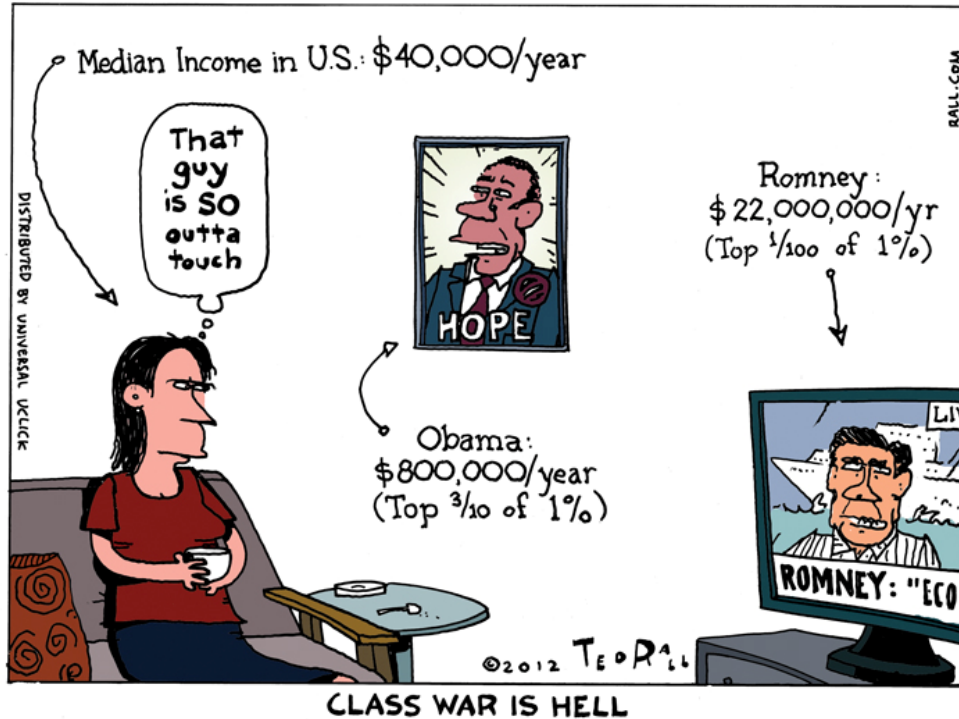


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Rebel Bomb Kills Defense Minister, The Deputy Chief Of Staff Of The Syrian Military And The Head Of The Dictatorship's Crisis Management Cell:
“An Activist In Homs, Said That At Least 250 Soldiers Had Abandoned Their Posts In The Old City”

“The Blast Targeted Top Security Chiefs Charged With Suppressing Syria’s 16-Month-Old Uprising” Obama Regime Fears ‘Increased Chaos’”

Among those killed was Assef Shawkat, the president’s brother-in-law, who was widely feared as one of the chief enforcers of the brutal tactics that have been used in the effort to quell the unrest.

July 18 By Liz Sly and Babak Dehghanpisheh, The Washington Post [Excerpts]

ANTAKYA, Turkey — A bombing that killed three senior military figures brought the bloodshed that has engulfed Syria to the heart of President Bashar al-Assad’s regime.

The blast, which targeted a mid-morning meeting of top security chiefs charged with suppressing Syria’s 16-month-old uprising, appeared to have been meticulously planned and executed, suggesting that rebels have managed to infiltrate Assad’s security apparatus in ways that call into question his regime’s capacity to survive.

The attack seemed to mark a pivotal moment in the revolt, the first time that the regime’s tightly controlled and fiercely loyal inner circle has been punctured since Syrians first took to the streets to demand reforms in March 2011 and then later took up arms.

Among those killed was Assef Shawkat, the president’s brother-in-law, who was widely feared as one of the chief enforcers of the brutal tactics that have been used in the effort to quell the unrest.

Rumors flew — that the president himself was dead, that he had fled the capital in a helicopter, that his notoriously ruthless brother Maher had been killed and that Free Syrian Army rebels were closing in on the presidential palace.

Although none appeared to be true, they contributed to a building sense of anticipation that many months of stalemate on battlefields around the country could be coming to an end.

In Washington, U.S. officials said the attack offered a clear sign of the Assad regime’s vulnerability.

But they expressed anxiety about the potential for increased chaos as the rebels try to press their advantage and the regime seeks to reassert its authority.

