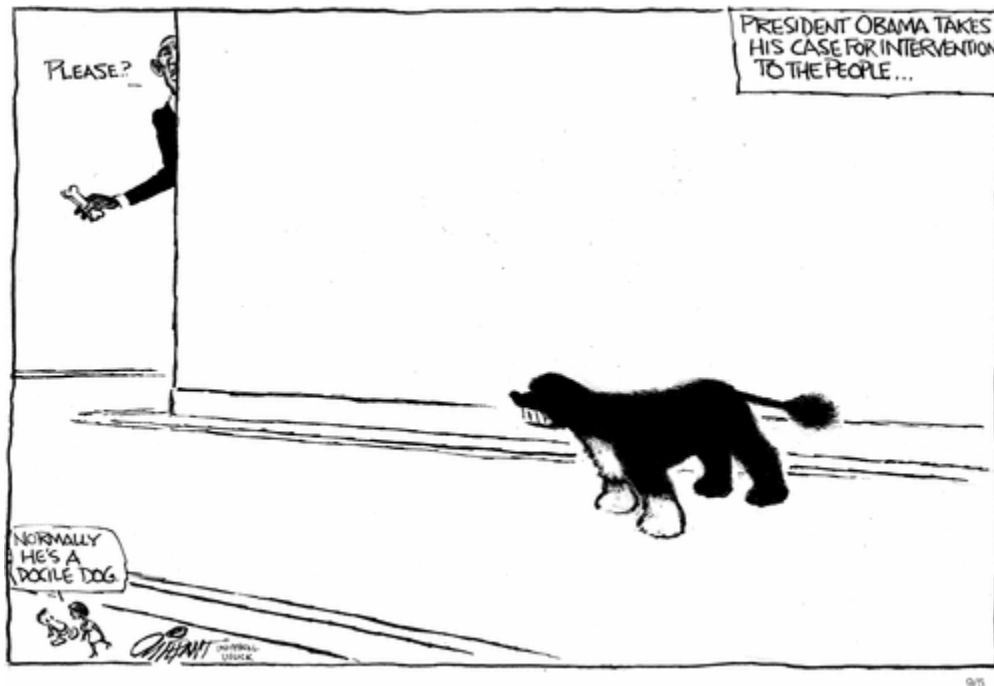


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**You Thought This Insane Shit
Was Over With?**

**U.S. General Says “We Have No
Indication whatsoever Of A
Withdrawal Completely From
Afghanistan”**

**“We’re Only Pulling Out Of Areas Where
We Think The Afghan Security Forces
Are Capable Of Standing Up And
Fighting On Their Own”**



September 3, 2013 By Josh Smith, Stars and Stripes [Excerpts]

KABUL, Afghanistan — The commander of NATO ground forces in Afghanistan says there has been no discussions that the coalition would completely withdraw after 2014, despite continued uncertainty in political negotiations over the future of the international military effort.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, the No. 2 commander for the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, calls the term "withdrawal" a misnomer.

"We have no indication whatsoever of a withdrawal completely from Afghanistan," he told Stars and Stripes in a Monday interview at his headquarters in Kabul.

"The current NATO mandate ends on 31 December 2014, but there's another mission that follows that called Resolute Support which is currently in planning," he said.

"We're only pulling out of areas where we think the Afghan security forces are capable of standing up and fighting on their own," he said. "But even when they, 'fight on their own,' we are still going to provide limited (intelligence and reconnaissance) and close-air support, because those capabilities won't be ready for several years."

"All the national leaders of the various countries of NATO, to include our own, have publicly stated many times that we're not going to abandon Afghanistan," Milley said.

Milley's boss, ISAF commander U.S. Gen. Joseph Dunford, told The Guardian newspaper that Afghan forces may need up to five more years of international military support.

ACTION REPORTS

“When I Said Military Resistance Don't Want To See Soldiers Sacrificed For A Bunch Of Politicians One Replied ‘Roger That!’” [Outreach To New York National Guard]

From: Alan S
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
September 05, 2013
Subject: 9/5/13 Outreach To New York National Guard

Outreaching to two of the NYC commuter terminals today found one empty and the other patrolled by four National Guard troops.

