

## Military Resistance 11C1



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Feb 28, 2013 By John Wendle, Time [Excerpts]

A cold wind blew through the bomb-shattered windows of the provincial governor’s offices, wetting with snow the woolen shawls and eyelashes of the men packed into the meeting room.

Around 200 elders from some of the most embattled districts of Afghanistan’s strategic Wardak Province had gathered there to show their support for Afghan President Hamid Karzai’s decree earlier this week that NATO Special Forces must halt operations in the province.

In an upstairs room of the provincial governor’s offices, elders had gathered from Chak, one of the embattled districts who had mobilized to support Karzai’s decree.

Holding forth over the rest of the elders, Senator Samir Shirzada, had a warning for NATO.

“The Special Forces in Chak district are causing a lot of insecurity. They are causing problems for the people . In the winter there is no insurgency in our area. The insurgents go back to Pakistan or Iran or wherever they come from.

“But the Special Forces in the winter still arrest people,” says Shirzada.

**“They cause problems for the families and so the young men go and join the insurgency. Because the Special Forces disturb the people, this causes the people to join the insurgency. They are killing people, they are arresting people, and so the family members get angry and they go and join the insurgents.”**

Yet some Afghans disagree with Karzai’s decree and with Senator Shirzada’s analysis.

“Most of the time when we work together with the Special Forces, we do not arrest anyone without evidence, without any reports,” says Lt. Mashouq of the Afghan National Army, who, like many Afghans goes by only one name.

“I think the presence of Special Forces is very important for us in Wardak because the Afghan army and other Afghan security forces are not that well equipped. If the Special Forces leave the province tomorrow, Nerkh, where I am right now, will fall the next day to the Taliban. We need the support of the Special Forces in Wardak,” says Lt. Mashouq.

If Lt. Mashouq’s analysis proves correct, Kabul could be in trouble.

“First, Wardak is only 25 km from Kabul. If there is security in Wardak, then there will be security in Kabul. If Wardak is not secure, then Kabul will not be secure.

“Secondly, parts of Wardak province are very mountainous and there are many infiltration routes for insurgents to use and there are no Afghan army or police in these places.

“The Taliban are in power in many of these areas, so it would be easy for insurgents to attack Kabul.”

With Afghan forces spread thin and special operations forces possibly on their way out, Kabul could be more threatened than it has been in more than a year.

**In the end, regardless of who has been carrying out these attacks, the people of Wardak feel a lack of justice.**

**In the jostling crowd one man reaches out to us and tells us that he too has lost family. In a quiet office upstairs with plastic sheets flapping in the place of windows,**

**Sher Mohammed tells us that his 23-year-old son, Sayeed Mohammad, was riding his motorcycle home after visiting relatives in Nerkh, when he was taken from the road in broad daylight.**

**He has been missing for three months.**

**“I have been to every prison, to every lockup, asking about him. No one has any information. No one can help me,” says Sher Mohammad.**

**“If he was guilty, he should be in prison – I’m not trying to get him out if he is guilty. But just tell me where he is.**

**“If he is not guilty and he is missing, the security forces are responsible. They should give me his dead body or tell me where he is, if he is alive.” Before tears welled in his old man’s eyes and he choked up and could not speak any further, he adds, “For three months I have been looking for my son. There is no justice.”**

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## **ACTION REPORTS**

**“It’s All About The Culture;  
Nowadays, It’s The Culture For  
People To Think About These Things  
More”**

# [Outreach To New York National Guard]

From: LillianU  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013  
Subject: Outreach To New York National Guard

On the morning of Saturday, February 23rd, four of us began outreaching to the New York National Guard, New York City, at 6:30 AM and remained until approximately 7:40 AM. The only gate open was the main gate. Needless to say, the four of us did not miss any troops as they entered.

Overall, 72 handouts, 38 DVDs of *Sir No Sir*, and about 30 ziplock bags of brownies were distributed. A Military Resistance Guard Issue was included in our outreach packet, along with the GI Rights Pamphlet, and our own Military Resistance business card.

The reception was very friendly in general, with most troops either happily taking the outreach packets or politely declining. A few stated that they had seen *Sir, No Sir!* already after we offered them a DVD. One of us, A.S., was happy to once again encounter a sergeant who he had seen during various outreaches in the past 7-8 years. As usual, the sergeant was very friendly and engaged in conversation.

A few troops were more resistant to our overtures. When offered an outreach packet, one troop put his hand up, averted his eyes from us, and stated, "I don't think it's appropriate that you're here." Another troop, who had not seen us there before, accepted the materials when we first presented them to her. However, she turned around less than a minute later, handed us back the literature, and said, "We know that we have the right to protest, but not in uniform." When another one of us tried explaining that there were other materials in the packet that might interest her, she politely declined it and walked away.

