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Back from Iraq, Back from Afghanistan...



AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Seven Dead In US Cargo Plane Crash In Afghanistan

4.30.13 By Kiko Itasaka and Akbar Shinwari, NBC News

KABUL, Afghanistan —

Seven people were killed when a U.S.-run civilian cargo plane crashed shortly after takeoff at Bagram Airfield outside of Kabul, officials said on Tuesday.

A spokesman for NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) added that the cause of Monday's crash was unknown, but dismissed Taliban claims of responsibility, saying there were no reports of "enemy activity" around the base.

ISAF did not release details on the nationalities of those killed, referring questions to National Air Cargo, the company running the flight.

The Taliban claimed in a statement on Monday that it had shot down an American plane. It said the alleged downing of the plane was part of its spring offensive, which began Sunday and which the Taliban pledged would be "monumental."

On Monday, ISAF's Lt. Quenton Roehricht said the plane had crashed "very shortly" after taking off at about 3 p.m. local time (6:30 a.m. ET).

VIDEO OF YESTERDAY'S PLANE CRASH AT BAGRAM

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo51Be2jL8c&feature=player_embedded

MORE:

5 Of 7 Dead In Bagram Military Supply Plane Crash Are From Michigan With Willow Run Airport Ties

Apr 30, 2013 By The Associated Press

Five of seven people killed in the crash of a civilian plane at an airfield in Afghanistan were from Michigan, an official of a Florida-based air cargo company said Monday night.

The plane crashed just after taking off Monday from Bagram Air Field, north of the Afghan capital.

The Boeing 747-400 was carrying vehicles and other cargo, according to an official of Orlando, Fla.-based National Airlines.

National Airlines was based until recently at Willow Run Airport, which is located in Ypsilanti Township and Wayne County's Van Buren Township.

It is a subsidiary of National Air Cargo and carries cargo both commercially and for the military, Kaufman said. She said it employs about 225 people.

Those killed were four pilots, two mechanics and a load master, who is responsible for making sure that the weight and balance of the cargo is appropriate, said company Vice President Shirley Kaufman.

National Airlines moved from Willow Run to Orlando, Fla., in early 2013, according to a report from Crain's Detroit Business.

The 79-employee company had sought to stay in Michigan, according to Crain's, but took incentives offered to move to Florida.

At that time, it relocated 44 of its 79 employees.

In 2009, when based at Willow Run, National Air Cargo announced the launch of a weekly charter to deliver goods to the US military.

"The flight, operated by (subsidiary) National Airlines, will depart every Friday and arrive in Bagram on Sunday evening with one fueling stop in Europe. The flight will provide the fastest possible route from the United States to Afghanistan -- a 33 hour transit," according to a news release from May 2009.

This is the fastest possible route from the United States to Afghanistan and no one else in the air cargo industry is currently providing such a service," Robert Schlager, regional manager-Americas, National Air Cargo said.

"National Air Cargo is extremely proud that we can continue our high level of service to the United States military and their contractors not only in Afghanistan, but also in Iraq."

"Among some of the materials that will be shipped via air transport from Ypsilanti to Bagram includes equipment such as electrical generators, water purification systems, medical supplies and other materials to help with the expansion and construction of hospitals, sewage plants, libraries and other facilities in Bagram Air Base and around Afghanistan."

Four Foreign Occupation Servicemember Killed In Shahjoi: Nationality Not Announced

April 27, 2013 AFP and Reuters

Four foreign servicemembers have died in a plane crash in southern Afghanistan.

Alliance officials said there was no insurgent activity when the plane went down in the province of Zabul.

Provincial police chief Rogh Lewanai said bad weather caused the plane to crash in Shahjoi district.

**Three British Soldiers Killed,
Six Wounded By Afghanistan
IED Blast:
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[Thanks to Mark Shapiro, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

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01 May 2013 by Kim Sengupta, The Independent & Nicholas Cecil, The London Evening Standard [Excerpts]

Three British soldiers have been killed and six others injured in a huge roadside bombing in Afghanistan - the first troops to have died in a heavy-armoured Mastiff vehicle.

The massive roadside bomb hurlled their 23-tonne armoured vehicle into the air.

The blast was so powerful that the Mastiff — the best-protected armoured vehicle in the British Army — was flipped onto its roof. Helicopter crews raced to evacuate the victims to the hospital at Camp Bastion in Helmand province, but three could not be saved.