Upon being approached each of the four took a Military Resistance Newsletter, DVDs of “Authority & Expectations” and three DVDs of “Sir! No Sir!” were also distributed (one soldier already having seen it) plus four Military Resistance intro cards.

A soldier from the first pair spoken to nodded when asked if he'd been deployed yet and said he just got back from Afghanistan. Probed as to his feelings about it he looked off and said “all right.”

When I said Military Resistance don't want to see soldiers sacrificed for a bunch of politicians one of the second pair replied “roger that!” His partner had seen “Sir! No Sir!” and, shaking his head, said it was “crazy”. He said he was reading another book on the war in Afghanistan at the moment but hadn't got far enough into it to comment.

Little else transpired (not unusual) as troops often don't want to elaborate on their answers but contact remains amiable with rarely a hostile word exchanged. I often feel they just like being acknowledged – in a thoughtful manner.

MORE:

ACTION REPORTS WANTED:

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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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(Date)

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

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

September 5, 2013 AP

A foreign servicemember died following an attack by insurgent forces in eastern Afghanistan today.

Heartland Soldier Killed In The Line Of Duty



08.25.2013 by Justin Andrews, Barrington Broadcasting Group

The Department of Defense said Pvt. Jonathon Hostetter, 20, of Humphreys, Missouri, died Friday from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an explosive device.

Hostetter was a 2011 graduate of Linn County High School in Purdin, where he was a really good basketball player on the team there.

A family member told KTVO Monday that Hostetter was newly married. He is survived by his wife Tahler (pronounced Taylor) Hostetter, who is from Gallatin, Missouri.

The family said Hostetter had just been deployed this past April.

A family friend told us the soldier's parents, Michael and Lisa Hostetter, have flown to Delaware to receive their son's body when it arrives back in the U.S.

His father, Michael Hostetter, is the middle school principal in Milan. His mother Lisa Hostetter teaches in Linn County, Missouri.

Hostetter graduated from Linn County back in 2011.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

**Badakhshan:
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Are No Longer Accessible To Aid
Workers And Government
Representatives”**



September 6, 2013 By YAROSLAV TROFIMOV, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

FAIZABAD, Afghanistan—Badakhshan, Afghanistan's only province firmly controlled by anti-Taliban forces when the U.S. intervened in 2001, served as a springboard for the offensive that ousted the Taliban regime.

Now, the Taliban are abundant in this mountainous corner of the country, though it is populated almost exclusively by ethnic Tajiks and lies far from the insurgency's Pashtun heartland.

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"The Taliban want to show to the people that they also have support among the Tajiks," said Faizabad mayor Nazir Mohammad, a former warlord who commands a small anti-Taliban militia and personally led government forces in some recent skirmishes. "They are trying to bring insecurity to Badakhshan."

About half of the province's districts are no longer accessible to aid workers and government representatives, U.N. officials estimated.

What used to be a short drive to some of these areas now requires a circuitous journey through neighboring provinces and Tajikistan, to avoid Taliban-held zones.

In response, the Afghan army has deployed an entire battalion to reinforce the 2,500 Afghan police troops stationed in Badakhshan, which borders Tajikistan, China and Pakistan. The government also raised a local self-defense force, known as the Afghan Local Police, in the most troublesome district.

But the insurgency has kept growing. In August, Afghan defense ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Zahir Azimi named Badakhshan among the parts of the country that have seen the most intense fighting this summer, with insurgents staging large-scale offensives.

"People in the city are very concerned," said Faizabad money-changer Borhanuddin, who, like many Afghans, goes by only one name. "They think that, surely, the Taliban influence will increase."

Abdul Majid, a community leader in Faizabad who frequently travels through the province, blamed the Taliban's rise on a predatory administration that is dominated by corrupt warlords. "There is no government—just looting everywhere, and anarchy," he said, rattling off the names of districts that have become too dangerous to visit.

The spike in violence has been accompanied by a surge in opium cultivation and heroin processing that reversed earlier successes in curbing the drug business here. "Where there are Taliban, there are poppies," said Badakhshan's police chief, Brig. Gen. Imamuddin Mutmaen.

The strategic district of Warduj, in particular, remains contested despite several clearing operations there, including one in April in which coalition forces briefly returned to the province to help the Afghans.