A brand new person to outreach, C.O., joined us that morning. A Vietnam veteran who served for six years, C.O. had been in the very same regiment as these national guard troops. He was a very active and enthusiastic participant in outreach. Explaining how he became interested in being involved, he said, "When A.S. gave me this book, *Soldiers in Revolt*, it hit me like a ton of bricks, and then I saw *Sir, No Sir!*"

Reflecting on the outreach, he said, "I think a lot of [these troops] haven't seen combat, so they haven't had the rude awakening... I hope they read this material and wake up like I did."

M.G., a veteran of outreach since the Vietnam War, reflected on the positive reception we receive by the troops.

"In the beginning of the Vietnam War, we met more resistance when we did this sort of thing, but it tapered off... It's all about the culture; nowadays, it's the culture for people to think about these things more."

A special thank you goes out to all who assisted in producing outreach materials and snacks.

Solidarity,  
Lillian

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## **ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!**

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

**NOTE WELL:**

**Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.**

**Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.**

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

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## **The Military Resistance Organization:**

## **Military Resistance Mission Statement:**

**1. The mission of Military Resistance is to bring together in one organization members of the armed forces and civilians in order to give aid and comfort to members of the armed forces who are organizing to end the war of empire in Afghanistan. The long term objective is to assist in eliminating all wars of empire by eliminating all empires.**

**2. Military Resistance does not advocate individual disobedience to orders or desertion from the armed forces. The most effective resistance is organized by members of the armed forces working together.**

**However, Military Resistance respects and will assist in the defense of troops who see individual desertion or refusal of orders as the only course of action open to them for reasons of conscience.**

**3. Military Resistance stands for the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of all U.S. and other occupation troops from Afghanistan.**

**Occupied nations have the right to independence and the right to resist Imperial invasion and occupation by force of arms.**

**4. Efforts to increase democratic rights in every society, organization, movement, and within the armed forces itself will receive encouragement and support.**

**Members of the armed forces, whether those of the United States or any other nation, have the right and duty to act against dictatorships commanding their services, and to assist civilian movements against dictatorship.**

**This applies whether a political dictatorship is imposed by force of arms or a political dictatorship is imposed by those in command of the resources of society using their wealth to purchase the political leadership.**

**5. Military Resistance uses organizational democracy.**

**This means control of the organization by the membership, through elected delegates to any coordinating bodies that may be formed, whether at local, regional, or national levels.**

**Any member may run for any job in the organization. All persons elected are subject to immediate recall, by majority vote of the membership.**

**Coordinating bodies report their actions, decisions and votes to the membership who elected them, and may be overruled by a majority of the membership.**

6. It is not necessary for Military Resistance to be in political agreement with other organizations in order to work together towards specific common objectives.

It is productive for organizations working together on common projects to discuss differences about the best way forward for the movement.

Debate is necessary to arrive at the best course of action.

## **Membership Requirements:**

7. It is a condition of membership that each member prioritize and participate in organized action to reach out to active duty armed forces, Reserve and/or National Guard units.

8. Military Resistance or individual members may choose to support candidates for elective office who are for immediate withdrawal from Afghanistan, but do not support a candidate opposed to immediate, unconditional withdrawal.

9. Members may not be active duty or drilling reserve commissioned officers, or employed in any capacity by any police or intelligence agency, local, state, or national.

10. I understand and am in agreement with the above statement. I pledge to defend my brothers and sisters, and the democratic rights of the citizens of the United States, against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

----- (Signed)

(Date)

----- (Application taken by)

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# **You Can Take Action That Makes A Difference:**

# Join The Military Resistance Organization: MILITARY RESISTANCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Armed Forces? (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran? Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students/Unemployed	@	\$10
Civilian/Military Prisoners	@	Dues Waived

Comments:

NOTE: Civilian applicants will be interviewed, in person if possible, or by phone.

