

## **Military Resistance 11A5**



### **36 Troops Based At Joint Base Lewis-McChord Dead In Afghanistan In 2012: “The Deadliest Year For Lewis-McChord Soldiers Since 2009 When 39 Were Killed”**

Jan 3, 2013 The Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. — A soldier who was killed Saturday in Afghanistan was the 36th death in 2012 from troops based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

The Defense Department says 20-year-old Pfc. Markie T. Sims of Citra, Fla., was killed by a roadside bomb.

He was part of the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team that deployed in November and is due to return in August to the base near Tacoma.

The News Tribune reports Sims is the unit's third fatality during the deployment.

The 36 deaths in 2012 mark the deadliest year for Lewis-McChord soldiers since 2009 when 39 were killed.

The deadliest year in the decade was 2007 when 92 Lewis-McChord soldiers lost their lives during the Iraq War surge.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED  
THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE  
WAR**

### **MILITARY NEWS**

**“Rebel Forces Are Currently  
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City Nine Miles From Damascus**

**“Totally Liberated”**

**“In November, Residents Formed A  
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Looters Works With A Judicial Council”**

**“Former Electric Company Employees Have  
Strung In Power From Nearby Areas Still On**

# The Government Network, Returning Power To Some Of The City”

January 3 By Associated Press

BEIRUT — Twin airstrikes by government jets on a large, rebel-held suburb of Damascus on Thursday sheered the sides off apartment towers and left residents digging through rubble for the dead and wounded.

The bombing of Douma came amid a wave of attacks on rebellious districts of the Syrian capital, part of the government’s efforts to keep rebel fighters out of President Bashar Assad’s seat of power.

Rebels took control of Douma, a suburb of some 200,000 located nine miles (15 kilometers) northwest of Damascus, in mid-October 2011, after launching attacks on military posts throughout the city, activists said.

Less than a week later, the rebels had taken over a half-dozen checkpoints and government buildings, said activist Mohammed Saeed. The army withdrew from others.

“Since then, the city has been totally liberated,” he said. “There are no government troops left, but we still suffer from regime airstrikes almost every day.”

**Today, those entering Douma must pass through rebel checkpoints at the city’s main entryways. Rebels with camouflage vests and Kalashnikov rifles zip about on motorcycles, communicating by walkie-talkie. ‘**

**Some belong to the security brigade, an improvised police force to catch looters that works with a judicial council of Muslim clerics and lawyers who run a prison.**

**In November, residents formed a civilian council to provide services for the estimated one-third of Douma’s residents who have not fled the violence.**

**The council oversees committees for medical issues, bakeries, media relations and other tasks, said its head, Nizar Simadi.**

**A former cleaner at city hall runs a cleanup crew that helps remove rubble from the streets after shell attacks and airstrikes.**

**The city’s electricity went out in November — activists accuse the government of cutting it in revenge — but former electric company employees have strung in power from nearby areas still on the government network, returning power to some of the city.**

Douma has more than a dozen rebel brigades, and the city’s fighters have joined battles in many other areas around the capital. Most of their support comes from wealthy Syrians abroad who send money to buy arms, said the head of one rebel brigade, the Douma Martyrs, who goes by the name Abu Waleed.

In November, Douma's fighters raided two army bases in the nearby suburb of Otaya, he said, making away with arms that helped them push closer to Damascus. But they can do little about the government's airstrikes.

Rebel forces are currently fighting the government in areas on three sides of the capital. They are closest in the south, where they have pushed into the poor Damascus neighborhood of Hajar al-Aswad.

Recent weeks have also seen fierce clashes in the southwestern suburb of Daraya, which the government says it is close to reclaiming. **[Sure. And the German army is close to reclaiming Stalingrad. Any minute now. T]**

During Thursday's airstrikes on Douma, a government fighter jet launched two bombing runs on a densely populated residential area near a prominent mosque, said Saeed, the activist.

The Syrian government has not commented on the fall of Douma to rebels, whom it characterizes as terrorists backed by foreign powers seeking to destroy the country.

