

Military Resistance 10E13



Commander Of U.S. Forces In Afghanistan Says No End To The War:

**“We Will Say To The Afghan People,
With One Voice, ‘We Are Not
Leaving,’ Allen Said”**

**“Plans For An Enduring U.S. Presence In
Afghanistan Will Move Forward”**

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Plans for an enduring U.S. presence in Afghanistan will move forward during a May 20-21 NATO summit, said Marine Gen. John Allen, commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

The summit in Chicago will establish a vision for the coalition's continued involvement in Afghanistan and development of Afghanistan's security forces, Allen told an audience at the Joint Warfighting Conference in Virginia Beach, Va., on May 16 via video teleconference.

"As a coalition and as a collective international security force, we will say to the Afghan people, with one voice, 'We are not leaving,'" Allen said.

The ISAF mission will conclude Dec. 31, 2014. Allen said he anticipates a NATO force will remain after that date.

In the remaining years of the mission, "a tough fight remains for us," and Allen intends to keep pressure on the enemy "in this campaign season and beyond," even as troop levels drop by 23,000 this summer in the second part of the drawdown of surge forces.

Allen acknowledged that recent "unfortunate" events have done damage, such as the burning of copies of the Koran by U.S. soldiers, the shootings of 17 Afghan civilians — allegedly by a U.S. soldier — and the video of troops urinating on Taliban corpses.

The incidents "required agility and flexibility" by his staff in relations with Afghan leaders and officials to keep the campaign on track, Allen said.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Indiana Army National Guardsman Killed In Qal-Ah-Ye Mirza Jal

May 23, 2012 Army Times

An Indiana Army National Guardsman was killed in an attack Monday in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said Wednesday.

Spc. Arronn D. Fields, 27, of Terre Haute, Ind., died in Qal-ah-ye Mirza Jal, Afghanistan, of injuries suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with rocket propelled grenades, DoD said. He was assigned to the 81st Troop Command, Indiana National Guard, Indianapolis.

According to media reports, Fields was a graduate of Northview High School in Brazil, Ind., and enlisted in the Guard in 2006. He deployed in January with the 381st Military Police Company, 81st Troop Command.

Indiana adjutant general Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger said the state owes Fields “an unpayable debt” for his service.

Memorial For Sergeant Jacob Schwallie



11 May 2012 Clarksvillenow Reporting

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Sergeant Jacob Michael Schwallie, killed by a roadside bomb on May 7, in Afghanistan will be remembered this weekend in his hometown, Clarksville.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th at 11:00 a.m. at Madison Street United Methodist Church, 319 Madison Street.

On Friday, Gov. Bill Haslam issued this statement; “On behalf of the state of Tennessee, we extend our deepest condolences and continuous prayers for the Schwallie family,” Haslam said. “We are proud of Jacob’s service to his state and his country and will not take his sacrifice for granted.”

Schwallie and two other paratroopers were fatally injured when their military vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb on May 7, in Ghanzi Province, Afghanistan.

Sergeant Schwallie was serving with C Troop, 3rd Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Specialist Chase Marta of California and PFC Dustin Gross of Kentucky were also killed in the explosion.

The 22-year old Clarksville native, graduated from Rossvie High School in 2007. Schwallie enlisted in the United States Army in 2008.

Schwallie is survived by his parents, Thomas C. and Melinda Schwallie, sister Rachel Schwallie, brother Stuart (Nasharyra) Schwallie and grandmothers Etta Schwallie Roach, Bettye Pyron.

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT
THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE
WAR**

**“Only Their Stories Shall
Remain”**

**“We Call Upon The Leaders Of The
NATO Member Countries To
Realize The Ground Realities Of
Afghanistan And Acknowledge
The Natural Rights Of The Afghans
Which Are An Independent Nation
And Establishment Of A
Government Of Its Own Choice”**

**“If They Still Refuse To Pay Attention
To The Consequences Of Their
Criminal Actions, Then They Will
Also Be Erased Along With Their
Oppression And Terror On This
Blessed Soil Just Like The Previous**

Imperialists, And Only Their Stories Shall Remain”

“This Armed Struggle Will Only Come To An End When The Afghans Acquire Their Independence And A Government Of Their Choice”

[Taliban Press Release]



20 May 2012/Sunday, 28 Jamadil Akhir 1433

STATEMENT OF ISLAMIC EMIRATE REGARDING THE NATO SUMMIT IN CHICAGO

According to news reports, NATO is going to hold a diplomatic summit in the city of Chicago from May 20-21 where Afghanistan will be the most important agenda on the table.

