karla is an otherwise normal woman, and a mother.

Another part of her story that doesn't ring true is that one day she saw 30 policemen in uniform walk in and make a deal with her “pimp”. They took the girls to different rooms and made videos of them in compromising positions only to later tell them they would send them to their families if they said anything about what had happened. There is police corruption everywhere, and arguably the Mexican police are more corrupt than even the American police, but we are being asked here to believe that not one, not three or four, but a whole squad of uniformed police condoned and indeed were complicit in the systematic rape of underage girls.



Karla Jacinto

Of course, if Karla Jacinto had been raped even once – as a child or as a woman – that would still be an inexcusable crime. The question remains though, where is the evidence? Has she been able to identify even one of her 40,000+ abusers? Has even one of them been brought to book for these terrible crimes? A few years ago, a young American woman had a far less incredible but still horrifying tale to tell. Natasha Herzig **claimed to** have been kidnapped, raped repeatedly, and forced to work as a prostitute. Her story turned out to be a total crock. No one should be too surprised if Karla Jacinto's is eventually revealed as being cut from the same cloth, in this case to further a rather obvious political agenda.

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