“This is a situation that is rapidly spinning out of control,” Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta said at a Pentagon news briefing.

The streets of Damascus emptied, shops closed and residents stayed indoors, bracing for what many predicted could be a sharp escalation in violence.

There were also widespread reports of accelerating defections from within the security forces around the country, although they also could not be confirmed.

Abu Emad, an activist in Homs, said that at least 250 soldiers had abandoned their posts in the Old City, long a battleground between rebels and government forces. But he also said government forces based on the periphery of Homs had launched an intensified bombardment against the area.

Those killed in the bombing included Defense Minister Dawoud Rajha; Hassan Turkmani, a former minister of defense who headed the regime's crisis management cell; and Shawkat, who was the deputy chief of staff of the Syrian military.

The three were attending a meeting of the central command unit for crisis management — a special cell composed of about a dozen of the country's top security chiefs established last year to oversee the crackdown on the uprising — at the National Security Building in the closely guarded Rawda neighborhood, home to many embassies, including the shuttered U.S. mission.

The official news agency SANA said that Interior Minister Mohammad Ibrahim al-Shaar and a man identified as Lt. Gen. Hisham, assumed to be the national security chief, Hisham Bakhtiar, were in stable condition after being injured.

The death of Shawkat, who was married to Assad's elder sister Bushra, was an especially significant blow to the regime because of his standing as a member of the Assad family and as a leading figure in the effort to crush the uprising, Azm said.

"Assef Shawkat was not only a very close member of the Assad family but also a forceful and powerful member of the inner decision-making circle," he said.

"He was well known for being brutal, effective and decisive, and he was at the forefront of the fight against the uprising."

The circumstances of the attack remain unclear, however.

The pro-government Al-Dunia TV station reported that it was a suicide attack.

But commanders in the Free Syrian Army, which asserted responsibility, said a bomb had been planted inside the meeting room and was detonated remotely.

According to Col. Malik Kurdi, spokesman for the Free Syrian Army, the operation had been planned more than two months ago, and rebels seized the opportunity to act following the battles that erupted in the streets of Damascus over the past four days.

"The circumstances were convenient and morale was high," said Kurdi, speaking from a refugee camp in southern Turkey.

MORE:

Syrian Rebels Push Into Capital Damascus:

**“The Most Sustained And
Widespread Fighting In The
Capital Since The Start Of The
Uprising 16 Months Ago”**

**“For Months, Rebels Have Been
Gaining Strength In Poorer Towns
And Cities In The Damascus
Countryside”**

**“So Far, The Rebels Have Kept The Army
Out, Destroying Three Tanks And One
Armored Car With Rocket-Propelled
Grenades”**

July 16, 2012 The Associated Press Martin Chulov and Julian Borger, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

BEIRUT — Syrian rebels fired grenades at tanks and troops while regime armor shelled Damascus neighborhoods on Monday, sending terrified families fleeing the most sustained and widespread fighting in the capital since the start of the uprising 16 months ago.

Fighting started in Damascus on Sunday afternoon after opposition groups were seen advancing near Midan and staging for what appeared to be an assault.

They were engaged by regime forces, which have so far been unable to rout them despite superior firepower.

The ongoing fighting is believed to involve close to 1,000 opposition fighters and regime forces backed by armoured units, including tanks.

Damascus remains heavily defended by at least two loyalist divisions, which are not known to have suffered from defections among senior ranks. A wide variety of other loyalist forces and intelligence units have also been tasked with defending the power base of the regime.

A ring of fierce clashes nearly encircled the heavily guarded capital as rebels seeking to overthrow President Bashar Assad pushed the civil war that has been building in Syria's impoverished provinces closer to the seat of power.

While the clashes were focused in a string of neighborhoods in the city's southwest, for many of its 4 million people the violence brought scarily close to home the strife that has deeply scarred other Syrian cities.

In high-end downtown cafes frequented by the business and government elite tightly bound to the Assad regime, customers watched as black smoke billowed on the horizon and the boom of government shells reverberated in the distance.

"Without a doubt, this is all anyone is talking about today," a Damascus activist who gave his name as Noor Bitar said via Skype.

"The sounds of war are clear throughout the city. They are bouncing off the buildings."

Monday's fighting suggested that deep cracks were appearing in the tightly controlled facade of calm that has insulated Damascus from violence throughout the uprising.

Damascus — and Syria's largest city, Aleppo — are both home to elites who have benefited from close ties to Assad's regime, as well as merchant classes and minority groups who worry their status will suffer if Assad falls.