That operation began after the Taliban ambushed an Afghan army convoy in a pass zigzagging Warduj's narrow gorges, in one of their deadliest attacks in Afghanistan this year.

Afghan Army Sgt. Khalid Ahmad said he was in one of the rear vehicles of the convoy. That is why he is still alive.

The insurgents killed or captured dozens of soldiers. Several military operations later, the area remains in Taliban hands.

"In my eight years in the army, I have not seen such intense fighting," Sgt. Ahmad recounted at a Faizabad base that had housed German coalition troops until October.

"When the foreign forces were still here, the Taliban were inactive because they were afraid of the foreigners' satellites and surveillance. Now that it's only us left, the Taliban are getting closer and closer—and they have intelligence on what we do."

Khalil Ahmed, a 26-year-old engineer who regularly travels through Warduj on the only road that connects Faizabad with districts in the eastern part of the province, said he hasn't seen much lasting effect of recent clearing operations by Afghan security forces.

"Every time I go through, the Taliban check all cars at the checkpoint," he said as he boarded a shared taxi heading through Warduj. "They let ordinary people like me pass freely. But if you're with the government, they pull you out."

Sadruddin, who operates a fleet of such taxis ferrying passengers through the province, said he receives daily calls from his drivers as they get stopped at Taliban roadblocks.

This summer, these roadblocks expanded to districts closer to Faizabad. The Taliban also tried to channel traffic through areas they control by destroying some bridges on alternate roads.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

“Al Shabaab Insurgents Deployed A Car Bomb And A Bomber To Attack A Packed Restaurant In The Somali Capital Mogadishu”

"Government Officials, Military Forces, Workers And Their Security Always Meet Here”

Sep 7, 2013 By Abdirahman Hussein and Abdi Sheikh, Reuters [Excerpts]

Al Shabaab insurgents deployed a car bomb and a bomber to attack a packed restaurant in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Saturday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 23, police and hospital officials said.

Mohamed Yusuf, spokesman for the Mogadishu authorities, said the car bomb went off first outside the popular Village Restaurant and a bomber blew himself up inside immediately after.

It was the second attack in a year on the restaurant, which is owned by Somali businessman Ahmed Jama, who returned to his home country from London to set up a business against the advice of friends.

"We are behind today's blasts," al Shabaab's spokesman for military operations, Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, told Reuters. "Government officials, military forces, workers and their security always meet here. We had targeted it even before today and we shall continue targeting it."

Senior police officer Ahmed Nur told Reuters that at least 15 people were killed. Hospital officials said 23 others were wounded in the attack.

A Reuters witness described mangled tables, chairs, blood and pieces of human flesh. Security forces cordoned off the area and told people to stay away for fear of more blasts.

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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.

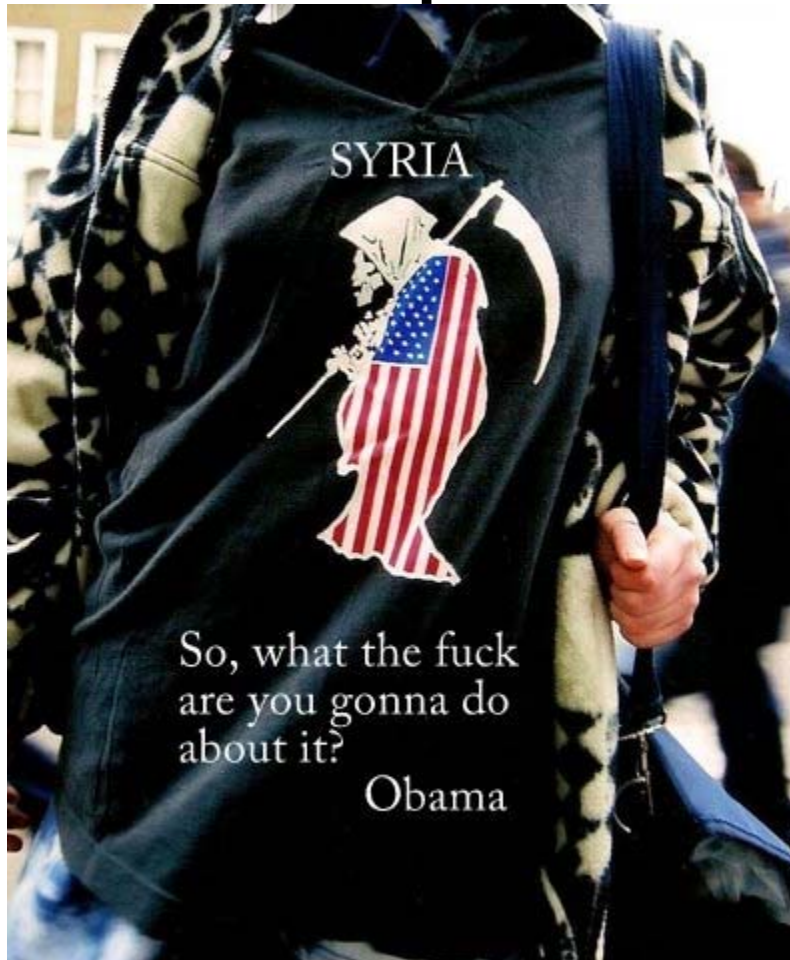
“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

