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## **General Sir Richard Dannatt - “An uncommonly brave and honourable man.”**

In a special two page spread Saturday’s edition of the U. K. ‘s national newspaper ,The Daily Mail, featured an unusual two full page articles about the recent verbal attacks on the Head of the Army General Sir Richard Dannatt. Throughout the news article and the comment article by respected journalist Sir Max Hastings the ire the veteran leader has received because of “simply telling the truth” was outlined. The truth in question is about the under equipped soldiers fighting valiantly for their country in Afghanistan. The twin page write up is entitled “Smearing of a Hero General”. Max Hastings, in his comments labelled “Principled man guilty of telling the truth”, describes the Head of the British Army as “...an uncommonly brave, honourable and intelligent man whom the Army has been lucky to have.” This is tall praise for a man in a position that has, traditionally, been seen as “the fall guy” of politicians and power brokers. Those without political objectives praise the un political way that, just before his retirement this month, General Dannatt has taken on the powers that be from the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, to politicians on both sides of The House of Parliament in order to help to save the lives of British soldiers. Friends and foe alike point out that this outspokenness has probably cost him the traditional peerage in The House of Lords for “services rendered”.

One further negative side of Richard Dannatt, according to his detractors, is that he is an outspoken and committed Christian, sharing his faith with those interested in hearing it. He considers his faith so important to him that it is reported that when the General was thinking about leaving the Army at an earlier stage his thoughts had turned to ordination in the Anglican church. He felt, however, that God had a different plan for him, for the moment, that included staying in and helping to steer the country in a more positive direction for the country.

General Sir Richard was recently a guest on the “Principles of Leadership” TV / DVD series currently being broadcast worldwide and produced by Harvest Fields Commissioning International and its production arm OLI Productions. The highly popular 52-part series is currently being broadcast worldwide on 20 independent television networks across the Middle East, Europe, Russia, the C. I. S. Countries, North and Central America and Australasia. In the programmes well known Christian leaders have been interviewed including Brother Yun, a leader in the Chinese house church movement, Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of the renowned Billy Graham, best selling authors and TV personalities Joyce Meyer, Lisa Bevere, Andrew Wommack and Casey Treat, Greek Cypriot Canon J. John from the U.K., and Argentinean Dr. Luis Palau and others.

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