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## **Obama Regime Filth Attack More Of Our Liberties: Worthless Piece Of Shit Traitor Military Judge Overseeing Guantanamo Trial Rules "Lawyers Cannot Make Public Even Unclassified Materials" Government "Trying To Hide The Fact The Men Were Tortured"**

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January 3, 2013 By Richard A. Serrano, Washington Bureau, New York Times

WASHINGTON — The military judge overseeing the trial for alleged Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four others has ruled that lawyers cannot make public even unclassified materials.

The ruling by the judge, Army Col. James L. Pohl, follows an order on Dec. 6 in which he directed that any evidence or discussion about harsh interrogation techniques used against the five men also be kept secret.

He issued the ruling despite accusations by human rights groups that the government was trying to hide the fact the men were tortured.

Upset with the back-to-back rulings, members of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, as well as a consortium of attorneys representing various media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times, are continuing to pursue legal challenges to Pohl's orders.

**Under the new order, the attorneys cannot share unclassified information dealing with law enforcement and the military, nor surveillance information, medical records, autopsy reports and the names of the military commission jurors, witnesses and others connected to detention operations.**

**None of the material, Pohl said, "shall be disseminated to the media."**

**But the judge allowed the disclosure of some unclassified material in pretrial legal briefs and during pretrial hearings, as well as the trial.**

Along with Mohammed, the other defendants in the Sept. 11 trial are Ramzi Binalshibh, the alleged plot cell manager; Walid bin Attash, an alleged Al Qaeda training camp steward; and two alleged Al Qaeda financiers, Mustafa Ahmed Hawsawi and Ammar al Baluchi, also known as Ali Abdul Aziz Ali.

### **Troops Invited:**

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### **Win One For Our Side:**

**A U.S. Postal Service Employee Who Was Fired For “Excessive Use Of Military Service” Must Be Reinstated With Over \$2 Million In Back Pay, Benefits And Attorney Fees**

Dec 19, 2012 Stars And Stripes

A U.S. Postal Service employee who was fired for “excessive use of military service” when he tried to return to work after four years on active duty with the National Guard must be reinstated with over \$2 million in back pay, benefits and attorney fees, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The decision to fire Sgt. Maj. Richard Erickson in 2000 has been ruled a violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act, or USERRA.

**The law prohibits civilian employers from terminating or otherwise penalizing part-time servicemembers who leave their jobs for military service for up to five years.**

**Garry Wade Klein, the administrative judge from the Merit Systems Protection Board, ruled Erickson must be reinstated and compensated no more than 60 days after the decision becomes final Jan. 14 pending no further legal action by USPS, which will have to follow the order even if it decides to appeal.**

The legal proceedings have dragged on for years as USPS continued to pursue the case even after Erickson won two decisions before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

When the USPS refused to reinstate Erickson in 2000, the father of three from Fort Meyers, Fla., re-enlisted in the National Guard and deployed to Afghanistan as part of a Special Forces team.

He has received over 35 medals and decorations, including three combat distinguished valor awards and the Purple Heart.

The legal battle cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills for Erickson, though under USERRA, the USPS will pay his legal bills.

“For me, this case was a matter of principle,” Erickson said, according to a statement from his attorney. “I am a veteran and I was disgusted by the Postal Service’s callous actions.”

**“The good news for other servicemen and women is that Erickson’s perseverance in this case not only afforded him his old job, back-pay and benefits, it has strengthened countless servicemembers’ rights under USERRA by setting judicial precedent.”** said Greg T. Rinckey, Erickson’s attorney.

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## **Homeless Veterans Rescue Ohio Robbery Victim**

Jan 3, 2013 The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A homeless man and another who was recently homeless are being hailed as heroes for coming to the aid of a man who was being robbed in downtown Cincinnati.

Gary Wagner was being attacked at an ATM when the two men intervened and wrestled him free, police said. One of them stayed with Wagner while the other ran after the suspect and stood in front of his car until officers arrived.

“I think it was a courageous and unselfish act,” said Cincinnati police Capt. Gary Lee. “It’s a perfect example of what can happen when the citizens and police work in partnership.”

