A man drove a light truck onto a bicycle lane in Manhattan, ran over bikers indiscriminately, killing eight of them and injuring many others. As president of the United States, Donald Trump naturally had to say something on the horrendous crime. And as usual, he said inappropriate things.

First, he suggested sending the 29-year-old suspect to the wartime prison at Guantanamo Bay, a facility for holding terrorism suspects. But on second thought, he decided it would be better just to execute the suspect, saying on Twitter:

"Would love to send the NYC terrorist to Guantanamo but statistically that process takes much longer than going through the Federal system. There is also something appropriate about keeping him in the home of the horrible crime he committed. Should move fast. DEATH PENALTY!"

This latest approach he suggested is “速戰速決” (su4 zhan4 su4 jue2).

“速” (su4) is “fast,” “quick,” rapid,” “speedy,” “戰” (zhan4) “to fight,” “to battle,” “速” (su4), again, is “fast,” “quick,” rapid,” “speedy,” and “決” (jue2) “to decide,” “to determine.” Literally, “速戰速決” (su4 zhan4 su4 jue2) is “to wage a quick battle to force a speedy result.”

The idiom means “to employ a blitzkrieg strategy,” “to get something done quickly,”

“速戰速決” (su4 zhan4 su4 jue2) is used to describe an actual war strategy. It also applies to other situations that call for prompt action. When you want a problem resolved, or a challenging task completed without delay, you can say “Let’s “速戰速決” (su4 zhan4 su4 jue2)!”

Terms containing the character “速” (su4) include:

速度 (su4 du4) – speed; velocity
速記 (su4 ji4) - shorthand
迅速 (xun4 su4) – rapid; fast; prompt
高速公路 (gao1 su4 gong1 lu4) – an expressway; a super highway