Therefore the Islamic Emirate, in order to fulfill its historical obligation, wants to declare the below points to the participants of this conference:

1. The invasion of Afghanistan by America and its allies under the banner of ‘war of terror’ was an unjustified and tyrannical action which was only carried out for political and economical gains.

Terrorism and ground realities had nothing in common.

No Afghan had a hand in military operations in other countries and neither are there any proofs; hence the occupation of Afghanistan by America is neither sound legally or logically.

2. As a result of this occupation, the invasive America imposed upon the Afghan Muslim nation a few war criminals that were cast offs, whose hands were red with the blood of innocent humans and who were involved in transgressing against the life, wealth and honor of the ordinary people.

The Afghans have been facing torment from their brutality and crimes for the past decade while the invaders have just turn a blind eye to them.

3. The American intelligence networks including the CIA state that members of Al-Qaida have all left Afghanistan and that there are not more than fifty left: therefore the military presence of America is not for its own security but a long term strategy for turning our country and the region into its colony.

The declaration of the new president of France, Francois Hollande, that all its troops will be removed from Afghanistan at the end of this year is a decision based on realities and a reflection of the opinion of its nation.

We call upon all the other NATO member countries to avoid working for the political interests of American officials and answer the call of your own people by immediately removing all your troops from Afghanistan.

4. The invading soldiers in Afghanistan martyr the defenseless children, women, elderly and other people of Afghanistan in their night raids and blind bombardments without having to worry about the consequences.

The perpetrators of these violations are all criminals. The claimants of Human Rights must not condone them.

Similarly, the occupying forces have created local militias under the title of 'Arbakis' who transgress against the life, wealth and honor of ordinary people and martyr innocent Afghans even though they cannot confront the Mujahideen physically. If the invaders want to fund and equip such groups and continue their blind bombardments then the responsibility of civilian losses caused in Afghanistan will rest squarely upon the shoulders of these forces.

5. We want to declare to the whole world the stooge Kabul administration tortures innocent prisoners, extracts false confessions and hands out long term prison sentences.

The security apparatus of Kabul regime discriminates and treats them with prejudice. Ending this oppression is the obligation of every human being.

6. The invading forces have destroyed whole villages along with their inhabitants (Tarako Kalacha as example) in Afghanistan with twenty five ton bombs. They have razed entire bazaars with hundreds of shops in Helmand and Uruzgan. They have also uprooted the greenery and orchards in Panjwai and Zhari districts of Kandahar and similarly in Band-e-Sarda of Ghazni province.

All this savagery is committed under the slogans of war on terror. Today's international community which touts tolerance, justice and human rights; how can it justify this savagery in Afghanistan at the hands of these self proclaimed civilized men?

7. In order to brainwash the public and to vilify the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate, various networks in Afghanistan headed by the invading forces commit some acts such as the destruction and burning of bridges and schools, carrying out explosions amongst civilians, targeting of specific people for vile purposes and others, the Islamic Emirate declares its complete disavowal from them.

8. The occupying American forces have created secret prisons inside all of their airbases in Afghanistan where they keep innocent Afghans and carry out various forms of torture on them which has resulted in the martyrdom of many.

Besides this, thousands of innocent Afghans are being held prisoners in Kandahar and Bagram airbases without any charges.

These are all people who have no knowledge of the New York incident but are been held captives under its pretext for years and are languishing in unbearable conditions.

9. A survey conducted in April by CBS news and New York Times showed that 69 percent of Americans oppose the war in Afghanistan and want their troops out of Afghanistan.

Similarly, the people of nations allied with America have also shown their opposition to the occupation of Afghanistan.

So the NATO member countries who claim to be the elected representatives of its people and consider their government the peoples government, by the people, for the people; how will they answer the call of their people in this summit?

10. The Islamic Emirate once again declares that it holds no agenda of harming anyone nor will it let anyone harm other countries from the soil of Afghanistan: hence there is no reason for the occupying countries including America to continue the occupation of Afghanistan under the pretext of safeguarding its own security.

11. The occupation of Afghanistan by America through the use of force is a clear violation of a sovereign state which is not justified under any international law.

Those Afghans that are fighting against this violation are independence seeking Mujahideen who demand their due rights and putting up resistance to this occupation is their legal right.

This armed struggle will only come to an end when the Afghans acquire their independence and a government of their choice.

Imposed agreements and international conferences are not the solution to the Afghan quandary. The solution lies in giving the Muslim Afghan nation their complete legitimate and natural right.