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported that both men are military veterans who didn’t know each other before the Monday encounter. David Hale just got off the streets, and Chad McClain — who ran after the suspect — is living at a shelter.

Both men said they hope anyone else would do the same.

“I was compelled to do something,” said McClain, 38. “I just couldn’t stand by and see somebody be victimized. I didn’t really think about myself.”

The 46-year-old Hale said his “instincts kicked in at the right time.” He added that he understands that people get desperate: “There are other ways to reach out and get help (than) turning to crime and hurting another individual.”

Wagner, 54, said he wants to do something to help the two men who helped him.

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## **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**

**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004**

## **U.S. And Russian Politicians Maneuver Behind The Scenes To Keep Assad Regime In Place, Minus Assad:**

**“The Promises Of The U.S. To The  
Syrian Opposition, That It Can Count  
On U.S. Financial And Armed  
Support Were Merely Words”**

**“All Opposition Sources Confirm That  
The Financial And Military Support**



# Slowed Since August 2012 Before Stopping Completely”

Washington had always looked for a political solution, with an ideal scenario consisting of keeping the “acceptable” part of the regime and the immediate departure of Bashar Al-Assad, as it just cannot deal with him.

Jan 04, 2013 By Abdul Wahab Badrakhan, Al Arabiya News

*Abdul Wahab Badrakhan is a Lebanese journalist, who writes weekly in London's Al-Hayat newspaper among other Arab publications. Badrakhan was a journalist in 'Annahar' (Beirut) until 1979, in 'Annahar Arabic & international' magazine (Paris) up to 1989, in 'Al Hayat' (London) as managing editor then deputy editor in chief until 2006. At present, Badrakhan is working on two books. The first book is on the roots of the experiences that have motivated young Arab men to go to Afghanistan. The second is devoted to Arab policies to counterterrorism, starting with the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and covering the ensuing wars.*

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Why did Russia and peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi promote a “political solution” to the crisis in Syria before causing its failure themselves through their deliberate bad management?

And why didn't the international and Arab envoy use his own tactics rather than using Lavrov's way?

**There is an understanding between the Americans and Russians, or an agreement between Hilary Clinton and Sergei Lavrov reached in Dublin on Dec. 7 2012.**

The Americans are clear about their willingness to dismantle any situation that might drag them later into direct intervention.

Even the “red line” warning against chemical weapons use doesn't seem to be serious.

Although Barack Obama warned the regime many times against these weapons, it seems that even if they are used, neither the U.S. nor NATO will interfere.

The regime got the message that it's free to use the chemical weapons within specified geographical limitations, otherwise, the U.S. and the NATO will count on Israeli intervention.

It seems now that the promises of the U.S. to the Syrian opposition, that it can count on U.S. financial and armed support, both before establishing the opposition coalition in Doha and after this, were merely words.

And what the U.S. doesn't want to give, we see other “Friends of Syria” refrain from giving; the proof being that all opposition sources confirm that the financial and military

support slowed since August 2012 before stopping completely since the announcement of the opposition coalition.

**Washington had always looked for a political solution, with an ideal scenario consisting of keeping the “acceptable” part of the regime and the immediate departure of Bashar Al-Assad, as it just cannot deal with him.**

But Moscow challenged this scenario saying that it cannot work on any solution unless Assad is part of it or is accepting it especially that restructuring the army and the security forces is one of the most pressing priorities.

After long hesitation, the U.S. commissioned the Russians with the assignment, so they can deal with their favorable regime. The Russians insisted on operating within the framework of the “Geneva agreement” which doesn’t mention, neither directly nor indirectly, that president Assad needs to step down, and they agreed on a “slight” amendment on the implementation phase, and from outside of the set agreement.

**This amendment mentioned “a transitional government with full powers”, which means that Assad will give up his powers, and “transfer the powers” to a prime minister which might be his deputy Farouq Al-Sharaa.**

If this is true, then it looks like an advanced formula and even a breakthrough, even if it means that Assad will remain on the scene for a while. Be it a reality or a mirage, it gives at least the priority to stopping the killing and destruction and allows the relief of the victims and opens the path towards the change of the regime.