The soldiers, Corporal William Savage and Fusilier Samuel Flint of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland, and Private Robert Hetherington, of the 7th Battalion,

Royal Regiment of Scotland, were travelling in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand on a stretch of road that had been in regular use and was believed to be in a safe area.

Military chiefs will be alarmed that militants have built a bomb capable of defeating the Mastiff's heavy armour. Former Army chief Lord Dannatt told BBC radio: "One has to accept tragically that, as in any cycle of conflict, there's invention and counter-invention.

"The Taliban have found a way of countering the protective qualities and characteristics of the Mastiff. It would seem this was an extremely large bomb that was so powerful it was able to cause fatalities within the vehicle itself."

Military officials are investigating whether insurgents are designing bigger bombs aimed at piercing the 23-tonne Mastiff's armour.

They will not only look at how the bomb was made, but also into checks used by Afghan and British troops on patrol.

"If you build a big enough bomb it will overcome a Mastiff. It's just never been done before," a military source said.

The convoy was on Route 611, a new road that had been used to show the reconstruction taking place in the province.

Increasingly, the Afghan army and police are carrying out searches for IEDs as they take over security duties.

The last time so many British soldiers were killed in one incident was last March when six died after their Warrior vehicle was blown up by an IED about 25 miles north of Bashkir Gash.

Former Army chief of staff Lord Dennett told the BBC: "As in any cycle of conflict, there's invention and counter-invention. The Taliban have found a way of countering the protective qualities of the Mastiff."

Cpl Savage's pregnant wife, Lindsey, said: "I have lost the love of my life and the father of our son." The 21-year-old joined the Army in April 2003 and had previously completed tours of both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel Robin Lindsay, Pte Hetherington's commanding officer, said the 25-year-old had epitomised "everything that is excellent about the reserve forces".

The US-born soldier had enlisted in the Territorial Army in 2006 and hoped to attend Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

The deaths bring the total of UK military losses since 2001 to 444, at a time when UK forces have drastically scaled down operations with Afghans taking the lead. Commanders have become concerned that this has created a false sense of security for the public back home, especially with the onset of the fighting season.

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

April 26, 2013 Reuters

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

Nangahar U.S. Convoy Ambush “Left Four Soldiers With Minor Injuries”

04/29/13 The Associated Press

In the eastern province of Nangarhar on Sunday after an American’ convoy was attacked by insurgents.

The U.S.-led military coalition said it was still investigating the weekend clash, which left four soldiers with minor injuries and damaged a patrol vehicle. **[“Minor’ is when it happens to somebody else. That would be especially the case if the four soldiers were inside the “damaged” patrol vehicle. T]**

In a statement issued on Monday, the coalition said the Taliban attacked the coalition patrol with small arms fire and roadside bombs as it moved through a local bazaar.

AFGHANISTAN THEATER: “US Foreign Fighters Suffered 12 Combat Casualties In The Week Ending April 24, As The Total Rose To 39,078”

May 1, 2013 www.michaelmunk.com [Excerpts]

AFGHANISTAN THEATER:

US foreign fighters suffered 35 combat casualties in the week ending April 24, as the total rose to 39,117.

The total includes 20,193 dead (7 pending) and wounded from what the Pentagon classifies as "hostile" causes and 18,924 dead or medically evacuated (as of Dec. 3, 2012) from what it calls "non-hostile" causes.

US media divert attention from the actual cost in American life and limb by reporting regularly only the total killed (6,687: 4,488 in Iraq, 2,199 in Afghanistan) but rarely mentioning those wounded in action (50,684: 32,222 in Iraq; 18,462 in Afghanistan).

They ignore the 59,908 (44,607 in Iraq, 18,463 in AfPak (as of Dec 3, 2012) military casualties injured and ill seriously enough to be medevac'd out of theater, even though the 6,687 total dead include 1,422 (961 in Iraq, 461 in Afghanistan) who died from those same "non hostile" causes, of whom almost 25% (332) were suicides (as of Jan 9, 2013) and at least 18 in Iraq from faulty KBR electrical work.

NOTE: It's unclear whether the AfPak number for WIAs at some point started to include medical evacuations for non hostile injuries and disease.