12. The Islamic Emirate has left all military and political doors open. It wants to obtain the rights of the Muslim Afghan nation through all possible ways and as a responsible force, is prepared to accept all it announces however the invaders are utilizing a one step forward, two steps backwards tactic.

They are conjuring artificial excuses to prolong the occupation of Afghanistan, are wavering in their stance and do not seem to have a clear strategy for a political solution. The Islamic Emirate considers the claims of the invaders of finding a political solution as meaningless until they come out of their fluctuating unstable state.

13. The occupation of Afghanistan by America and its allies is the fundamental problem.

If this matter is solved, the Afghans understand each others language and share a common culture therefore they can reach a resolution regarding the country. The foreigners should forgo prolonging and complicating the Afghan issue for their colonialist objectives.

To end, we must reiterate that the Mujahideen of Islamic Emirate will keep proceeding with their ongoing Jihad until it attains its goal. The terrorism and savagery of the invaders and their stooges will not be able to stop it.

We call upon the leaders of the NATO member countries to realize the ground realities of Afghanistan and acknowledge the natural rights of the Afghans which are an independent nation and establishment of a government of its own choice.

Similarly, they should stop the gross human right violations ongoing in Afghanistan and the desecration of the sanctities of Afghans committed by their troops.

But if they still refuse to pay attention to the consequences of their criminal actions, then they will also be erased along with their oppression and terror on this blessed soil just like the previous imperialists and only their stories shall remain.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

MILITARY NEWS

**“From The Top Brass Looking
Down”**

**“Neither Congress Nor Our Illustrious
Generals In The Pentagon See What I
And Those Like Me Near The Bottom
Of The Totem Pole See”**

**“I Guarantee If A Survey Were Done On
What Soldiers At The Platoon Level
Think Is A Waste Of Money, The Defense**

Department Could Save Billions Without Affecting Our Lives As They Plan On”

Army Times
Letters To The Editor
5.28.12

I am continuously outraged every time I read about how our government is deciding to cut spending from our budget.

The biggest flaw I see is how it's being done: from the top brass looking down.

Neither Congress nor our illustrious generals in the Pentagon see what I and those like me near the bottom of the totem pole see.

I guarantee if a survey were done on what soldiers at the platoon level think is a waste of money, the Defense Department could save billions without affecting our lives as they plan on.

I've seen it all, from automatic staplers, computers with three different LCD monitors, new "high-tech" (a.k.a. useless) gear and countless other examples of needless spending.

I have a Central Issue Facility record that is seven pages long. More than half of the items on it have sat in a footlocker since the day I got them and any soldier can say the same about their gear.

How much is all of that costing the Army? Call me crazy.

Sgt. Keeton Tucker
Clarksville, Tenn.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly.

Whether in Afghanistan or at a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars and economic injustice, inside the armed services and at home.

Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

ANNIVERSARIES

May 24, 1971: A Heroic Anniversary: Military Officers Oppose War On Vietnam

Carl Bunin Peace History May 22-May 29

At Fort Bragg, North Carolina, an anti-war newspaper advertisement, signed by 29 U.S. soldiers supporting the Concerned Officers Movement, resulted in controversy.

The group had been formed in 1970 in Washington, D.C. by a small group of junior naval officers opposed to the war.

The newspaper advertisement at Fort Bragg was in support of the group's members, who had joined with anti-war activist David Harris and others in San Diego to mobilize opposition to the departure of the carrier USS Constellation for Vietnam.

No official action was taken against the military dissidents, though many were forced to resign their commissions.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED CONCERNED OFFICERS . . .

At Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base wish to make known our feelings about the immoral and wasteful war in which our country is embroiled. We agree with what we feel to be the majority view in this country that the war in Vietnam should end. We exercise our constitutional right to add our views to those who have already publicly spoken out. With them we demand the withdrawal of all American military personnel and advisors from that embattled land by the end of 1971.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

“Graves For The Living”

My Father's Memories Of An Israeli Jail:

“Let's Unite And Use All The Means Available To Help 4,653 Palestinian Political Prisoner Have Fewer Years Of Suffering”



My amazing parents met after Dad's release, fell in love, and got married. I'm proud I'm their daughter. (Nathalie Beser)

Twenty-seven years ago, my father's eyes saw the sun after being in the dark of Israeli prison for 13 years.

On 20 May 1985, my father regained his freedom.

“I was sentenced for seven lifetimes plus 10 years and I thought that this prison, Nafha, would be my grave. Thank God I didn't stay that long there, and I was set free to marry your mother and to bring you to this life,” my father told me, smiling.

He considered the 13 years of misery as not that long. Yes, it's not that long if compared with the life sentence to which he was bound if the deal to exchange Palestinian and Israeli prisoners didn't happen.