But it postpones bringing murderers and criminals to trial.

What has been achieved?

It’s the same scenario: Brahimi came. He met with Assad. He handed him “the proposal”. He was asked to wait for an answer. And meanwhile he used the waiting time to meet some personalities from the “internal opposition” although he knows that they will not make any change in his mission.

Then he knew that Faisal Al-Mekdad flew to Moscow, which means that Assad chose to discuss his response with Russia.

So, Brahimi was called to there as well to learn that the head of the regime refuses to give up his powers, and that he’s determined to stay until the end of his presidential mandate in 2014, as well as to run for the next elections.

And as the international and Arab envoy visited him in his capacity as Head of State, he doesn’t have the right to interfere in his powers, as the president is the one who will designate the prime minister and define his role. Surprisingly, Moscow, while it receives Al-Mekdad, sends an invitation to the opposition coalition to visit the Russian city for dialogue. What dialogue? With who? How will it be discussed? According to which agenda and upon which conditions?

**As Moscow didn’t seem to have succeeded in promoting “the solution” to the regime, it attempts to sell it to the coalition.**

This undiplomatic gesture was met with an undiplomatic response from the head of the coalition.

He didn't content himself by saying that Moscow which is supporting the regime is not a suitable place to visit, but he asked Moscow to apologize for what it committed against the Syrian people, although he didn't refuse the concept of dialogue, which was met directly by Michael Bogdanof who said that the dialogue can be held in any other city.

Of course, the opposition witnessed some tense discussions about the response of Mouaz Al-khateeb, mainly around the issue of "apology" and going this far in the adversity against Russia, but "coalition" felt that Russia and Brahimi marginalized them on purpose and that they are not offering them more than a chair at the negotiation table with a regime that refuses it in advance.

It is another round executed by Russia, amid a complete silence from the American side, and ended with clear threats from Lavrov addressing both sides, although he seems to target the Opposition.

Brahimi did his share as well, saying Syria will be heading to "hell," although he knows that the regime doesn't care and that the opposition cannot withdraw.

While the Russians and the Americans are getting ready to resume talks soon to assess the situation in light of a reality that proved that none of the parties is ready for a compromise, which will result in letting them kill each other for a while.

What does this mean?

It means that on the political front, as the U.S. gave Moscow the freedom to operate, the latter will ask the U.S. to pressurize the opposition and control its "friends," especially Turkey which didn't seem to be aware of what were Moscow and Brahimi are doing.

**The worst part will still be on the military side, which could read Russia's actions as a green light to set the fire in "hell," irrespective of the international or Arab condemnation, which fell silent after the massacres of Halfaya and Deir Baalba (where the Iranian Al-Fateh missiles were used, but NATO didn't mention them although they are more powerful than scud missiles.)**

In the imminent days, the regime will battle with Russia, which supports its reliance on Iran's and Hezbollah's experience, because Russia aims to have a new status quo on the ground when it will mediate for the political solution again in a few weeks.

And while the opposition was waiting to be supplied with advanced weapons, it seems that the regime will be getting them.

Moscow wants the regime to show its capabilities to the ultimate extent, that's why the regime feels that it is gaining the international silence which allowed it, 30 years ago, to conduct the massacres of Hama, with its sources speaking out about thousands of people killed in Damascus suburbs as "horrible surprises;"

Washington wasn't silent alone during this diplomatic week between Damascus and Moscow, did it leave the Russians and Brahimi an attempt to do something before it says its word?

**No, most probably Washington said what it wants on Dec. 11h 2012, the night after the "Friends of Syria" conference in Marrakech, when it added "Al-Nusra front" to the list of terrorist states and organizations.**

This stance revealed the reality of the American position more than its endorsement of the opposition coalition the next day.

In the end, Washington cannot approach the situation in Syria without taking into consideration its harsh experience in Iraq.