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# **“People Need Not Be Helpless Before The Power Of Illegitimate Authority”**

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*[Based on a statement by David Cortright, Vietnam Veteran and armed forces resistance organizer.]*

**In the final analysis the stationing of American forces abroad serves not the national interest but the class interest of the corporate and political elite.**

**The maintenance of a massive, interventionist-oriented military establishment is based on the need to protect multinational investment and preserve regimes friendly to American capital.**

**Imperialism is at the heart of the national-security system and is the force fundamentally responsible for the counterrevolutionary, repressive aims of U.S. policy.**

**Only if we confront this reality and challenge it throughout society and within the ranks can we restore democratic control of the military.**

**Of course nothing can be accomplished without citizen involvement and active political struggle.**

**During the Vietnam era enlisted servicemen created massive pressures for change, despite severe repression, and significantly altered the course of the war and subsequent military policy.**

**To sustain and strengthen this challenge we must continue to build political opposition to interventionism and support those within the armed services, including national guard and reserves, who defy the goals and program of Empire.**

**The central lesson of the GI movement is that people need not be helpless before the power of illegitimate authority, that by getting together and acting upon their convictions people can change society and, in effect, make their own history.**

**The Military Project**

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Mass Poisoning By Resistance Kills 17 Afghan Police: “Typically, Rat Poison Is Used, But The Victims Are Shot As Well Because The Poison Is Not Always Fatal”**

February 27, 2013 By ROD NORDLAND, New York Times [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — Twenty Afghan policemen were killed in two attacks on Wednesday, including a mass poisoning, in southeastern Afghanistan, officials said.

In Ghazni Province, a group of 17 Afghan policemen who had just been trained by Americans were drugged into comatose stupors by comrades, described after the episode as Taliban infiltrators, while on duty.

They were then shot to death in what appeared to be the single worst episode in a string of similar attacks, Afghan officials and an insurgent spokesman said.

In Kandahar Province, three policemen were killed in what the Taliban said was an attack carried out by one of its supporters, although police officials attributed the killings to a relative of one of the victims.

The Ghazni attack, at an Afghan Local Police outpost in Habib Godala village in the Andar district, occurred about 1 a.m., according to Gen. Zrawar Zahid, the Ghazni police chief.

Other Afghan officials said the authorities had already arrested two policemen, described as Taliban infiltrators who had carried out the attack.

The attackers poisoned the dinner food of the other officers, shot them at close range to ensure they were dead, stole their weapons and fled after setting a police vehicle on fire.

General Zahid said that 10 of the victims were Afghan Local Police officers who had finished their training, and that the other 7 were recruits who had been undergoing training.

The unit wiped out by the attack had been trained by the Americans at a base in the Andar district center a month ago, local officials said.

**Only a week earlier, a similar effort was made to drug policemen in that district, but the drug had not been strong enough and the victims were able to escape, according to Khalil Hotaki, head of a peace group in Ghazni.**

“We have repeatedly warned the A.L.P. recruiters and trainers to conduct proper and accurate vetting processes for people who want to join the A.L.P. ranks,” said Fiazanullah Fiazan, a former provincial governor in Ghazni. “We have told them not to enroll unknown people or people who are not vouched by tribal elders, but they don’t listen.

“They are trying to meet the recruiting deadline and get credit for it.”

A spokesman for the Taliban, Zabiullah Mujahid, e-mailed a statement to journalists claiming Taliban responsibility for the attack.

“Locals in the area were tired of the atrocities and crimes of these arbakais, and their lives and property were not safe,” Mr. Mujahid wrote, using the Afghan term for irregular militias. The deaths of the police officers, he said, meant that “oppression has been weakened and decreased in the area.”

In the episode in Kandahar Province, the authorities said, three National Police officers were found shot to death outside their post on the outskirts of Kandahar.

A spokesman for the police, Ghorzang, who like many Afghans goes by only one name, said the attacker was not an insurgent, but a heroin addict and a relative of the post commander, who was one of the victims.

Mr. Ghorzang said that the commander had taken the relative to get treatment and that after the police in the post fell asleep the relative took one of their guns and killed the commander and two other officers. The attacker, who was not identified by name, escaped.

But a spokesman for the Taliban in southern Afghanistan, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, reached by telephone, said the insurgents had recruited the assailant and took responsibility for the attack.

The attacks were the latest in a series of insider attacks, often involving the use of poison or drugs to subdue other policemen, who are then shot while unconscious.

**Typically, rat poison is used, but the victims are shot as well because the poison is not always fatal when delivered in food.**

“This type of attack is so deadly and disastrous, both in terms of loss of human life and in critically undermining trust and confidence among the Afghan national security forces and in particular the A.L.P.,” said retired Gen. Atiqullah Amarkhel, an Afghan military analyst.

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# **“A Bomber Slid Under A Bus Full Of Afghan Soldiers And Blew Himself Up In Kabul”**

## **Attack “Underscored The Insurgency’s Ability To Attack In The Heavily Guarded Capital”**



Attack against a bus carrying Afghan army personnel in Kabul on Wednesday. The attacker was intercepted but still detonated his explosives and injured at least six. Shah Marai / AFP - Getty Images

February 27, 2013 By Amir Shah and Rahim Faiez , The Associated Press [Excerpts]

A bomber slid under a bus full of Afghan soldiers and blew himself up in Kabul, wounding 10 in an attack that underscored the insurgency’s ability to attack in the heavily guarded capital.