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

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**Rise like Lions after slumber
In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you-
Ye are many — they are few
-- Percy Bysshe Shelley, 1819, on the occasion of a mass murder of British
workers by the Imperial government at Peterloo.**

Obama Speaks To The American People



From: Mike Hastie
To: Military Resistance Newsletter
Sent: September 04, 2013
Subject: Obama Speaks To The American People

The Nobel Peace Prize President speaks eloquently to 300,000,000 American people in their hour of spiritual need.

**Mike Hastie
Army Medic Vietnam
September 4, 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

Our Military Exists To Fight And Win Wars — Except In Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, And Korea



September 4, 2013 by G-Had, The Duffel Blog. Investigative reporter Dark Laughter also helped with transcription.

The following is an opinion piece by General Martin E. Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On behalf of the entire Department of Defense, I want to reassure you that the men and women of your armed services — your husbands, sons, daughters, and wives — are always ready to defend America, night and day.

They are the best trained and equipped military in the world, and will carry out whatever mission our political leadership asks them to, against any threat: foreign or domestic.

Well mostly just domestic.

In fact any foreign threat at all would be kind of a crapshoot. We're not really in the business of fighting and winning foreign wars.

Now don't get me wrong, every single one of us volunteered to do whatever our country asked. I'm just saying that it really helps if what you're asking us to do is maintain a garrison environment for a few decades.

We never actually thought you would ask us to fight a multi-decade conflict in the same place, especially a shithole like the Middle East.

If we had, we wouldn't have fired all our Arabic linguists, burned all our maps of Iraq, or joked that anyone who wants to send a large American army into Asia, the Middle East or Africa should have his head examined.

If I had my way, we'd be preparing for the coming war with China.

Unless that actually happened, in which case I'd remind everyone that we should never fight a land war in Asia. Or anywhere else, for that matter.

I'm not trying to be negative. Again, our military is the greatest fighting force on earth...you know, as long as it's doing something it's spent decades training for.

Take Desert Storm: we'd spent over fifty years training to fight a conventional mechanized conflict on the plains of Central Europe, so it wasn't too hard to transport that type of warfare to the Middle East. It's like our Marines say, "we will fight in every clime and place".

That is, unless the fighting involves unconventional warfare, which we're not very good at.

Actually, now that I think about it, the same goes for conventional warfare if it has to happen in jungles or mountains.

Or cities.

Or during the winter.

To be perfectly honest with you, our battlefields are pretty-much limited to green pastures in the summer, and those pastures better have plenty of paved roads since even the slightest rainfall can bog down the thousands of combat and support vehicles we now need to go anywhere.

Also, it would really help if there was a pretty robust power grid, because we're not very good at managing batteries.

And speaking of power, we'll probably also need a couple extra bucks to rent non-military generators and pay third country nationals or locals to maintain them, but not more than a couple million dollars a year.

It wouldn't hurt if the people there spoke English, even as a second language.

And because all our new aircraft have the range of a spitball, it better be near someplace that we've had decades to build heavy infrastructure in.

Except Turkey.

I know all of this may not sound very reassuring to you, so don't mistake my meaning.

We'll always do our best with any mission you have for us. The customer's always right, you know?