**The abnormal silence isn't after all more than a pause between two positions and two faces, and it isn't unlikely to see the U.S. beginning 2013 by announcing that it backs Russian efforts of supporting Brahimi's mission, and that it believes that the suggested solution is suitable, taking into consideration the chaos that embraces Syria.**

**And, in case the opposition noticed in the past weeks a relapse in the support of its "friends" then... Cherchez l'Amerique (Look to the U.S.)!**

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## **The Present As History: 2013**

Excerpts from *Introduction To Ferdinand Lassalle's Speech To The Jury*  
by Leon Trotsky (July 1905)

Imposing its own type of economy and its own relations on all countries, capitalism has transformed the entire world into a single economic and political organism.

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Internalizing all the pathological processes, circumventing all the difficulties, brushing aside all the profound questions of domestic and international politics, and hiding all the contradictions, the bourgeoisie has postponed the denouement while simultaneously preparing a radical, worldwide liquidation of its supremacy.

This small planet on which we live will only complete this task once.

How fortunate is the generation that will shoulder this responsibility.

## Military Resistance In PDF Format?

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# Army Approves First Chaplain From Westboro Baptist Church



Jacob Phelps as a young boy, ministering to those in need.

4 January 2013 by G-Had, The Duffle Blog

TOPEKA, KS – After several months of closed-door negotiations, the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Army has announced that they have finally reached an agreement with the Westboro Baptist Church that will allow its members to serve officially as military chaplains.

2LT Jacob Phelps, a member of the Westboro congregation who was already serving as a non-denominational Christian chaplain, has been officially inducted into the Chaplain Corps. Phelps is himself a pioneer: the first member of his congregation to serve in the U.S. Army.

“I admit it was a little unusual,” Phelps chuckled, “growing up protesting at fag funerals for fag soldiers in their fag army. But after a while I thought, maybe the reason they’re such baby-killing scum is they haven’t been exposed to the good word of the Church and the love it preaches.”

In addition to his ministerial duties, 2LT Phelps will participate in offering secular advice for soldiers in his unit, including family affairs and counseling services.

“A lot of soldiers have questions,” 2LT Phelps said. “Why did my wife cheat on me? Why do I have post-traumatic stress? Why didn’t all my friends come back? Those questions have an answer: because God hates you.”

According to officials in the Chaplain Corps, the main obstacle to a Westboro chaplain was ministering to openly-gay servicemembers, a condition that 2LT Phelps said was “laughable.”

“At first there were questions about whether I could really be impartial and would be able to minister to soldiers who weren’t members of my particular congregation,” said Phelps, “but in my eyes everyone is equal: whether you’re a pedophile Catholic, Jesus-killing Jew, terrorist Muslim, or just plain old devil-worshiping Pagan, you can expect the same treatment from me.”

“My position also does not allow me to discriminate against anyone, regardless of their sexual orientation, and any soldiers should feel free to come to me for assistance,” he said before adding, “although once they exit the military, the faggots will obviously burn in hell.”

In response to a wave of public outrage, the Chaplain Corps has already released a written statement saying that while it stands by its decision to include the Westboro Baptist Church in its ranks, the decision should be viewed in the specific context of the case of 2LT Phelps.

Chaplain Corps officials took pains to stress that the decision would not result in other groups like atheists becoming chaplains, since “the Westboro Baptist Church at least believes in something.”

**UPDATE: Army officials have confirmed news that only minutes after arriving in Afghanistan, 2LT Phelps was killed after his MRAP hit a several-hundred pound IED on the flight line at Herat Airfield.**

**The Army is investigating why no one else was in it at the time.**

**His congregation announced plans to picket his funeral immediately.**

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The Strategy Page

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**OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Just Another Typical  
Day In Occupied  
Palestine:**

**“When He Told The Soldiers That  
Had A Health Problem With His  
Chest, They Replied That If He  
Said That Again They Would Beat  
Him To Death”**

**“Two Brothers Were Stripped  
Naked And Tied To An Olive Tree  
In Their Front Garden”**

**“They Threatened The Mother That If  
Her Husband Doesn’t Hand Himself  
In, In 24 Hours, They Will Kill Him”**

**“The Other Palestinian Wanted By The  
Israeli Occupation Force Has Until  
Tomorrow Morning To Hand Himself In  
Or He Will Be Assassinated”**

From 9am to 6pm Israeli special forces, regular army and border police attacked the village of Tammun, south of Jenin.