Kabul police said at least six soldiers and four civilians were wounded. The attacker died.

The bomber, wearing a black overcoat, approached the bus purposefully in heavy morning snow as soldiers were boarding, set down his umbrella and went under the chassis as if to fix something, according to a witness.

Watching from across the street, office worker Ahmad Shakib said he thought for a moment the man might have been a mechanic.

“I thought to myself, what is this crazy man doing? And then there was a blast and flames,” that engulfed the undercarriage, he said.

“It was a very loud explosion. I still cannot really hear.”

Bakery owner Mirza Khan said the blast shattered the windows of his nearby shop where people were waiting to buy bread, leaving six wounded.

The Afghan government uses buses to ferry soldiers, police and office workers into the city center on regular routes for work, and the vehicles have been a common target for insurgents.

Mujahid, the Taliban spokesman, also claimed responsibility for the Kabul bombing.

**A series of IEDs today also killed eight police in Kunar, while another insider attack among ALP forces saw two fresh recruits attacking and killing two others on their way to a checkpoint.**

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Afghan villagers attend a protest against U.S. special forces accused of overseeing torture and killings in Wardak province February 26, 2013. Credit: Reuters/Mirwais Harooni

**In another incident that could feed local hostility to the American forces in Wardak, a Swedish organization which runs health clinics across Afghanistan accused the U.S. military on Tuesday of occupying and damaging one of its facilities.**

Feb 26, 2013 Reuters

Maiden Shar, AFGHANISTAN

More than five hundred men marched through the capital of Afghanistan's restive Wardak province on Tuesday in an outburst of anger against U.S. special forces accused of overseeing torture and killings in the area.

Shouting "Death to America", "Death to Obama" and "Death to special forces", the protesters called for the immediate withdrawal of the American soldiers and threatened to join the Taliban if their demand was not met.

Reuters interviewed dozens of residents of Wardak and Afghan government officials who alleged that Afghan men working with a small unit of U.S. special forces had illegally detained, tortured and killed suspected insurgents.

The peaceful two-hour protest began on Tuesday at the offices of the Wardak provincial council shortly after it held a meeting.

"If the situation remains like this, this province will collapse very soon," said protester Haji Abdul Qadim. "People will join the insurgency very soon because of the abuses of these forces."

**In another incident that could feed local hostility to the American forces in Wardak, a Swedish organization which runs health clinics across Afghanistan accused the U.S. military on Tuesday of occupying and damaging one of its facilities.**

The incident occurred before dawn on February 11, the Swedish Committee for Afghanistan (SCA) said in a statement.

**“Foreign soldiers entered the ... health facility by force, tied up and blindfolded the guard on duty, and occupied the facility,” the statement said.**

**Doors and windows were broken and medical equipment was destroyed, SCA director Andreas Stefansson said.**

**It was the second time one of SCA’s clinics had been occupied by foreign forces since October, when soldiers spent three days in another Wardak clinic.**

**After the October incident, NATO’s International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) had told them it would ensure it did not happen again, Stefansson said.**

**“What we are seeking is that they actually live up to what they say,” Stefansson said.**

**Stefansson also said a group of Afghan special forces had bullied and threatened the lives of health workers at the Maidan Shar hospital several days earlier.**

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## **MILITARY NEWS**

# **Manning Prosecution Ignores Guilty Plea**

02 March 13 By Ed Pilkington, Guardian UK

The US government is pressing ahead with a full-blown prosecution of Bradley Manning, the soldier who has admitted to being the source of the massive WikiLeaks disclosures, even though he has pleaded guilty to charges that carry a top sentence of 20 years.

Army prosecutors have indicated that they intend to proceed with a full court martial against the 25-year-old intelligence analyst in which he will face some of the most serious charges available in a leak case such as this. They include the charge under the Espionage Act that he “aided the enemy” - in practice al-Qaida - by leaking information that ended up on the internet, an accusation that carries possible life in military custody with no chance of parole.

**It will be the sixth time the Espionage Act has been unleashed against the source of an official leak of classified information under the Obama administration - more**

**than the total number of times it has been deployed under all previous presidents since it was enacted in 1917.**

The soldier has already pleaded guilty to 10 of the 22 charges he is facing, leaving him liable to up to 20 years in military prison followed by a dishonourable discharge.