But for months, rebels have been gaining strength in poorer towns and cities in the Damascus countryside. Some activists suggested Monday that recent government crackdowns in those areas had pushed rebels into the city, where they were determined to strike at the heart of the regime.

"It seems there is a new strategy to bring the fighting into the center of the capital," said activist Mustafa Osso. "The capital used to be safe. This will trouble the regime."

Another activist, who gave only his first name, Moaz, said he had never seen such violent fighting in his neighborhood of Tadamon, a poor, densely populated area south of downtown.

He said the army had parked armored vehicles at the neighborhood's entrances and posted tanks on its north and south edges.

Some two-thirds of the neighborhood's residents have fled, while those who remain are scared government snipers will target them if they leave now, he said.

But so far, the rebels have kept the army out, destroying three tanks and one armored car with rocket-propelled grenades, said Moaz, declining to give his full name for fear of retribution. Others spoke on condition anonymity.

Amateur videos posted online Monday gave glimpses of the fighting.

In one, a dozen fighters crouched Sunday behind sandbags, firing at a tank down a rubble-strewn street with a machine gun and rocket-propelled grenades.

Another video showed a burnt station wagon with at least three charred bodies inside that an off-camera narrator said were government troops.

Yet another video showed dozens of protesters who had blocked traffic on the main highway entering the city from the south with burning tires, bricks and pieces of metal fencing.

The road to the nearby Damascus international airport was closed for an hour on Monday morning, the first time that has happened since the initial anti-regime demonstrations in March last year.

Hundreds of cars were backed up in both directions.

A video apparently shot later in the day showed army vehicles and troops blocking the entrances to an adjacent neighborhood.

The fiercest fighting was in the southwest neighborhoods of Mezzeh, Kfar Souseh, Midan, Tadamon, Nahr Aisha and al-Zahira, while activists also reported clashes in the western suburbs and in the northern neighborhood of Barzeh.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 12 people were killed in and around Damascus, among some 90 people killed nationwide.

About a third of the dead were government troops, it said.

The government said little about the clashes, but the state news agency said the army was hunting an "armed terrorist group" in one of the neighborhoods. The regime blames the uprising on terrorists acting out a foreign conspiracy to weaken the country.

Streets were largely deserted in neighborhoods near the fighting. Many families have fled or are still trying to get out, and fear grips those who remain.

"It is a war here, a war," said a 28-year-old mother of two reached by phone in the Midan neighborhood. She said she didn't know if there were rebels on her street because she was scared that looking out the window would draw fire. She said her 5-year-old son had not stopped screaming since the fighting started Sunday.

"Assad will only go after he kills all of us," said the woman, who declined to give her name for fear of reprisals from Syrian security.

On Monday, Morocco asked the Syrian ambassador to leave the country. Within hours, Syria's state-run TV said the Foreign Ministry had declared Morocco's ambassador to Syria persona non grata.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



U.S. soldier in Bejjia village Iraq, Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**Foreign Occupation "Servicemember"
Killed Somewhere Or Other In
Afghanistan:
Nationality Not Announced**

July 18, 2012 Reuters

A foreign servicemember died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

Another Foreign Occupation “Servicemember” Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

July 18, 2012 Reuters

A second foreign servicemember died of wounds following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today.

Two Indiana Guardsmen Killed In Afghanistan



Spc. Sergio Eduardo Perez (left) and Spc. Nicholas Andrew Taylor were killed Monday in Afghanistan. / COURTESY INDIANA NATIONAL GUARD

Jul. 17, 2012 Indianapolis Star

Two members of the Indiana National Guard have died in Afghanistan, officials confirmed today.

Spc. Sergio Eduardo Perez, 21, Crown Point, and Spc. Nicholas Andrew Taylor, 20, Berne, were killed in action Monday "during a complex attack that included rocket-propelled grenade fire and small arms fire in the Kandahar Province," according to a Guard release.

The guardsmen were members of the 713th Engineer Company, headquartered in Valparaiso, Ind., the release stated, and were assigned to clear military supply and combat routes.

"Every such loss is a heartbreak," Gov. Mitch Daniels said in a prepared statement. "We are hit with special severity here because of the casualties this heroic unit has already endured.

No Guard unit in my memory has been assigned a more dangerous mission than the 713th, and here again we see the incredible risks these citizen-soldiers volunteer to run for the rest of us.