I can't recall that Dad ever showing any regret or sorrow for how the precious years of his youth were stolen from him.

His prison experience is instead his song of life. He believes that it is his treasure, the reason behind his rich culture and beliefs, his strong character, his intimate friendships, and the reason why he values life.

I've always been proud that I am my Dad's daughter, and I'll always be. He is a mix of experience and knowledge.

The story of the exchange deal all started when Ahmad Jibril of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine captured three Israeli soldiers (Yosef Grof, Nissim Salem, Hezi Shai) in revenge for thousands of Palestinian prisoners kidnapped by Israel without any apparent reason.

After a long process of negotiations, both sides struck a deal that Israel would release 1,250 prisoners in return for the three Israelis that Jibril held captive. My father was included in the deal, and fortunately, he was set free. Among the prisoners released were the Japanese freedom fighter Kozo Okamoto who had been sentenced to life imprisonment, and Ahmed Yassin, the leader of Hamas who was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment in 1983.

History repeats itself.

On 18 October last year, we experienced a similar historical event with a swap deal involving the Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, who was arrested by the resistance in Gaza while he was on top of his war machine (an Israeli tank).

Just like what happened with Shalit, the capture of three Israelis caused uproar in the Israeli public opinion and international media at that time, but the thousands of Palestinian prisoners behind Israeli bars were not noticed, except for by the resistance fighters that have always forced Israel to meet some demands regarding the Palestinian prisoners.

When I deeply think about these events and the way the international media reacts, I get angry at how unjust this world is.

Why did the world make a big deal of Shalit and the three soldiers when they were attested by the "terrorist" Palestinians while thousands of Palestinian political prisoners are left behind in Israeli jails enduring all forms of violations and torture and the world chooses to look away?

My father told the story with tears struggling to fall. He was staring at a picture stuck on the wall of his room; a painting that my father drew during his imprisonment of flowers blooming among barbed wires. "I cannot forget the moment when the leader of the prison started calling off the names to be released," he said.

Among the prisoners was Omar al-Qassim, a leading member of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Al-Qassim was asked to read the list of the names loudly. He was so excited at the beginning hoping that his freedom would be restored. Every time he said a name, a scream of happiness convulsed the walls of prison. Suddenly, his face's features started to change. He became reluctant to speak because he noticed that his name wasn't among the names. This was another incident of psychological torture

that the prison's manager committed against him. But he left him no chance to make fun of him.

He withdrew himself silently and went to his prison to continue with his resistance. Sadly, he died in a horrible narrow cell after 22 years of resistance, pride and glory.

The tears of happiness and sadness mixed together. The freed prisoners were happy to regain their freedom but they were upset at leaving the other prisoners in that dirty place where the sun never shines.

"We were like a big family sharing everything together. We all handled the same issues that we were united to fight for," my father said. "Although I am free now, my soul will always be with my friends who are still suffering in there."

My father has always said that "prisoners are the living martyrs." He also described Israeli jails as "graves for the living."

Let's unite and use all the means available to help 4,653 Palestinian political prisoner have fewer years of suffering.

We share this responsibility as we can't leave them as prey for those criminal jailers.

Their freedom will be a triumph for humanity.

[To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to: www.rafahtoday.org The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves "Israeli."]

MILITARY RESISTANCE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL FREE FOR ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A SELECTION OF MILITARY
RESISTANCE NEWSLETTERS MAILED TO YOU, EMAIL YOUR
ADDRESS TO: CONTACT@MILITARYPROJECT.ORG OR MAIL
TO: BOX 126, 2576 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10025-5657
USA.**