In an exceptionally rare move for a defendant in a serious criminal trial, Manning gave his confession to the court in Fort Meade, Maryland, on Thursday in what is known as a “naked plea” - that is, it was proffered voluntarily and not as part of any plea bargain with the prosecution.

Manning’s supporters are now protesting that the soldier has done enough, and that a decision on the part of the prosecution to continue to a full trial would be a blatantly political act. Jeff Patterson, of the Bradley Manning support network, said that “from day one the prosecution had the option to prosecute Bradley easily for the charge’s he’s admitted to now. If they push on with the Espionage Act it’s because they want to send a political message that what Bradley did will not be tolerated.”

The team of three military prosecutors presenting the government’s case, led by Major Ashden Fein, have thrown the book at Manning.

This week they revealed that they intended to call no fewer than 141 witnesses for a possible 12-week trial - a display of prosecutorial muscle that has astonished experts in military law. Eugene Fidell, who teaches military justice at Yale law school, said: “I find it shocking that any trial counsel would think that a judge would permit 141 witnesses. This is not an anti-trust case, there are not that many moving parts in this case.”

Among the 141 witnesses, the government intends to call four people who would testify anonymously. They include “John Doe”, presumed to be a US Navy Seal who was part of the team that raided the house in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed Osama bin Laden.

“Doe” would be called by the prosecution, Fein argued in court this week, to show that Bin Laden personally asked his assistants to access the WikiLeaks disclosures online and present him with their findings. “Doe” is alleged to have grabbed three digital discs in the Abbottabad house on which was stored four-files’ worth of WikiLeaks material originating from Manning.

In court on Friday, there was heated legal argument over access to “Doe”. According to a court report from Kevin Gosztola of Firedoglake, Manning’s lead lawyer, David Coombs, requested permission to interview “Doe” confidentially under pre-trial discovery.

He argued that access was essential for defence to prepare a proper cross-examination strategy over the most serious single charge that the soldier faces. But the prosecution objected, saying that to grant such access could reveal the identity of the unnamed “operator” involved in the killing of the al-Qaida leader.

The invocation of the “enemy” in the Manning trial has potentially huge ramifications for press freedom in the US.



In addition to charge 1 that invokes the Espionage Act, specification 1 of charge 2 on Manning's charge sheet, to which he has pleaded not guilty, accuses him of "wrongfully and wantonly (causing) to be published on the internet intelligence belonging to the US government, having knowledge that intelligence published on the internet is accessible to the enemy".

The charge in theory casts a prosecutorial net around any leak of official classified information that ends up on the internet, implying that as it could be accessed by al-Qaida it is therefore aiding the terrorist network.

The point was made explicit in the court at Fort Meade when one of the prosecution lawyers was asked whether the same charge could have been brought had Manning leaked to the New York Times instead of WikiLeaks.

"Yes," the prosecutor replied. The point was not purely hypothetical.

It was revealed in Manning's statement, read out to court on Thursday, that he only turned to WikiLeaks after he tried and failed to interest the New York Times and the Washington Post in the classified Iraq and Afghanistan war logs that he had downloaded onto a camera memory stick and brought from Iraq to his aunt's house in Maryland.

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## **GUESS WHO'S WORRIED GUESS WHO ISN'T ALL HOME NOW**



Missouri National Guard's 1138th Engineering Company in Afghanistan, January, 2013 sweep the area for IED's. The unit was stopped at the side of the road, waiting to see if another unit needed assistance. Photo by J.B. Forbes [jforbes@post-dispatch.com](mailto:jforbes@post-dispatch.com)

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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**

The past year – every single day of it – has had its consequences. In the obscure depths of society, an imperceptible molecular process has been occurring irreversibly, like the flow of time, a process of accumulating discontent, bitterness, and revolutionary energy.

-- Leon Trotsky, "Up To The Ninth Of January"

## Portland, Oregon

"Veterans that see the light through the darkness have much to offer."  
- Libya Truth Movement

"Wray is a powerful speaker making incredibly good points."  
- Rogue Valley Peace Veterans

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### **March 2, 1955: A Heroine Strikes A Blow For Liberation**

Carl Bunin Peace History February 28-March 6

Nine months before Rosa Parks made headlines, teenager Claudette Colvin was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white person.

She was active in the Youth Council of the local NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

Though the Montgomery Bus Boycott was begun after Ms. Parks's arrest, Clovin's legal case became part of the basis for a federal court challenge to Alabama's segregation laws.

Colvin became one of four plaintiffs in Browder v. Gayle, in which the Supreme Court ultimately struck down the law under which she was arrested for merely sitting down in a bus seat.