Both guardsmen graduated in May 2010 — Perez graduated from Lake Central High School and Taylor from South Adams High School.

Taylor is the son of Berne Police Chief Tim Taylor and his wife, Stephania.

"We're a small town," said Nancy Lindsey, administrative assistant for the Berne Police Department. "I had known Nick since he was a little child."

The police department's employees have rallied around the Taylor family, Lindsey added. "We have six officers," she said.

"They're all picking up the slack (while the chief is on bereavement leave) and everyone is here to support the family."

Lindsey remembered the fallen guardsman as "a very outstanding student athlete and just an all-around great guy with very strong leadership skills."

The guardsman, who excelled at football for South Adams, received offers to play college football, Lindsey said, but chose the military.

In January, four members of the same Indiana unit were killed when an improvised explosive device blew up under their armored vehicle.

Killed in the Jan. 6 incident were Indiana National Guard soldiers Spc. Brian J. Leonhardt, Merrillville; Staff Sgt. Jonathan Metzger, 32, Indianapolis; Spc. Robert Tauteris Jr., 44, Hamlet; and Spc. Christopher Patterson, 20, Aurora, Ill.

The four soldiers were clearing a pathway for a convoy amid combat in Kandahar Province in southern Afghanistan.

Family: Slain Brooksville Soldier Was ‘Loving, Caring Person’



Twenty-three-year-old Clarence Williams, a Brooksville resident, was one of six Americans killed in a single blast in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday. (Photo/Tampa Bay Times)

July 11, 2012 By Ferdinand Zogbaum, Reporter; Tampa Bay Times

BROOKSVILLE –

The family of a Brooksville soldier who was killed in Afghanistan is speaking out about the loss of their loved one.

Clarence Williams, 23, was on tour with the Army's military police when the armed vehicle he was in hit a roadside bomb. Williams and five others were killed. Williams was supposed to come home this month.

Williams' family spoke about his big smile and his kind personality. They said he is an amazing man and he will be missed for years to come.

His sister, Abrill Edwards, said she can't believe he is gone.

"No more phone calls," she said. "No more 'Hey sis, you know I love you.' No more...none of that...my only brother."

Williams graduated from Hernando High School in 2008. While at the school he played football for a couple of years.

Rodney Byrd, who coached Williams, had known him since he was a little boy. He said Williams was a great kid who turned into an outstanding man.

"He was a 'yes sir, no sir' type guy," Byrd said. "Very good kid, very honorable kid. Honest and had integrity."

Williams' family said he loved to hunt and fish, but that he had a soft side too. He sang in the church choir and loved his family.

"He was just a loving, caring person that would go out of his way for anybody," Edwards said.

The family plans to bury Williams at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. They also said they plan to have a memorial service next week in Brooksville.

Porterville Soldier, 21, Dies In Afghanistan



Alejandro Jose Pardo

Jul. 10, 2012 By Lewis Griswold - The Fresno Bee

A 21-year-old soldier from Porterville who was described as an All-American boy and who hoped to someday open a pizza parlor in Chicago has died in Afghanistan.

The Army notified the family of Alejandro Jose "AJ" Pardo on Monday morning of his death, his aunt Pandora Taylor of Winnetka said. Pardo died Sunday, but his death has yet to be officially announced by the Pentagon.

Friends said word spread via Facebook messages and phone calls.

Pardo is the fourth person from the Porterville area to die in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars and the 45th in the central San Joaquin Valley to die in battle or training overseas since 2003, according to an unofficial tally.

According to his Facebook page, Pardo was a 2009 graduate of Granite Hills High School who joined the Army about a month after graduating and was a military policeman based at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Pardo played cello in middle school and performed with a school orchestra at Carnegie Hall in New York City, said Veronica Padilla, a parent of a former classmate.

As a teen, Pardo was active in the church youth group at St. Anne's Parish. A prayer service for Pardo was held Tuesday night at Holy Cross Church in Porterville.

Hannah Risvold, 20, of Springville, said she spoke via the Internet with Pardo a few days ago. He told her he lost friends in the war a few days earlier and was excited at the prospect of coming home in November.

"He was an All-American kid," said Risvold, who was in the church youth group with Pardo when they were teens. "He always had a smile on his face."

His aunt said he volunteered to go to Afghanistan but imagined the day he would be out of uniform.

"He told me when he got out of the service that he really wanted to open a pizza restaurant in Chicago," Taylor said.

