

ERIK PRINCE FOLLOWS HALLIBURTON BEYOND REACH OF US LAW

Remember how Halliburton decamped to the United Arab Emirates a number of years back? There was some discussion that might be because UAE won't extradite people to the US.

The suggestion that he's moving to a place where he can't be extradited to the US is even more interesting in the case of Erik Prince.

Sources close to Blackwater and its secretive owner Erik Prince claim that the embattled head of the world's most infamous mercenary firm is planning to move to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The Middle Eastern nation, a major hub for the US war industry, has no extradition treaty with the United States. In April, five of Prince's top deputies were hit with a 15-count indictment [1] by a federal Grand Jury on conspiracy, weapons and obstruction of justice charges. Among those indicted were Prince's longtime number two man, former Blackwater president Gary Jackson, former vice presidents William Matthews and Ana Bundy, and Prince's former legal counsel Andrew Howell.

The Blackwater/Erik Prince saga took yet another dramatic turn last week, when Prince abruptly announced [2] that he was putting his company up for sale.

While Prince has not personally been charged with any crimes, federal investigators and several Congressional committees clearly have his company and inner circle in their sights. *The Nation* learned of Prince's alleged plans to move to the UAE from three separate sources. One Blackwater source told *The Nation* that Prince intends to sell his

company quickly, saying the "sale is going to be a fast move within a couple of months."

Sounds like a guy trying to leave town before the Sheriff comes for him, huh?

Either that, or Prince is doing so much business with other countries, he just wants to be closer to his client base.