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## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

### **Heroic Zionist Soldiers Open Fire On Kids: “Two Palestinian Teenagers Shot And Critically Injured”**

# **“The Israeli Army Has Confirmed That Live Ammunition Was Used In Monday’s Clashes With Palestinian Protesters”**

26 February 2013 Phoebe Greenwood in Tel Aviv, Guardian News and Media Limited

Two Palestinian teenagers shot and critically injured by Israeli soldiers have become the latest totems in a wave of violent protest across the Palestinian territories.

The Israeli army has confirmed that live ammunition was used in Monday’s clashes with Palestinian protesters and that two were shot with 0.22 calibre bullets – ammunition known to cause fatalities.

Udi Sirkhan, 16, was shot in the head outside an Israeli military outpost near Bethlehem amid clashes after the burial of Arafat Jaradat, whose death in Israeli custody on Saturday sparked the protests.

As surgeons at Israel’s Hadassah hospital worked to remove a bullet from his brain, Sirkhan’s grandfather Fathi Ramadan told journalists that the teenager had been walking home from work when he was hit. The Israeli military said Sirkhan was attempting to torch an army post.

**The moments leading up to the shooting of 13-year-old Mohammed Khaled Qurd were captured on film.**

**Footage obtained by the Israeli human rights group B’Tselem shows Qurd standing more than 50 metres from a heavily fortified Israeli outpost. At least one Molotov cocktail is seen flying towards the Israeli line but Qurd, standing with a small group of rock-throwers, was some distance from where the firebomb was thrown.**

He was rushed to a local Palestinian hospital for emergency surgery to remove two bullets from his torso. His condition has stabilised.

Thousands of mourners had poured on to the streets of the West Bank town of Saeer under hails of celebratory gunfire on Monday to bury Jaradat. The petrol station attendant is widely reported to have been active in the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade – Fatah’s military wing – and was buried with military honours.

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## **Heroic Zionist Occupation Forces “Destroyed The Main Water Pipeline**

# Supplying Meriha's 500 Residents With Fresh Water" [Palestinians Don't Need Water]



Israelis were using bulldozers to block roads used by farmers.

28 February 2013 Palestinian Information Centre

Israeli occupation forces have destroyed the water network that supplies the village of Meriha, south of Jenin. The destruction took place while the Israelis were using bulldozers to block roads used by farmers and other local people in the area, especially the residents of Ya'bad.

The head of Ya'bad local council, Samer Abu Bakr, told the local media that the bulldozers destroyed the main water pipeline supplying Meriha's 500 residents with fresh water.

Abu Bakr pointed out that the pipeline is maintained by his municipality and its destruction has left Meriha's villagers without water.

He noted out that the Israeli occupation forces are very aggressive against the town and its residents: "They occupy homes, establish check points, close roads and destroy the infrastructure."

Bulldozers protected by Israeli soldiers have closed minor roads leading into the town, as well as the Western entrances to Meriha and Tulkarem, he added.

Israel prevents Palestinian farmers from getting to their fields on the plains of Ya'bad and Arrabe on the pretext that stones are thrown at illegal settlers and their cars. The settlement of Mevo Dotan is in the same area. All of Israel's settlement-colonies are illegal under international law.

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# Gang Of Herrinvolk Attack Woman In Occupied Palestine: “All Of A Sudden They All Attacked The Arab Woman Beating Her Severely”



February 27, 2013 The Palestine Monitor

On Monday, February 25 a Palestinian woman was attacked by a mob of ultra-Orthodox Jewish women in broad daylight at the light rail station in Jerusalem.

The Palestinian woman was punched by one passing Jewish woman in an unprovoked attack, before the Jewish woman's friends joined in, managing to tear off the Palestinian's headscarf off as they rained blows on her body.

**The Israeli daily newspaper Maariv reported that the light rail security guard, in addition to around 100 religious Jewish men, stood by at the Kiryat Moshe rail station watching the beating and doing nothing.**

**Dorit Yardan Dotan, an eyewitness who captured the assault with her camera phone, told Maariv that she was horrified by the violence and that the security guard was even smiling.**

There were more than 100 Orthodox Jews including Yeshiva students who watched an Arab woman being beaten,” Dotan said.

“She was escorted by an elderly man before a heated argument erupted and people shouted. I couldn't understand the motive behind that, and all of a sudden they all attacked the Arab woman beating her severely.”