Aneliz Jimenez, a former member of the church youth group, said she gave him a small pink bow when he left for assignment in Korea.

"I told him he needs a dash of color," Jimenez said.

"He wore it under his uniform. A year later when he got back, he told me he was still wearing it."

An Army spokesman said the service usually waits 24 hours after the family is notified before making a public announcement of a soldier's death.

If there are multiple deaths from a single incident, the names are not released until all families are notified and 24 hours have passed, Army spokesman George Wright said.

Six soldiers died in an IED blast Sunday in Maidan Shahr, Afghanistan, and it appears this is the incident in which Pardo died.

According to the unofficial icasualties.org website that tracks combat fatalities, Pardo was a private first class and was killed in the incident.

Kinnelon Paratrooper With Rutherford Roots Killed In Afghanistan



Spc. Jonathan Batista PHOTO / US ARMY

July 9, 2012 BY JUSTO BAUTISTA, ABBOTT KOLOFF AND RICHARD COWEN, STAFF WRITERS; The Record

Those who knew him weren't surprised that Jonathan Batista chose one of the Army's most dangerous jobs: mine detection. It fit his personality.

Batista, who grew up in Rutherford, stood up to bullies and protected others, including Christopher Romaglia, 23, a Rutherford High School classmate.

"He wasn't scared," Romaglia said. "He didn't back down from things, he stuck up for people. He would be my big bodyguard."

On Monday, Romaglia joined others who knew Batista in mourning their friend.

Batista, 22, a decorated paratrooper with the Army's famed 82nd Airborne Division, was killed on his first deployment to Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in Zharay District, Kandahar Province, on Sunday, the Pentagon said.

Victoria di Gioia watched Batista grow up next door on Wood Street in Rutherford, where he played youth baseball and high school soccer. Di Gioia cried when she learned of Jonathan's death.

She said she vividly remembers Sept. 11, 2001. Jonathan told her he had not heard from his mother, Jeanette, or stepfather, Eric, who both worked in Manhattan. They did not get home until nearly midnight that night.

Di Gioia said she sat him down on a couch and tried to comfort him.

"He was stoic," Di Gioia said. "He did not want to look worried."

"I wish I had told him how brave I thought he was," Di Gioia added. "This was a young man in our neighborhood. It's just a terrible thing to lose a young boy."

Batista's family moved to Kinnelon about three years ago, Di Gioia said. She said Jonathan has a younger brother, Andrew, and a younger sister, Gabriella.

Family members were in mourning at their home in Smoke Rise, a gated community in Kinnelon, and, according to a guard, were too distraught to talk to reporters.

Batista, who Army officials said had recently married, graduated from Rutherford High School in 2007.

The "Rutherfordian" yearbook shows a young Batista dressed, like all of his male classmates, in formal attire with a bow tie. An anonymous blurb describes Batista as a "man with a thousand names."

Romaglia said he befriended Batista when they were paired as roommates on a junior year trip to Spain. His friend had been working jobs he didn't like since immediately after graduation, and joined the Army in March 2010 because he "wanted more" from his life, Romaglia said.

"He felt it was something that could improve his life," Romaglia said. "He was excited; he thought it was a great decision."

Romaglia said he had not kept in touch with Batista since he enlisted. He found out about his death Monday afternoon when another friend called to tell him the news. "He was a great high school friend for me," Romaglia said. "It was very sad."

Others were touched, too.

Matt Ackermann, who coached Batista in youth baseball in Rutherford and Lyndhurst, kept in touch with his former player through high school and into adulthood. He said Batista told him via Facebook just weeks ago that he expected to return home sometime next month.

"He was one of those kids who never took an answer at face value," Ackermann said. "You always had to explain why you were doing something with him, so he drove a lot of coaches crazy."

"But ultimately he was someone who would always give you 120 percent on the field or wherever he was," Ackermann said. "He always gave everything he had."

Another high school classmate, Nick Jameson, said Batista enjoyed baseball, was a Boston Red Sox fan and joined the Army because "he wanted to better himself."

"He was really a good guy; he was nice to everybody," Jameson said, adding that he was too distraught to continue.

After joining the Army, Batista attended airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga., before joining his unit, 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division, according to a statement issued by the division.

“Jon was a devoted son, a caring brother, a paratrooper dedicated to the safety and security of his infantry team, and a newlywed,” said Lt. Col. Philip Raymond, Batista’s battalion commander. His wife, who lives near Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C., could not be reached.