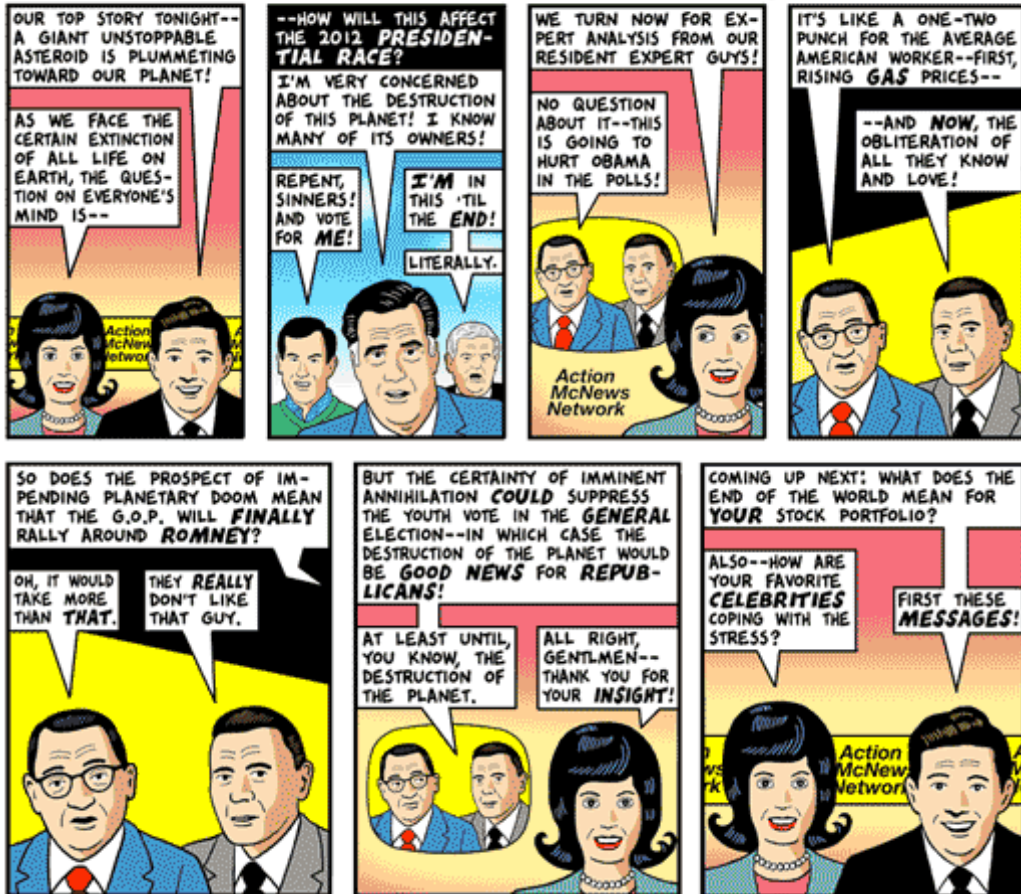
Please say how many you wish sent.

**Be Advised: They will be different issues of Military Resistance to satisfy DOD
regs that you may possess copies, *provided you don't have more than one of the
same issue in your physical possession on your person or in your living quarters.***

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



**Welcome To An Unmatched
Combination Of Stupidity And
Hatred Of Our Liberties:
Artist Arrested While Hanging 'I ♥
NY' Bags From Streetlights;
Charged With "Planting False
Bombs"**

“The Installation Project Was Intended To Be Part Of NY Design Week 2012”

May 21, 2012 By Dylan Stableford, The Sideshow

An artist who installed illuminated plastic shopping bags emblazoned with the “I ♥ NY” logo on lampposts in Brooklyn was arrested over the weekend, charged with “planting false bombs” and ordered to undergo a psychological evaluation.

Takeshi Miyakawa, the 50-year-old Tokyo-born artist, was arrested at 2 a.m. in Brooklyn while he was hanging one of the bags from a tree, according to his website. The NYPD bomb squad was alerted after a passerby noticed one of Miyakawa’s installations on Friday morning and called to report “a suspicious package attached to a tree.”

Police cleared the area for two hours, according to the Daily News. They later observed Miyakawa on top of a ladder with “an assembly consisting of a plastic box containing wires which was connected by a wire to a plastic bag containing a battery suspended from a metal rod.”

The installation project was intended to be part of NY Design Week 2012.

On Sunday, a judge ordered Miyakawa held for a mental evaluation, “extending his detainment for an additional 30 days,” his lawyer said.

A Facebook group called “Free Takeshi Miyakawa” launched within hours of the judge’s ruling. It has more than 1,200 members.

“Takeshi loves New York, he loves this city,” Louis Lim, Miyakawa’s friend, told Gothamist.com. “All his installations are nonevasive. He doesn’t drill into things ... We had no idea that his designs were being misinterpreted at this level. And if anything he does offends or bothers anyone, Takeshi always apologizes profusely. He’s very traditional that way.”

According to Gothamist, the person who purportedly reported Miyakawa to police did not intend to: “I called 311 asking how to get that thing off my tree, if it was my responsibility or the city’s ... the 311 woman put me through to 911 then the cops came. I left for work.”

