



INTERNATIONAL EDITION
THE ART NEWSPAPER

Obama drones on...

Musa's stars and stripes fail to unite

by THE ART NEWSPAPER | 15 October 2015



Hassan Musa, *I Have a Drone (Obama's portrait)* (2002). Photo: courtesy of the artist and Galerie Maïa Muller, © Rebecca Fanuele

 Print

 Email

 Faceb

 Twitter

 Pinter

The France-based artist Hassan Musa is no stranger to controversy, having created the outlandish image in 2002 of Osama Bin Laden posing butt-naked on a US flag. Musa flies the flag again with another provocative piece at 1:54 Contemporary African art fair at Somerset House courtesy of Paris dealer Galerie Maïa Muller (until 18 October), which shows a beaming President Barack Obama against the stars 'n' stripes, with the words "I have a drone" emblazoned along the top of the eye-popping textile. One visitor was so shocked, she uttered: "What the hell would Martin Luther King think?"