Batista served his platoon as a mine detector operator, clearing paths for his unit as they patrolled throughout the farmland of Zharay, Kandahar Province.

“Their safety was his priority,” Raymond said. “His courage bolstered theirs and endeared him to his platoon.” Governor Christie issued a statement calling the young soldier’s death a heartbreaking tragedy for his loved ones, the community and “our entire state.”

Batista’s decorations include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and Parachutist Badge.

POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED

THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WAR

U.S. Chopper Crashes In Afghanistan

July 18 2012 SAPA

Kabul, Afghanistan -

A U.S. helicopter crashed on Wednesday in western Afghanistan, injuring two troops.

No other information was disclosed about the crash in the relatively peaceful west. The crash is under investigation.

Taliban Attack Destroys 22 Military Supply Trucks In Afghan North: “A Big Boom”

[Thanks to Felicity Arbuthnot who sent this in. She writes: “Normal business resumed.”]

18 Jul 2012 Examiner Publications

The Taliban said it detonated a bomb on a fuel tanker today and then opened fire on other military supply trucks, destroying 22 vehicles loaded with fuel and other goods for US forces in Afghanistan parked in Aibak, the capital of Samangan province,

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed the early morning attack in the north. "At 2 a.m. the mujahideen attacked the invader trucks," the Taliban said in a statement, referring to the wagons which had been driven from Uzbekistan to Afghanistan.

Sidiq Azizi, a spokesman for the province, said many tankers and trailers caught fire after the bomb went off. By noon, heavy black smoke still poured from the Rabatak area of the province where the truckers had stopped to rest. Firefighters were spraying water on the burning vehicles.

Mr Azizi said: "There was a big boom. It's possible that it was a magnetic bomb from insurgents. We are investigating.

"I counted 20 fuel tankers burning. There is still a very big fire. The weather is very hot and it's hard to get close to the fire." The tankers in the convoy were transporting fuel south toward the Afghan capital, Kabul, from neighbouring Uzbekistan to the north.

Earlier this week, three military supply trucks were destroyed by militants in Sayd Abad district of Wardak province in eastern Afghanistan.

The trucks were attacked in the same province where prominent anti-Taliban lawmaker Ahmad Khan Samangani was killed on Saturday at his daughter's wedding.

More Resistance Action



[Graphic:flickr.com/photos]

7.17.12 & July 18 2012 Independent Online

A magnetic bomb blew up the car of a district governor in Afghanistan's northerly city of Kunduz on Monday in the third attack on senior government officials in as many days. The governor of Khan Abad district was not in the car, but the bomb killed a bodyguard and wounded eight civilians, police said.

On Sunday, Higher Education Minister Obaidullah Obaid survived a roadside bomb attack on his motorcade in the adjoining province of Baghlan.

On Monday, insurgents twice ambushed the convoy of Nuristan provincial Gov. Tamim Nuristani, but he escaped unharmed both times, said provincial spokesman Mohammad Zareen. The first ambush came as the convoy was travelling to Wama district where the governor was inaugurating a road. After a brief gunbattle, the insurgents pulled back. The convoy was later attacked again when the governor was en route to Parun district. One policeman was killed and two others were wounded in the fight that followed.

Also on Monday, a magnetic bomb attached to the vehicle of the chief of Khan Abad district of Kunar province exploded, killing one policeman said provincial spokesman Sayed Sarwar Hussaini. The district governor was not in the vehicle when the bomb detonated.

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

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Car Bomb Kills Somali Lawmaker Allied To President



The scene of a car bomb attack in the Hamarwayne district of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, July 16, 2012.

Jul 16, 2012 Reuters

A car bomb killed a Somali lawmaker allied to the president, an official said on Monday, in an attack claimed by the al Shabaab militant group that is fighting the Western-backed government.

"The MP himself was driving the car. A bomb had been placed in his car without his awareness," deputy Mogadishu Mayor Warsame Mohamed told reporters.

"The MP died. His flesh and documents are in the car," said Mohamed, referring to Mohamud Abdi Ibrahim, who was also a former minister for humanitarian affairs and trade.

Al Shabaab claimed the attack shortly afterwards.

"We targeted the MP and killed him with a bomb," Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, spokesman for al Shabaab's military operations, said. "We managed to place a bomb in his car. Government officials and those who work with them are infidels."