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BLOODSHED**

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

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C.I.A. To The Office Of President Hamid Karzai”

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“‘The Biggest Source Of Corruption In Afghanistan,’ One American Official Said, ‘Was The United States’”

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The result, American and Afghan officials said, is that the agency has greased the wheels of the same patronage networks that American diplomats and law enforcement agents have struggled unsuccessfully to dismantle, leaving the government in the grips of what are basically organized crime syndicates.

April 28, 2013 By MATTHEW ROSENBERG, The New York Times Company & Julian Borger, The Guardian [Excerpts]. Mark Mazzetti contributed reporting from Washington.

KABUL, Afghanistan — For more than a decade, wads of American dollars packed into suitcases, backpacks and, on occasion, plastic shopping bags have been dropped off every month or so at the offices of Afghanistan’s president — courtesy of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Officials say the payments helped prop up warlords and corrupt officials, deepening Afghan popular mistrust of the Kabul government and its foreign backers, and thereby helped drive the insurgency.

All told, tens of millions of dollars have flowed from the C.I.A. to the office of President Hamid Karzai, according to current and former advisers to the Afghan leader.

Kabul sources told the Guardian that the key official involved in distributing the payments within the NSC was Ibrahim Spinzada, a close confidant of the president known as Engineer Ibrahim.

“We called it ‘ghost money,’ ” said Khalil Roman, who served as Mr. Karzai’s deputy chief of staff from 2002 until 2005. “It came in secret, and it left in secret.”

The C.I.A., which declined to comment for this article, has long been known to support some relatives and close aides of Mr. Karzai. But the new accounts of off-the-books cash delivered directly to his office show payments on a vaster scale, and with a far greater impact on everyday governing.

Moreover, there is little evidence that the payments bought the influence the C.I.A. sought.

Instead, some American officials said, the cash has fueled corruption and empowered warlords, undermining Washington's exit strategy from Afghanistan.

"The biggest source of corruption in Afghanistan," one American official said, "was the United States."

The United States was not alone in delivering cash to the president. Mr. Karzai acknowledged a few years ago that Iran regularly gave bags of cash to one of his top aides.

At the time, in 2010, American officials jumped on the payments as evidence of an aggressive Iranian campaign to buy influence and poison Afghanistan's relations with the United States.

What they did not say was that the C.I.A. was also plying the presidential palace with cash — and unlike the Iranians, it still is.

American and Afghan officials familiar with the payments said the agency's main goal in providing the cash has been to maintain access to Mr. Karzai and his inner circle and to guarantee the agency's influence at the presidential palace, which wields tremendous power in Afghanistan's highly centralized government.

The officials spoke about the money only on the condition of anonymity.

It is not clear that the United States is getting what it pays for.

Mr. Karzai's willingness to defy the United States — and the Iranians, for that matter — on an array of issues seems to have only grown as the cash has piled up.

Instead of securing his good graces, the payments may well illustrate the opposite: Mr. Karzai is seemingly unable to be bought.

Over Iran's objections, he signed a strategic partnership deal with the United States last year, directly leading the Iranians to halt their payments, two senior Afghan officials said.

Now, Mr. Karzai is seeking control over the Afghan militias raised by the C.I.A. to target operatives of Al Qaeda and insurgent commanders, potentially upending a critical part of the Obama administration's plans for fighting militants as conventional military forces pull back this year.

But the C.I.A. has continued to pay, believing it needs Mr. Karzai's ear to run its clandestine war against Al Qaeda and its allies, according to American and Afghan officials.

Like the Iranian cash, much of the C.I.A.'s money goes to paying off warlords and politicians, many of whom have ties to the drug trade and, in some cases, the Taliban.

The result, American and Afghan officials said, is that the agency has greased the wheels of the same patronage networks that American diplomats and law enforcement agents have struggled unsuccessfully to dismantle, leaving the government in the grips of what are basically organized crime syndicates.

The cash does not appear to be subject to the oversight and restrictions placed on official American aid to the country or even the C.I.A.'s formal assistance programs, like financing Afghan intelligence agencies.

And while there is no evidence that Mr. Karzai has personally taken any of the money — Afghan officials say the cash is handled by his National Security Council — the payments do in some cases work directly at odds with the aims of other parts of the American government in Afghanistan, even if they do not appear to violate American law.

Handing out cash has been standard procedure for the C.I.A. in Afghanistan since the start of the war. During the 2001 invasion, agency cash bought the services of numerous warlords, including Muhammad Qasim Fahim, the current first vice president.