They used helicopters, many soldiers firing live rounds of ammunition, tear gas and plastic coated steel bullets. 35 people were injured, including 4 with live bullets. 2 children sustained serious head injuries from tear gas cannisters.



“many soldiers firing live rounds of ammunition, tear gas and plastic coated steel bullets”

The raid began by at least 15 plain clothed special forces driving into the village in Palestinian plated vehicles to arrest a man.

They forced the family out of their home, took one Palestinian brother Murad, tied, blindfolded, pushed him against the wall and took him back into the house.

They made the family stand outside as a human shield against any resistance to the incursion and, in doing so, committing a war crime. His brother, Mohammed, was forced to assume a stress position for two hours.

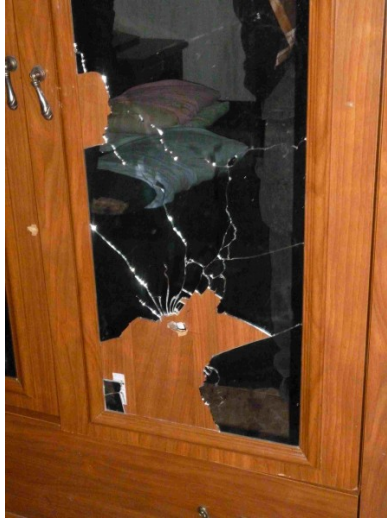
When he told the soldiers that had a health problem with his chest, they replied that if he said that again they would beat him to death.

The forces interrogated and beat Murad whilst blindfolded. These special forces, called Duvdevan, are known for targeted assassinations. Murad was told to climb over a wall, but fearing that this could be an excuse to kill him, he refused. The soldiers severely beat him for this.

The soldiers vandalised the house, breaking furniture and shooting walls, wardrobes, beds, mirrors and a fridge.

Last year the same family was raided by these forces. The two brothers were stripped naked and tied to an olive tree in their front garden.

Today, soldiers entered another home. They searched it, broke furniture and shot around the house as well.



Broken furniture

They threatened the mother that if her husband doesn't hand himself in, in 24 hours, they will kill him. Another 20 homes were searched in the village.

After the plain clothes special forces entered the village around 20 jeeps of regular army followed. They went into houses and took positions on rooftops.

Resistance by the population to this erupted on news of the incursion and people were attacked. Paramedics reported 35 injuries, 2 serious head wounds from tear gas cannisters that are often used as baton rounds. The 2 head injuries were inflicted on children. 4 of the injuries were from live rounds.

The attack continued until after dark with the army using parachute flares to illuminate the village.

The army eventually left the village at 6pm with Murad. The other Palestinian wanted by the Israeli occupation force has until tomorrow morning to hand himself in or he will be assassinated.

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

**After Serving Four Years In The  
Army, Israeli Wants To Renounce  
Citizenship:**

# “I Hate Zionism. I Want To Be Part Of The Palestinian Resistance”



[Thanks to Sandy Kelson, Veteran & Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

June 14, 2012 By Dalia Nammari, Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank —

In an odd twist to the decades-old Israeli-Palestinian saga, a former Israeli soldier has embarked on a new fight:

He wants to renounce his Israeli citizenship and move to a Palestinian refugee camp in the West Bank.

Andre Pshenichnikov, a 23-year-old Jewish immigrant from Tajikistan, was recently detained by Israeli police for residing illegally in the Deheishe Refugee Camp near Bethlehem. There he told police that he wants to break all ties with Israel, give up his Israeli citizenship and obtain a Palestinian one instead.

Pshenichnikov is currently traveling in Europe for two months. When he returns, he hopes to move to the West Bank.