**GET MILITARY RESISTANCE NEWSLETTER
BY EMAIL**

If you wish to receive Military Resistance immediately and directly, send request to contact@militaryproject.org. There is no subscription charge.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



**From Tunisia To Egypt
To Occupy Wall Street
To Montreal!**

**Anti-Government Protests Spill
Over Into Montreal Urban
Neighborhoods:**

**“Tens Of Thousands Of People
Take To The Streets. There Is Not**

Only Just Students, But A Big Part Of The General Population That Is Here Today”

Massive Numbers Came Out Today Against Bill 78 “Who Think That Protesting Without Asking For A Permit Is A Fundamental Right” Unions Join Fight Against Police State Law, Austerity Cuts To Education And Increases In Tuition

On Tuesday evening, Montrealers in several urban neighbourhoods took to the streets with pots and pans, banging to support Bill 78 protests.

On Tuesday night at 8 p.m. hundreds of people in Villeray, Mile-End, Petite-Patrie, the Plateau and St-Henri were seen — and heard — banging on their kitchenware.

“You can see that there is not only just students, but a big part of the general population that is here today.”

May 22, 2012 CBC News & Common Dreams

More than 100 people were arrested at the end of a long day of protests in Montreal that saw tens of thousands of people take to the streets over several hours to mark the 100th day of a student movement against tuition hikes.

Carrying signs, chanting slogans and wearing the student movement’s red felt square, most protesters followed a pre-approved route submitted to police, as required by Quebec’s new protest law. But encouraged by the more hardline CLASSE student group, a minority of protesters broke off from the main crowd in a symbolic defiance of Bill 78.

At least one splinter march was declared illegal by police shortly after 9 p.m., because according to police, protesters were throwing projectiles at officers, walking on an unannounced route, and some were wearing masks.

Police said many of the protesters were from anarchist groups not directly connected to protesting student groups.

Small clashes between protesters and police followed, some involving protesters being pepper sprayed, and four people were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Police and witnesses confirmed that one of the injured was a protester who was the victim of a hit-and-run driver.

CLASSE spearheaded Tuesday's march, aided by Quebec's largest labour federations. The province's two other main student groups, FEUQ and FECQ, also rallied their supporters.

CLASSE said Monday it would direct members to defy Bill 78, Quebec's emergency legislation.

An emergency law passed on Friday by the Quebec government — Bill 78 — intended to restrict growing student protests in the eastern Canadian province has done little to dissuade massive numbers who came out today to protest Bill 78, austerity cuts to education and increases in tuition.

The special law was adopted last Friday, suspending the winter semester and imposing strict limits on student protests.

Bill 78, which required protesters to submit their itinerary to authorities in advance or face heavy fines, was widely derided by student activists. Though some student groups decided to comply, many others refused.

"The special law won't kill the student movement," Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois, spokesman for the student group CLASSE, said at a news conference on Monday.

"The fundamental rights under threat today need to be defended." The group defied the order by not submitting an official itinerary for today's protest.

CLASSE spokesman Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois said the special legislation goes beyond students and their tuition-hike conflict.

"We want to make the point that there are tens of thousands of citizens who are against this law who think that protesting without asking for a permit is a fundamental right," he said, walking side by side with other protesters behind a large purple banner.

"If the government wants to apply its law, it will have a lot of work to do. That is part of the objective of the protest today, to underline the fact that this law is absurd and inapplicable."

Student Hugo De Montigny said he was marching because he wants to be heard, on "everything, from 78 to tuition."

"Sometimes if a government refuses to listen to the people, we have to make them listen to us," said De Montigny. On Tuesday evening, Montrealers in several urban neighbourhoods took to the streets with pots and pans, banging to support Bill 78 protests. adding he's prepared to lose his semester over the tuition conflict.

“We still have to fight. It’s not because they say ‘sit down’ that you have to sit down.”

Student Jenny Markova said the tuition movement has grown beyond a dispute over school fees.

“You can see that there is not only just students, but a big part of the general population that is here today. We’re trying to say no to a lot of things that the government has done, so hopefully they’ll get the message today.”

On Tuesday evening, Montrealers in several urban neighbourhoods took to the streets with pots and pans, banging to support Bill 78 protests.

The “casserole” movement mushroomed over the weekend via social media networks.

On Tuesday night at 8 p.m. hundreds of people in Villeray, Mile-End, Petite-Patrie, the Plateau and St-Henri were seen — and heard — banging on their kitchenware.

Tuesday’s protest comes on the heels of a chaotic May long weekend, in which thousands of students and their supporters took to the streets each night, sometimes clashing with police.

The first student protests were Feb. 17, when there was a boycott of classes at CÉGEP du Vieux-Montréal.