“We paid them to overthrow the Taliban,” the American official said.

The C.I.A. then kept paying the Afghans to keep fighting.

For instance, Mr. Karzai's half brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, was paid by the C.I.A. to run the Kandahar Strike Force, a militia used by the agency to combat militants, until his assassination in 2011.

A number of senior officials on the Afghan National Security Council are also individually on the agency's payroll, Afghan officials said.

While intelligence agencies often pay foreign officials to provide information, dropping off bags of cash at a foreign leader's office to curry favor is a more unusual arrangement.

Afghan officials said the practice grew out of the unique circumstances in Afghanistan, where the United States built the government that Mr. Karzai runs. To accomplish that task, it had to bring to heel many of the warlords the C.I.A. had paid during and after the 2001 invasion.

By late 2002, Mr. Karzai and his aides were pressing for the payments to be routed through the president's office, allowing him to buy the warlords' loyalty, a former adviser to Mr. Karzai said.

Then, in December 2002, Iranians showed up at the palace in a sport utility vehicle packed with cash, the former adviser said.

The C.I.A. began dropping off cash at the palace the following month, and the sums grew from there, Afghan officials said.

Payments ordinarily range from hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars, the officials said, though none could provide exact figures. The money is used to cover a slew of off-the-books expenses, like paying off lawmakers or underwriting delicate diplomatic trips or informal negotiations.

Much of it also still goes to keeping old warlords in line. One is Abdul Rashid Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek whose militia served as a C.I.A. proxy force in 2001. He receives nearly \$100,000 a month from the palace, two Afghan officials said. Other officials said the amount was significantly lower.

Mr. Dostum, who declined requests for comment, had previously said he was given \$80,000 a month to serve as Mr. Karzai's emissary in northern Afghanistan.

"I asked for a year up front in cash so that I could build my dream house," he was quoted as saying in a 2009 interview with Time magazine.

Some of the cash also probably ends up in the pockets of the Karzai aides who handle it, Afghan and Western officials said, though they would not identify any by name.

That is not a significant concern for the C.I.A., said American officials familiar with the agency's operations.

"They'll work with criminals if they think they have to," one American former official said.

Interestingly, the cash from Tehran appears to have been handled with greater transparency than the dollars from the C.I.A., Afghan officials said.

The Iranian payments were routed through Mr. Karzai's chief of staff. Some of the money was deposited in an account in the president's name at a state-run bank, and some was kept at the palace. The sum delivered would then be announced at the next cabinet meeting. The Iranians gave \$3 million to well over \$10 million a year, Afghan officials said.

When word of the Iranian cash leaked out in October 2010, Mr. Karzai told reporters that he was grateful for it.

He then added: "The United States is doing the same thing. They are providing cash to some of our offices."

At the time, Mr. Karzai's aides said he was referring to the billions in formal aid the United States gives.

But the former adviser said in a recent interview that the president was in fact referring to the C.I.A.'s bags of cash.

No one mentions the agency's money at cabinet meetings.

It is handled by a small clique at the National Security Council, including its administrative chief, Mohammed Zia Salehi, Afghan officials said.

Mr. Salehi, though, is better known for being arrested in 2010 in connection with a sprawling, American-led investigation that tied together Afghan cash smuggling, Taliban finances and the opium trade.

Mr. Karzai had him released within hours, and the C.I.A. then helped persuade the Obama administration to back off its anticorruption push, American officials said.

After his release, Mr. Salehi jokingly came up with a motto that succinctly summed up America's conflicting priorities.

He was, he began telling colleagues, "an enemy of the F.B.I., and a hero to the C.I.A."

Two Afghan Diplomats Killed In Pakistan Insurgent Attack: "A Bomber Rammed His Explosives- Laden Motorcycle Into A Vehicle Manned By Diplomats"

29 Apr 2013 by Shamim Shahid, Pakistan Today [Excerpts]

PESHAWAR - At least eight people, including two Afghan diplomats, were killed and around 68 others injured in a bombing on Peshawar's University Road area on Monday morning. The injured included three policemen, while condition of several among them was said to be critical.

Per details, a bomber rammed his explosives-laden motorcycle into a vehicle manned by Afghan diplomats in Tehkal area on University Road.