I just wanted to remind you that the service is usually better when you order something off the menu, so I'm really glad we had this chance to get on the same page about foreign wars.

Because as long as we're being totally honest here, we're not having the easiest time maintaining a garrison environment either.

TROOPS INVITED:

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ANNIVERSARIES

September 1917: The Palmer Raids Begin

16,000 ARRESTED IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST RADICALS AND LEFT-WING ORGANIZATIONS



Arrested for “obstructing World War I: “Big Bill” Haywood

Carl Bunin Peace History September 3-9

In 48 coordinated raids across the country, later known as the Palmer Raids, federal agents seized records, destroyed equipment and books, and arrested hundreds of activists involved with the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), known fondly as the Wobblies.

Among the arrested was William D. “Big Bill” Haywood, a leader of the IWW, for the “crimes of labor” and “obstructing World War I.”

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In 1919 Woodrow Wilson appointed A. Mitchell Palmer as his attorney general.

Worried by the revolution that had taken place in Russia, Palmer became convinced that Communist agents were planning to overthrow the American government. His view was reinforced by the discovery of thirty-eight bombs sent to leading politicians and the Italian anarchist who blew himself up outside Palmer’s Washington home.

Palmer recruited John Edgar Hoover as his special assistant and together they used the Espionage Act (1917) and the Sedition Act (1918) to launch a campaign against radicals and left-wing organizations.

A. Mitchell Palmer claimed that Communist agents from Russia were planning to overthrow the American government.

On 7th November, 1919, the second anniversary of the Russian Revolution, over 10,000 suspected communists and anarchists were arrested.

Palmer and Hoover found no evidence of a proposed revolution but large number of these suspects were held without trial for a long time.

The vast majority were eventually released but Emma Goldman and 247 other people, were deported to Russia.

On 2nd January, 1920, another 6,000 were arrested and held without trial. These raids took place in several cities and became known as the Palmer Raids.

A. Mitchell Palmer and John Edgar Hoover found no evidence of a proposed revolution but large number of these suspects, many of them members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), continued to be held without trial.

When Palmer announced that the communist revolution was likely to take place on 1st May, mass panic took place. In New York, five elected Socialists were expelled from the legislature.

When the May revolution failed to materialize, attitudes towards Palmer began to change and he was criticised for disregarding people's basic civil liberties.

Some of his opponents claimed that Palmer had devised this Red Scare to help him become the Democratic presidential candidate in 1920.

STUCK ON STUPID

Typical Stupid Lying Elitist Bullshit

Sep 6, 2013 IAWM Bulletin [Excerpt]

“Yet, there is a long way to go -- especially in the US where people have been heavily propagandized and brainwashed over the years with a massive and effective machine of psychological and informational warfare (cg Edward Bernays, Walther Lipman, and the videos by Adam Curtiss).”

[A majority have been in favor of bringing all the troops home from Afghanistan now for several years, and there is massive opposition to Obama's proposed attack on Syria. The smug self-righteous arrogance displayed above has nothing to do with reality. T]

**“More Americans oppose rather than favor u.s. military strikes against Syria.”
“Just 33% believe airstrikes are likely to be effective in discouraging the use of chemical weapons.”**

--- September 3rd, 2013 CNN

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**The Heroic Zionist Military Attacks Another Palestinian Fishermen, As Usual:
“Khader Was Attacked By Israeli Naval Forces, Arrested, And Interrogated, And His Boat And Fishing Tools Were Confiscated”
“One Of Gaza's Fishermen And A Victim Of The Repeated Military Attacks Carried Out By Israeli Forces Against Fishermen In The Gaza Sea”**



Khader Merwan Al Seidi |(26)



Khader's relatives show the remainder of his fishing equipment

26 August 2013 Palestinian Centre for Human Rights [Excerpt]

Khader Merwan Al Seidi (26) is one of Gaza's fishermen and a victim of the repeated military attacks carried out by Israeli forces against fishermen in the Gaza Sea.

Khader is the breadwinner for a family of 14 members. He is married with a one-year-old child, and resides with his extended family in a house in Shati refugee camp. The camp, located along the Gaza shore, is home to most of Gaza's fishermen, for whom the sea is their main source of livelihood.