**Hate crimes are not uncommon for Palestinians living in Jerusalem or in the '48 territories. Ynet reported that on February 24, a Palestinian man in his 40's who works for the Tel Aviv Municipality as a street cleaner was assaulted by 20 Jewish youth, who targeted his head.**

**As a result, Hassan Usruf had to undergo surgery on his jaw while suffering injuries made to his eye socket, but no arrests were made and his attackers remain unpunished.**

**In August 2012, dozens of Jewish teenagers beat up three Palestinian youth in Zion Square, West Jerusalem. The mob relentlessly kicked and punched the Palestinians, and shouted racist slurs and chants such as “Death to Arabs!” over and over again as more than 100 bystanders stood by watching the lynching without interfering.**

One of the Palestinian youth, 17 year old Jamal Julani, was beaten unconsciousness and had to be resuscitated on site after the mob ran away.

Julani had to be hospitalized, and has no recollection of the incident.

In the aftermath of the lynching, Israeli police arrested several Jewish teenagers, the youngest being 13 year old. One of the suspects, a 15 year old, defiantly told the court, “For my part he (Julani) can die. He's an Arab.”

**Nimrod Aloni, the head of one of Tel Aviv's colleges for the Institute for Educational Thought said of the mob attack, “This is directly tied to national fundamentalism that is the same as the rhetoric of neo-Nazis, Taliban, and K.K.K.**

“This comes from an entire culture that has been escalating toward an open and blunt language based on us being the chosen people who are allowed to do whatever we like.”

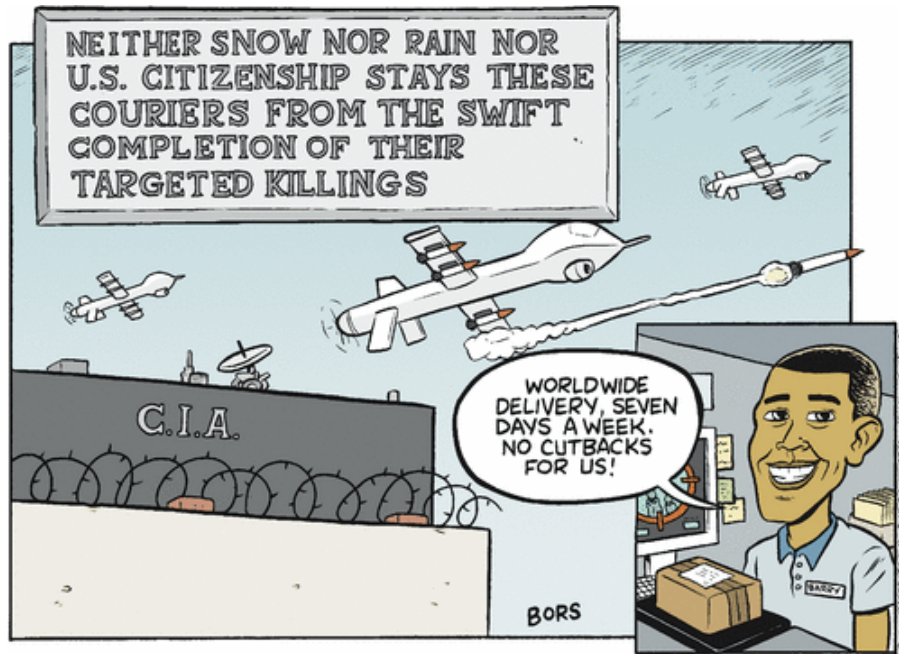
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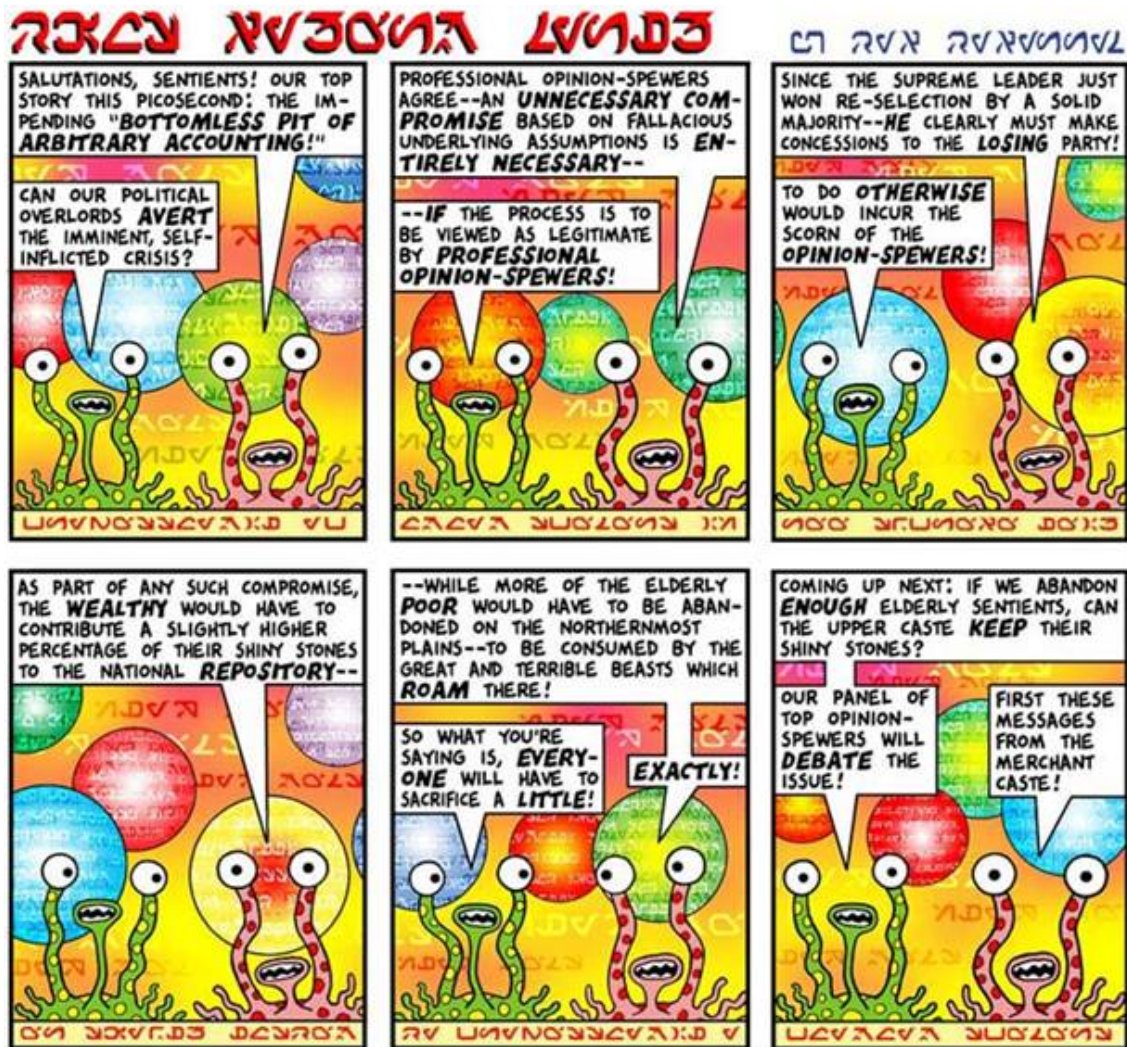
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# CLASS WAR REPORTS