The massive explosion killed at least eight people on the spot, damaged a number of vehicles and passenger buses in the vicinity.

Soon after explosion, the University Road was closed for traffic and police personnel and Rescue 1122 volunteers shifted the injured and dead to the hospital. Those killed and injured included women and children.

Police later said those killed included two Afghan diplomats Qazi Hilal and Idrees. Qazi Hilal is son of leading Afghan Jihadi leader Qazi Mohammad Amin Waqad, who had

served Afghanistan as its acting prime minister for a few months in mid 1990s. Idrees is nephew of Qazi Amin and cousin of Qazi Hilal.

Qazi Amin Waqad is member of Afghanistan Peace Council headed by Salahud Din Rabbani. Both Hilal and Idrees were reportedly playing a role in the peace council.

The Afghan diplomats confirmed that Hilal was serving in Afghanistan Trade Commissioner Office, whereas Idrees was serving with Afghanistan Consulate in Peshawar and responsible for Afghan refugees' affairs.

According to officials, both Hilal and Idrees were the key targets of the attacker. The Afghan government or diplomats have not issued any statement over the assassination.

More Resistance Action

April 28, 2013 The News International

GHAZNI: Insurgents killed three police officers in Afghanistan on Sunday, officials said, in an attack that the Taliban claimed marked the start of their annual "spring offensive".

A roadside bomb blast in the restive central province of Ghazni targeted a police convoy that was travelling to the scene of a Taliban attack in Zana Khan district.

Deputy provincial chief Mohammad Hassan Adel and two of his police guards were killed, Mohammad Ali Ahmadi, the deputy provincial governor of Ghazni, told AFP.

"As part of the... spring operation today in the morning the mujahideen launched a massive attack that caused the enemy big casualties," a Taliban spokesman said in an emailed statement.

"(Police) reinforcements... were sent and faced an ambush along the way and as a result Mohammad Hassan along with five other police were killed." The insurgents said that six other police were killed in the attack, without giving further details.

In the north, in Archi district in the province of Kunduz, a roadside bomb killed two people, including a local police commander who had been credited with reducing the number of insurgent attacks in his area, said Abdul Nazar, a local council member.

Commander Miran and his driver were killed and two other police officers were wounded when the car they were driving toward Kunduz City was destroyed by a bomb hidden on the road, said Nazar. Like many Afghans, Miran only used one name.

Taliban Release 10 Abducted Afghan Army Soldiers In Badakhshan

30 Apr 2013 by Meena Haseeb, Khaama Press

According to local authorities in north-eastern Badakhshan province, Taliban militants have released 10 Afghan national army soldiers who were abducted in Wardoj district. The Afghan army service members were released following negotiations of local tribal elders with the Taliban militants.

Badakhshan is among the peaceful provinces in north-eastern Afghanistan however Taliban militants have recently increased their insurgency activities in a number of its districts specifically in Wardoj district.

The Afghan national army soldiers were abducted by Taliban in late March during a military operation. A doctor was also among the those taken hostage by Taliban militants.

MILITARY NEWS

HOW MANY MORE FOR OBAMA'S WAR?



The remains of Army Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Ward, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers civilian Hyun K. Shin, April 8, 2013, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. Shin of Hesperia, Calif., and Ward of Oak Ridge, Tenn., were killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

War: Syria

[Thanks to Dennis Serdel, who sent this in.]

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article34758.htm>

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 Nixon administration claimed and received great credit for withdrawing the Army from Vietnam, but it was the rebellion of low-ranking GIs that forced the government to abandon a hopeless suicidal policy.

-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt

Bearing Witness Without Validation



Arlington West on display in Seattle, Washington 2006. The crosses of Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Photograph by Mike Hastie

From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: April 28, 2013
Subject: Bearing Witness Without Validation

Bearing Witness Without Validation

When you know the truth about something, and the vast majority of people are in denial about that truth, some unknown force of energy within you simply goes on automatic pilot to expose that truth. When the norms of society find that truth to be dangerous, the powers that be go after that truth teller

with great vengeance. National shame has to be kept buried at all costs, even if it means killing countless people. A nation in denial shall spawn until it dies.

Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
April 28, 2013

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

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

J-bad Joker Wreaks Havoc On Coalition Airfield



So you might think this is photoshopped. You're right — the eyepiece on the helmet was added in later.