MORE:

**[The Day Before The Tens Of
Thousands And The
Neighborhoods Came Out
Against The Government]
“The Legislation Passed Friday
Was Intended To Put An End To
Three Months Of Student Protests,
But It Appears Only To Have Given
The Movement Momentum”**

**“I Think The Population Is Mobilizing
Around This Thing”
“One Of The Most Amazing Mass
Protests Of The Year”**



Rogério Barbosa -- AFP/Getty Images



Rogério Barbosa -- AFP/Getty Images



Rogério Barbosa -- AFP/Getty Images

05/21/2012 HuffPost

MONTREAL - Quebec's student protests took a dark, angry turn over the weekend following the introduction of an emergency law aimed at restoring order in the province, while the movement gained a number of high-profile supporters on the international stage.

For the second night in a row, police clashed with protesters repeatedly into the late hours Sunday in a chaotic scene that left at least 300 arrested and 20 injured, including 11 police officers. At least one person was taken to hospital with what emergency services called “non-life threatening injuries.”

Windows were smashed, construction cones and signs tossed into the streets, and there were reports a fire hydrant was burst open at the same spot where a bonfire was lit a night earlier.

Riot police used tear gas and sound grenades to try to break up the protest, which was deemed illegal moments after it began for not complying with the new law.

The result was a series of violent exchanges between small groups of protesters and police in pockets throughout the downtown core.

One video circulated online captured what appeared to be a police cruiser moving forward briefly with a protester on the hood, before the protester jumped off to the side and the cruiser sped away. Police later denied a rumour that a person had been run over.

Two journalists from local newspapers also reported being arrested and later released.

The legislation passed Friday was intended to put an end to three months of student protests, but it appears only to have given the movement momentum.

“I think the government put the police in a difficult situation,” said protester Nino Gabrielli, who got his Master’s last fall at a Montreal university.

“I think the population is mobilizing around this thing.”

As the scenes of unrest played out in the city the movement also gained some celebrity support.

Montreal’s Arcade Fire wore the movement’s iconic red squares during an appearance with Mick Jagger on Saturday Night Live. Activist and filmmaker Michael Moore also gave his support to the students, featuring links about the issue prominently on his website.

“Their uprising is inspiring,” he tweeted to over a million followers. “One of the most amazing mass protests of the year.”

The global hacker collective Anonymous took an interest as well, releasing two videos denouncing the legislation and the planned tuition increases. The group, which regularly hacks into government websites around the world, warned of future actions in Quebec.

“Resistance is futile,” a computer-modulated voice stated in one video. “The hour of war has come.”

The website for the Quebec Liberal party and the province's Education Ministry were down for portions of the weekend in an apparent cyber attack. Anonymous, however, did not claim responsibility.

The newfound support came during a weekend marked by violence and vandalism. The unrest reached a climax with a blaze of plastic traffic cones and construction materials lit Saturday during a melee on a busy downtown street.

Meanwhile, police came under criticism on Sunday over an altercation caught on video that shows patrons on a bar patio getting pepper sprayed.

Surveillance footage, played in a loop on one of Quebec's all-news stations, shows several people sprayed by riot police at close range. Customers are seen scrambling to get inside the bar as a police officer knocks over tables and chairs.

Another video from a local TV station shows the officers took action after one was hit by a flying chair. The chair was then flung back toward the patio. The bar owner said police went too far and he's considering taking legal action.

"People were falling on each other running inside to get away from the pepper spray, breaking things, and then people left by the back exit," said Martin Guimond, who runs the Saint Bock brasserie in the city's lively Latin Quarter.

His waitress was initially going to call 911 after it happened.

"And then she said, 'But wait, it's the police that are doing this,'" Guimond recalled. "That's when you realize there's a total loss of security."

Police were newly armed on the weekend with Bill 78, which lays out regulations governing demonstrations of over 50 people. It includes requiring organizers to give eight hours' notice for details such as the protest route, the duration and the time at which they're being held.

The City of Montreal also adopted a new bylaw that threatens protesters who wear masks with heavy fines.

But it failed to deter dozens of protesters from wearing masks Saturday or Sunday night, and police said they would use the new law with discretion.

Montreal police took a tougher stance on the weekend than previously seen during the nightly marches.

The march was almost immediately declared illegal on both Saturday and Sunday because, police said, they weren't provided with a protest route and bottles and rocks were thrown at police.

MORE:

Bill 78:

Quebec Student Protest Legislation ‘Worst Law’ Since War Measures Act, Law Professor Says:

**“Simply Offering Encouragement For
Someone To Protest At A School —
Either Tacitly Or Otherwise — Is
Subject To Punishment”**

**“Tweets From The Social Network
Website Twitter Could Also Be
Considered As Encouragement To
Protest”**

05/18/2012 By Andy Blatchford, The Canadian Press [Excerpts]

MONTREAL - There were warnings Friday from Quebec’s legal community that the government’s strict legislation aimed at ending the student crisis has gone too far.