On 13 August 2013, Khader left his home early in the morning, and made his way to Gaza seaport. From there, he sailed west, remaining within the Israeli-imposed limit of 6 nautical miles offshore, to fish for the day.

However, Khader was attacked by Israeli naval forces, arrested, and interrogated, and his boat and fishing tools were confiscated. Khader was released 15 hours later.

Khader describes the incident as follows: "At around 12 am, I sailed from Gaza seaport on my boat with three of my fisherman friends, one of whom accompanied us on another boat. We sailed to the west until we reached 6 nautical miles off shore. We threw the fishing nets into the sea but, after a while, the engine of the other boat broke down. We helped our friend by taking him to shore. It was around 3:30am when we returned in my boat to the place where we had thrown our nets in order to retrieve them.

"Suddenly, I heard the sound of a whistle coming from an Israeli gunboat, which approached and started to shoot at us.

"The gunboat was accompanied by two small rubber dinghies on which there were a number of Israeli soldiers. The three boats surrounded our boat. There was no prior warning. They started shooting directly at us. It seemed like a trap,

since they had allowed us to throw our nets in earlier. In the past, they used to shoot at us even before we threw our nets."

"I immediately cut the net in order to flee, but I was injured in the intensive shooting by a rubber-coated bullet to my right hand.

"One of my friends attempted to sail the boat after I was injured, but he was hit by rubber bullets to the back and chest.

"Suddenly, I saw one of the small Israeli boats passing out our boat. The engine of our boat was shot and another of my friends was injured, so our boat stalled amidst the continued shooting.

"One of the Israeli soldiers boarded the boat and started shooting at the engine which was completely destroyed. Another of the soldiers forced us to take our clothes off and jump onto one of the dinghies.

"We were in a state of fear and panic due to the continued shooting around us.

"One of the Israeli soldiers asked, "Where were you fishing?" I answered that I had been fishing within the 6-mile limit. However, he insisted that I was outside the limit.

"We were transported in the dinghy for around 15 minutes, and then we were transferred to the Israeli gunboat, where they handcuffed us and covered our heads. We stayed there from approximately 4 a.m. until 11am.

"The sun was hot and we were constantly beaten. My boat, which is my only source of livelihood, was confiscated again. The Israeli gunboat then took us to Ashdod port. We were taken to a room to receive medical treatment"

"At approximately 2pm, we were individually questioned for a few minutes each. The interrogator was very sarcastic while interrogating me. He joked about how frequently my boat had been confiscated, without any consideration for how painful that was for me.

"When I told him that fishing was my only source of livelihood, he replied that that was not his concern. He asked me for information on other fishermen.

"He asked me to sign a document in Hebrew which I did not understand. I refused and asked him to read to me what was written. He had written that I had initiated the attack on the Israeli soldiers, as well as many other claims, so I refused to sign. I also refused to be transferred to an Israeli hospital despite my poor condition. I was afraid."

At approximately 4 pm, Khader a long Hasan 'Ali Hasan Murad (27), Mohammed Jamal Hassan al-No'aman (28), and his brother Hasan (27) were transferred, handcuffed, by bus to the Beit Hanoun ("Erez"). They were then taken to Shifa Hospital in Gazain order to receive medical treatment.

This is the second time in three months that Khader's boat and fishing instruments have been confiscated.

The first incident occurred on 5 June 2013. Khader states: "I still have not received any information about the previously confiscated property. I know that what they took will not be returned. The first boat confiscated was my own. When it was confiscated, I got a loan to buy an engine to put on another boat. I still haven't paid for the loan. The second boat is not mine. It belongs to some relatives. Now, I have to pay for the engine and the boat."

Devastated by the resulting financial burdens, Khader has not been able to resume fishing or provide properly for his family.

Khader explains: "I have been watching my family starve for the past week. Fishing is not a consistent source of livelihood in Gaza. Sometimes, I earn what feeds my children for the day, sometimes for the week and sometimes, I get nothing at all."

These constant attacks also result in social instability and tension within the family. Khader's mother, Um Khader, explains how difficult it is to live in the house of a fisherman who has had all of his property confiscated and is incapable of compensating for his financial loss:

"They shout all the time. They are angry and helpless."