JALALABAD, AFGHANISTAN –

Service members at Jalalabad Airfield are on high-alert this week following a string of safety violations perpetrated by a maniacal villain known as the J-bad Joker.

“It all happened so fast,” said one terrified soldier, after watching helplessly as the J-bad Joker stalked from his barracks to the bathroom without a reflective belt.

“Total pandemonium. As if we don’t have enough to worry about already in this god-forsaken country!”

Indeed, the J-bad Joker’s antics have gripped the longstanding Coalition Forces base with the crippling anxiety that, at any moment, calamity could ensue.

To date, the lunatic’s infractions include driving a Gator two kilometers per hour over the posted speed limit, failing to wear proper eye protection on a cloudy day, and unloading his pistol away from a designated clearing chamber.

This unique brand of senseless disregard for general orders and regulations has catapulted the J-bad Joker to Afghan underworld fame, where he joins the ranks of criminal eccentrics like the Panjshir Penguin, Torkhum Two-Face, and Kabul Catwoman.

“My guess is that he’s clinically insane,” said one airman, who spotted the J-bad Joker out for a run with headphones over his ears. “Only a literally crazy person would limit their situational awareness in an already dangerous environment.”

While the J-bad Joker has most on the base running for safety, one Military Police unit commander stands on the front lines of the quest to bring him to justice.

“We’re gonna bag this clown, make no mistake,” said Colonel Jim Gordon. “I didn’t spend an entire career issuing cheap citations to innocent enlisted men just for some psychopath to come muck it all up in the eleventh hour.”

Gordon’s team has been working tirelessly to predict when and where the J-bad Joker might strike next, though patterns have reportedly not been forthcoming. In fact, the Colonel says, the only unifying factor behind events linked to the Joker seems to be the utter chaos that follows.

“Perhaps it doesn’t do any good to ask ‘Why?’ in times like this,” Gordon said. “If the terrorists in this country have taught us anything, it’s that some men just want to watch the world burn.”

“If only we had some way to signal for a hero,” Gordon added. “Something that could be seen for miles around. But what? And who?”

The J-bad Joker himself could not be reached for comment but, at press time, had reportedly just entered the JAF Dining Facility without first washing his hands.

“Will this madness never end?!” cried one horrified witness.

“What’s next? A tray full of Low Performance food?!”

**DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE
MILITARY?**



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

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ANNIVERSARIES

**May 1, 1886:
Noble Anniversary:**

American Workers Create May Day



It's time
to give
class
warfare
a chance.

Carl Bunin Peace History April 30-May 6

May Day was called Emancipation Day in 1886 when 340,000 went on strike (though it was Saturday it was a regular workday) in Chicago for the 8-hour day.

May 1, 1890: May Day labor demonstrations spread to thirteen other countries; 30,000 marched in Chicago as the newly prominent American Federation of Labor threw its weight behind the 8-hour day campaign.

International Workers' Day (a name used interchangeably with May Day) is a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement. May Day commonly sees organized street demonstrations and street marches by millions of working people and their labour unions throughout most of the countries of the world

May Day has become an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the labour movement.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Heroic Zionist Forces Defeat Palestinian Fishing Boats

April 24, 2013 by Saed Bannoura, IMEMC & Agencies

Israeli Navy boats opened fire at a number of Palestinian fishing boats at the Gaza coast, an issue that forced them back to the shore without being able to fish, the Palestine News Network (PNN) has reported.

Eyewitnesses said that the Navy fire dozens of live rounds into the air and a few rounds at the fishing boats while the fishermen were in the three nautical miles allotted to them by Israel.

The attack is similar to numerous attacks against the fishermen leading to dozens of casualties, arrests, and the destruction of fishing boats more than five years ago.

Under the Oslo accords in the mid-nineties, the Palestinians are allowed to fish in 20 nautical miles off the Gaza shore, but in 2008, Israel unilaterally reduced the fishing area to three nautical miles.

As part of the ceasefire agreement that ended the Israeli war on Gaza in November 2012, Palestinian fishermen were allowed to fish within six nautical miles off the Gaza coast, but the army continued to attack them in their allotted areas.