Mohamud was known to be close to President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed. They belonged to the alliance that entered the government in 2009 through a power-sharing deal in Djibouti.

Dawn Explosions Rock Ethiopian Occupation Troops In Beledweyne Town; They Open Fire At Nearby Crowds "Indiscriminately"

17 July 2012 AllAfrica

Baladweyne — Deadly multiple blasts are reportedly rocked on Tuesday Ethiopian troops in Somalia's central town of Beledweyne, a town which is under the control of Somali government soldiers and its allied Ethiopian troops, reports said.

Eyewitnesses confirmed to Shabelle Media that roadside bombs targeted Ethiopian forces as they were walking east of Beledweyne, but could not verify the exact number of casualties to the Ethiopian military.

Following the blasts Ethiopian forces momentarily halted business and public transportation operations, opening fire at nearby crowds indiscriminately, but No deaths reported.

No Ethiopian military spokesman has briefed the media on the incident.

Beledweyne, 350 kilometers north of Mogadishu, and a trading hub near the Ethiopian border, has witnessed a string of attacks and co-coordinated killings against soldiers and civilians since Al shabab vacated at the end of last year without fighting.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

<p>It is a two class world and the wrong class is running it. -- Larry Christensen, Soldiers Of Solidarity & United Auto Workers</p>

“Let Us Now Picture To Ourselves, By Way Of Change, A Community Of Free Individuals, Carrying On Their Work With The Means Of Production In Common”

Excerpt from Karl Marx. Capital Volume One; Chapter One: Commodities; Section 4 - The Fetishism of Commodities and the Secret Thereof

Let us now picture to ourselves, by way of change, a community of free individuals, carrying on their work with the means of production in common, in which the labour power of all the different individuals is consciously applied as the combined labour power of the community.

The total product of our community is a social product.

One portion serves as fresh means of production and remains social.

But another portion is consumed by the members as means of subsistence. A distribution of this portion amongst them is consequently necessary. The mode of this distribution will vary with the productive organisation of the community, and the degree of historical development attained by the producers.

We will assume, but merely for the sake of a parallel with the production of commodities, that the share of each individual producer in the means of subsistence is determined by his labour time.

Labour time would, in that case, play a double part. Its apportionment in accordance with a definite social plan maintains the proper proportion between the different kinds of work to be done and the various wants of the community.

On the other hand, it also serves as a measure of the portion of the common labour borne by each individual, and of his share in the part of the total product destined for individual consumption.

The social relations of the individual producers, with regard both to their labour and to its products, are in this case perfectly simple and intelligible, and that with regard not only to production but also to distribution.

The life-process of society, which is based on the process of material production, does not strip off its mystical veil until it is treated as production by freely associated men, and is consciously regulated by them in accordance with a settled plan.

This, however, demands for society a certain material ground-work or set of conditions of existence which in their turn are the spontaneous product of a long and painful process of development.

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK



CLASS WAR REPORTS



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The Vampires Of Daylight: “Driving A Stake Through The Heart Of The Health Insurance Corporations” “There’s A Couple Of Ways To Help Us” WE ONLY HAVE 15 DAYS LEFT!

From: Helen Redmond
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: Jul 16, 2012
Subject: Medicaid Meltdown/Help fund The Vampires of Daylight Truth Tour

The recent Supreme Court decision on Medicaid allows the states to opt out of expanding the program.

Already, 7 Republican governors have vowed to opt out and many more, including Democrats, are taking a wait-and-see-approach.

Over half of people to become insured under Obama’s Affordable Care Act (ACA) were supposed to get coverage through Medicaid.

Now even that reform is being scaled back.

It’s becoming clearer that "ObamaRomneyCare" is a disaster.

The reality is a national, federally funded single-payer health care system is the only way out of the health care crisis that kills 84,000 people every year.

We launched a campaign on indiegogo for funds (\$7000) to add a postscript to the film about the Supreme Court decision and to take the film on a “Truth Tour.”

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We can't do this without your help.

In solidarity for single-payer,
Helen & Marilena

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About this video "This documentary film about health care looks at the crisis from the perspective of ordinary people. It asks if they believe health care is a human right and if they support a single-payer, national health care system. It's also an unapologetic takedown of President Obama's fundamentally flawed health care legislation, the PPACA. The filmmakers argue that a mass movement must be built to abolish the for-profit health insurance industry. We document the fight in 2009 for single-payer that the mainstream media ignored."

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