## Another Regime Brought Down By "Public Anger"

February 27, 2013 By LEOS ROUSEK, Wall Street Journal

Slovenia's prime minister became the latest casualty of European public anger at austerity measures and alleged government corruption, as the recession-hit nation's Parliament ousted him in a no-confidence vote late Wednesday.

Lawmakers in the 90-seat legislature voted 55-33 to name Alenka Bratusek, the head of the largest opposition party, as interim prime minister to succeed Janez Jansa, who had

been clinging to office for weeks after members of his coalition defected, leaving him as head of a minority government. She will be the country's first female premier.

Support for the center-right Mr. Jansa has evaporated since a January report by Slovenia's anticorruption watchdog that accused the premier of failing to disclose the source of €210,000 (\$274,450) of personal assets. Mr. Jansa has denied any wrongdoing.

The upheaval follows the resignation last week of Bulgaria's center-right government after protests against austerity measures, electricity prices and alleged corruption there devolved into clashes between demonstrators and riot police.

The next government will be under significant pressure to form a state debt-consolidation agency, or bad bank, in an effort to shore up the country's faltering financial system.

Failure to do so could force Slovenia to seek an international bailout.

Slovenia accounts for just 0.4% the euro zone's total economic output, but if it needs to be rescued, it could fan fears that Europe's leaders haven't contained the bloc's debt crisis.

Ms. Bratusek will become Slovenia's third head of government since the onset of Europe's financial crisis and the first woman premier in the history of the small euro-zone country. She and her center-left Positive Slovenia party will have 15 days to form a cabinet and win parliamentary approval.

Ms. Bratusek is an economist by training and was elected to Parliament in 2011.

If an interim government isn't formed, Slovenian President Borut Pahor would likely call for early elections. The next national polls now are due in late 2015.

Even if Ms. Bratusek forms a cabinet, it may be short-lived, because some lawmakers, including some in her party, have said the new government should limit its rule for 12 months until early 2014, when new general elections should be held.

"Risks are skewed to a snap election, as the new coalition agreement is still not on the table and the bad bank is likely to create tensions," Citi analyst Jaromir Sindel said.

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