It's incredibly rare for Israelis to seek to live under Palestinian rule. There are only a few known cases of Jewish Israelis who have done so, mostly ones who have married Palestinians, as well as a journalist for the Israeli daily Haaretz who moved to Ramallah and reports from there. None are known to have renounced Israeli citizenship — though some Israelis living abroad have. Nor are any known to have sought Palestinian residency instead. People are not allowed to be dual citizens.

Reached at his Israeli home, Pshenichnikov's mother Svetlana said she was troubled by her son's plans.

"I'm his mother and I am trying to support him like a mother should," she said. "But I don't support his war."

The family immigrated to Israel when Pshenichnikov was 13. Israel grants automatic citizenship to anyone who is Jewish.

**He later completed his three years of mandatory military service, enlisting as a computer programmer in the army's signals corps, and even served an additional year and a half as a career soldier.**

But sometime during his military service, he began to question Israel's relationship with the Palestinians.

Since then, he has completely rejected his adopted country.

After his service ended, he moved to the refugee camp in April and worked as a waiter in a Bethlehem hotel and as a construction worker in Deheishe.

"I hate Zionism ... I want to be part of the Palestinian resistance," Pshenichnikov told The Associated Press.

"I call for other Israelis who support the existence of a state of Palestine to do the same, to come live in the West Bank or Gaza as Palestinians."

The Palestinians want to make the West Bank part of an independent state. For the time being, in accordance with past agreements with Israel, they technically don't have a Palestinian citizenship but the self-rule authority issues I.D. residency cards and Palestinian passports.

Pshenichnikov said he chose to live near Bethlehem in hopes of taking advantage of his fluency in Russian to guide Russian tourists in Jesus' traditional hometown.

Residents say he was initially treated with suspicion.

Many Palestinians suspected him of being an Israeli spy and Palestinian officials eventually handed him over to Israeli authorities. But Pshenichnikov remained undeterred, returning to Deheishe where he was apprehended by Palestinian forces and handed over to Israel again.

Israeli police released him under restrictive conditions and banned him from entering the Palestinian-controlled areas pending the end of legal proceedings against him.

Tareq Abu Sheikha, who rented Pshenichnikov a room for a month, said he was "suspicious and not honest."

Abu Sheikha said Pshenichnikov presented himself as a Russian foreign activist and was even seen throwing stones at Israeli soldiers during demonstrations. But he was

also heard speaking in Hebrew on his phone and carried his old military I.D. card with him.

“We don’t have a problem with any Israeli coming to be one of us. We’ll be honored and give them an I.D. card, but this young man was suspicious and he lied and that’s why we handed him to the Israelis,” he said.

Officially renouncing Israeli citizenship is a lengthy, complicated process. Interior Ministry spokeswoman Sabine Hadad said that one has to file a request at an Israeli representative office overseas, prove that one has another citizenship and then await a ruling, which is not always granted. She said she wasn’t familiar with Pshenichnikov’s case, but that only few hundred people have their citizenship revoked each year.

The Israeli military declined to comment on Pshenichnikov.

Abdel-Fatah Hamayel, the governor of Bethlehem, said that in principle there should be no problem granting Pshenichnikov Palestinian citizenship, but that it would have to go through the proper legal channels.

“He wasn’t supposed to come illegally. If people knew his true identity, there’s no guarantee for his safety. He should have informed the Palestinian side with an official request and his request would be considered,” he said.

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# The Camp As They Were Trying To Bring Bread For The Refugee In The Camp”

01/02/2013 The Palestinian Information Center

BEIRUT -- Member of Hamas's political bureau Ezzat Al-Resheq said the Syrian regime forces still prevent for the 10th day the access of medical and food supplies the Palestinian refugee camp Al-Yarmouk in Damascus.

In a press statement to Quds Press on Tuesday, Resheq affirmed that Al-Yarmouk refugee camp is still being attacked by the Syrian regime forces with mortar shells.

Dozens of Palestinian refugees from the camp has been killed so far, he added.

He called for immediately ending the blockade imposed on Yarmouk camp and allowing in humanitarian needs.

For its part, the action group for the Palestinians in Syria strongly denounced on Tuesday the killing of two human rights activists from Al-Yarmouk refugee camp at the hands of the Syrian regime forces.