One law professor even compared the controversial Bill 78 to the now-defunct War Measures Act.

The emergency legislation lays out stern regulations governing demonstrations and contains provisions for heavy fines for students and their federations.

Lucie Lemonde, a law professor at Universite du Quebec a Montreal, said Friday that she was stunned by how far the bill reaches.

“It’s the worst law that I’ve ever seen, except for the War Measures Act,” said Lemonde, referring to the notorious federal law imposed in Quebec during the 1970 FLQ crisis.

“We knew something was coming, but I didn’t think they would use it to change the rules of the game in terms of the rights to demonstrate.”

The legislation, set to expire after a year, is designed to deal with an immediate problem.

Tens of thousands of Quebec students have been on strike for more than three months to oppose the government's plan to hike tuition fees.

Lemonde said Bill 78 attacks an individual's rights to freedom of expression, association and conscience.

Other experts also questioned the bill's legality Friday.

Louis Masson, head of the provincial bar association, said in a statement that the bill violates constitutional rights.

Bill 78 quickly earned praise Friday from some pro-business institutions.

Michel Leblanc, president and chief executive of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal, welcomed it as a way to protect downtown businesses. Many have complained that they are suffering because of the frequent demonstrations.

"It was important to find a way to calm the city."

The director of an association that represents 8,000 businesses in downtown Montreal was pleased with Bill 78, but wondered what took so long for the Charest government to act.

But even some people who disagree with the student strike think Bill 78's measures are too repressive.

Celina Toia, a first-year UQAM law student, was physically shaken up by a protester when they rushed into her school Wednesday to disrupt the classes.

While Toia believes protesters have no right acting aggressively and blocking others from going to class, she thinks the government has come down too hard on their rights.

"It goes against the principles that I abide by, which is the supremacy of law," said Toia, who doesn't support the tuition increases, either.

"Because if I were to accept this piece of legislation, I'm also denying a democratic right to someone else."

Under the Constitution's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, everyone has the right to free expression and peaceful assembly — within reasonable limits prescribed by law.

Some are arguing that Bill 78 doesn't pass the test.

The law lays out strict regulations governing demonstrations, including having to give eight hours' notice for details such as the itinerary, the duration and the time at which they are being held.

Simply offering encouragement for someone to protest at a school — either tacitly or otherwise — is subject to punishment.

Remarks from the education minister fuelled some of the confusion about the bill's potential reach.

Michelle Courchesne, less than a week in her new position, raised more than a few eyebrows by mentioning that tweets from the social network website Twitter could also be considered as encouragement to protest.

When asked to clarify, she said she would leave it up to the police's discretion to deem what was within the limits of the law. It remains unknown whether "re-tweeting" a potentially illegal message could also land others in hot water.

Toia and Lemonde both predicted the law will heighten tensions and confuse people — students and teachers.

Lemonde said some faculty members are now wondering whether it's still safe to wear red squares pinned to their clothes — a symbol of support for the anti-tuition-increase movement.

"I think people are scared," she said.

"They say, 'Just by wearing the red square, could I be charged?' "

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE?

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly.

Whether in Afghanistan or at a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars and economic injustice, inside the armed services and at home.

Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

Troops Invited:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

Military Resistance www.militaryproject.org

*This is how Obama brings the troops home,
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE.*



*Military Resistance is a near-daily news bulletin for service members
www.militaryproject.org*

“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.”

Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

Military Resistance Looks Even Better Printed Out

Military Resistance/GI Special are archived at website

<http://www.militaryproject.org> .

The following have chosen to post issues; there may be others:

<http://williambowles.info/military-resistance-archives/>; news@uruknet.info

Military Resistance distributes and posts to our website copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available in an effort to advance understanding of the invasion and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe this constitutes a “fair use” of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law since it is being distributed **without charge or profit** for educational purposes to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving the included information for educational purposes, in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107. **Military Resistance has no affiliation whatsoever with the originator of these articles nor is Military Resistance endorsed or sponsored by the originators. This attributed work is provided a non-profit basis to facilitate understanding, research, education, and the advancement of human rights and social justice.** Go to: www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.shtml for more information. If you wish to use copyrighted material from this site for purposes of your own that go beyond ‘fair use’, you must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

If printed out, a copy of this newsletter is your personal property and cannot legally be confiscated from you. “Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited.” DoD Directive 1325.6 Section 3.5.1.2.