Heroic Zionist Forces Defeat 500 Palestinian Olive Trees: “My Land Is Like My ID Card, My Identity” “I Will Always Replant My Trees On My Land” “Whatever The Occupation Does, I Will Not Leave”

24th April 2013 By Team Nablus, International Solidarity Movement

Beit Dajan, Occupied Palestine

On the 22nd April 2013, 500 trees belonging to Beit Dajan villager Jamal Kanaan were uprooted by the Israeli military; making a total of six times since 2002 that his olive trees have been destroyed by the Israeli authorities.

Around 50 soldiers arrived in the early morning and uprooted the young trees by hand, removing them in jeeps before Jamal could arrive and intervene in the theft of his trees.

The olives had been planted just one year ago, following the Israeli army bulldozing his previous trees.



Jamal Kanaan stays steadfast in Beit Dajan

Each of the five previous times that Jamal's trees have been destroyed he has replanted them; even though they often don't even grow old enough to produce olives.

This year, the military once again gave Jamal no notification that his trees were to be uprooted; the only time that he has had any sort of notice was in 2005 when a letter was left under a stone on his land.

Jamal's trees are in Area C, meaning that the Israeli occupiers claim full administrative and civil control over the land, even though it is privately owned by Palestinians.

On the ground, this designation means that Palestinians have to ask for permission to build, to plant and to use their own land – this permission is rarely granted.

This is used as a tactic to restrict the livelihoods of Palestinians and stop expansion of Palestinian villages, whilst grabbing more land for illegal Israeli settlements.

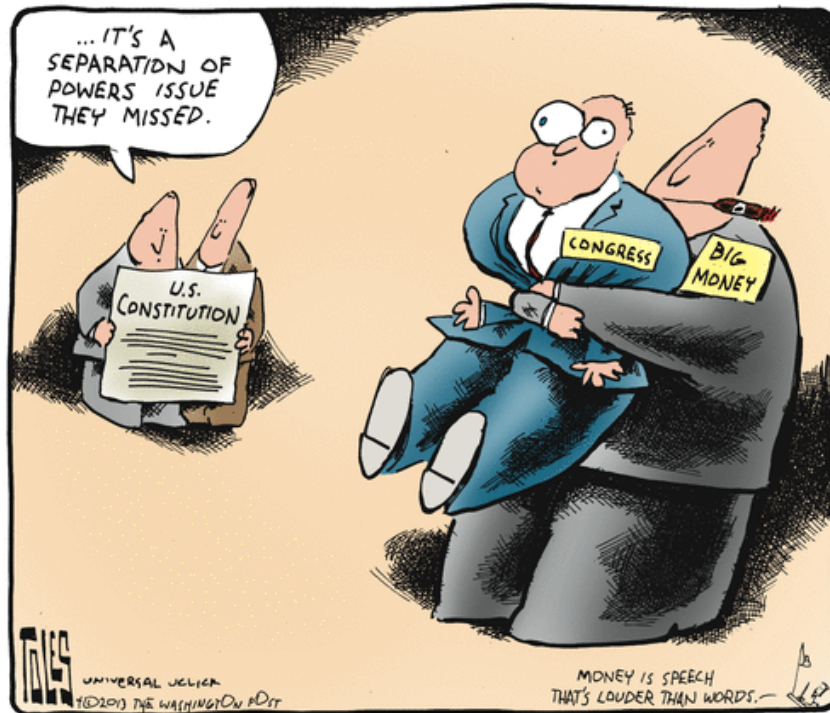
Despite the repeated destruction of his trees, Jamal remains steadfast, saying today "I will not leave my land. My land is like my ID card, my identity. I will always replant my trees on my land. Whatever the occupation does, I will not leave."

In February 2013, seven demolition orders were delivered to the village of Beit Dajan, ordering the destruction of homes, electricity pylons and homes for sheep – this decision is currently being fought in the Israeli courts and the demolitions have currently been delayed.

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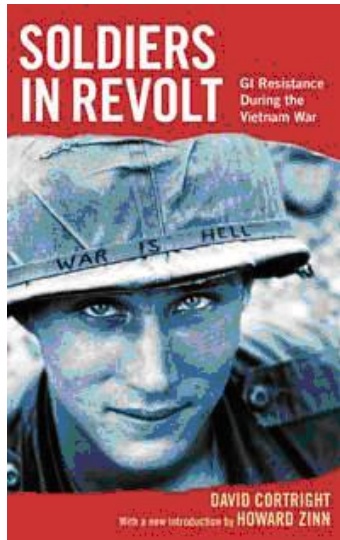
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