In a press release, the action group said the Syrian regime forces killed the activists Taha Hussein and Omar Harith after detaining them at the entrance to the camp as they were trying to bring bread for the refugee in the camp.

The activists were slaughtered and their bodies were found in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad area, the group added.

The group said the Syrian regime and its forces have no the slightest humanity and practice the highest levels of brutality and sadism even during the killing of civilians.

It said the blockade imposed on the refugee camps of Al-Yarmouk and Al-Sabina violates the international law and demanded the Palestinian leaders from all spectra to make tangible efforts to end the massacres happening against the Palestinians in Syria.

In a related incident, media sources from the camp reported that seven Palestinian refugees were killed on Tuesday in Al-Yarmouk camp in Damascus.

The sources added that the victims were killed during clashes between the Syrian regime forces and the revolutionary free army inside the camp and as a result of the fall of mortar shells.

The regime forces and the revolutionists were supposed to withdraw from the camp and hand it over to the Palestinian factions in order to end the bloodshed of civilians according to a recent agreement between the concerned parties.

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## **DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK**



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## **The Tyrant Obama Insists On His Right To Kill Any American Citizen Anywhere, Anytime, Without A Trial; Judge Agrees He Can Keep It All Secret, Including Legal Justification, If Any**

January 3, 2013 Editorial, The New York Times Company [Excerpt]


For years, President Obama has been stretching executive power to claim that the authorization to use military force against Al Qaeda gives him the unilateral authority to order people killed away from any battlefield without judicial oversight or public accountability — even when the target is an American citizen.



On Wednesday, a federal judge in Manhattan came down on the side of preserving secrecy regarding how this dangerous view of executive power gets exercised. Judge Colleen McMahon refused to require the Justice Department to disclose a memorandum providing the legal justification for the targeted killing of a United States citizen, Anwar al-Awlaki, in a 2011 drone strike in Yemen.

However, we appreciate Judge McMahon's honest recognition of the "Alice-in-Wonderland nature" of her decision, which allows the executive branch to publicly proclaim the legality of the targeted killing program while insisting that the public may not know the reasons for that conclusion.

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## Lawmakers Accused CIA Of Lying To The Makers Of "Zero Dark Thirty" By

# **Telling Them That Harsh Interrogation Methods Helped Track Down Bin Laden: “A Senate Intelligence Committee Investigation Into The CIA’s Detainee Program Found That Such Methods Produced No Useful Intelligence”**

Jan 3, 2013 By Kimberly Dozier - The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON —** Lawmakers accused the CIA of misleading the makers of the Osama bin Laden raid film “Zero Dark Thirty” by allegedly telling them that harsh interrogation methods helped track down the terrorist mastermind.

**The film shows waterboarding and similar techniques as important, if not key, to finding bin Laden in Pakistan, where he was killed by Navy SEALs in 2011.**

**A Senate Intelligence Committee investigation into the CIA’s detainee program found that such methods produced no useful intelligence.**

The CIA’s acting director, Michael Morell, recently contradicted that finding. In a statement last month to employees, he said that while the film was wrong to depict harsh techniques as key to finding bin Laden, those interrogations did produce some useful intelligence.

“Some came from detainees subjected to enhanced techniques, but there were many other sources as well,” Morell said.

**In a letter to the CIA this week, Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., John McCain, R-Ariz., and others asked Morell to back up his claim and to share documents showing what the filmmakers were told.**

They asked him to provide what information was acquired from CIA detainees and when. “Prior to, during, or after the detainee was subjected to the CIA’s enhanced interrogation techniques? If after, how long after?”

The senators contend that that the CIA detainee who provided the most accurate information about the courier who was tracked to bin Laden’s hiding place “provided the information prior to being subjected to coercive interrogation techniques,” according to a statement Thursday from Feinstein.

**The senators sent the agency a similar letter last month.**

The CIA says it will cooperate.

“As we’ve said before, we take very seriously our responsibility to keep our oversight committees informed and value our relationship with Congress,” CIA spokesman John Tomczyk said.

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