Knowing the risks fishermen face on a daily basis, Um Khader wishes that her son had learned any other profession. "This time last week, when Khader did not arrive home at his usual time, we became worried. We thought his engine might have stalled. We thought he might have drowned in the sea. His relatives went out to sea to look for him, but in vain.

"No one told us that Khader and his friends had been injured and imprisoned. I waited for him along the shore with his wife from 10am until 7pm when they finally called. He usually gets home at around 10am. When he doesn't arrive by then, I know that something bad must have happened to him."

Khader knows no other profession but fishing, in which he has been working for the past seven years. However, for him, the Israeli decision to increase the fishing area to 6 nautical miles has had no significant impact, but has rather increased the risk to both his life and his property.

He states: "What is the use of increasing the fishing area to 6 miles when they will eventually confiscate our property and our fishing tools in front of our eyes? How can it alleviate the fishermen's suffering when we are no longer sure if we are fishing in the right place? We never know whether we are going to be left to fish in peace or if we will be the subject of Israeli attacks."

Khader was arrested while fishing within the Israeli-designated 6 nautical mile limit. Israel has unilaterally imposed an illegal "buffer zone", an area prohibited to Palestinians along the land and sea borders of the Gaza Strip. The precise area designated by Israel as a "buffer zone" is unclear and this Israeli policy is often enforced with live fire.

In accordance with the ceasefire agreement that ended Israel's last military offensive on the Gaza Strip in November 2012, the Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the

Territories (COGAT) in an online statement on 25 February 2013 declared that fishermen could now access the sea up to 6 nautical miles offshore instead of the previously-imposed 3 nautical miles.

However, this reference, along with the reference to the increased land area, was later removed from the statement. On 21 March 2013, the Israeli forces' spokesperson announced re-reducing the fishing area allowed for Palestinian fishermen from 6 nautical miles to 3 nautical miles. However, on 21 May 2013, Israeli authorities decided to allow fishermen to sail up to 6 nautical metres once more.

The arbitrary and changing parameters of the so-called "buffer zone" have led to huge confusion among fishermen. As a result, the sea, their main source of livelihood, can only be accessed with high risk.

Zionist Terror Mob Attacks Palestinian Kid And Her Father, As Usual

04 September 2013 Palestine News Network

A group of settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, assaulted a 12-year-old child, Shatha Isaac Ramadan, and her father, in Tal al-Rumaideh neighborhood, central Hebron.

Local and security sources said that settlers and Israeli soldiers raided the neighborhood aggressively and severely beat the child and her father, causing injuries and bruises on her entire body.

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

CLASS WAR REPORTS

Down in Toyota

[Thanks to Dennis Serdel for sending in.]

September 2, 2013 by Gregg Shotwell, Soldiers Of Solidarity, United Auto Workers

(Dedicated to unjustly fired volunteer union organizers, Noel Riddell and Manuel Eades)

Down In Toyota

Good engineering
makes assembly quicker.
Yeah, high tech is good,
but people are cheaper,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

They use people up
and dump'em when they're done.
There's a whole lot more
where them people come from,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

They wear'em out so
fast may as well hire temps.
Never be bothered
by no long commitments,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

The best process, they
say, is user friendly.
But who thinks future?
Everyone's temporary,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

Big money to be
made in the Bluegrass State.
Expectation's low
and a promise is bait,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

Don't need no robots
to work the factory floors.
Work ya' till they hurt
ya' then throw ya' outdoors,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

A workplace don't need
any democracy.
Too messy, they say,
and the union's a waste,
down in Toyota,
Toyota town, Kentucky.

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Tear the Gallows Down: UAW President Bob King's Obsession With Cooperation And Contract Concessions Has Piloted A Once Great Union Into A Death Spiral.

**Wanted: Outspoken UAW Members
Autoworker Caravan Speakout
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013: 2pm— at St. John the Baptist Church,
2371 Woodstock Dr., Detroit, MI
(Just south of Eight Mile at Woodward)**

By Gregg Shotwell, retired autoworker & author of *Autoworkers Under the Gun* (Haymarket Press). From *Live Bait & Ammo*, issue #174

Last September active and retired autoworkers gathered in the basement of an old church in a Detroit neighborhood that defied the three hallmarks of creative capitalism: Destitution, Dereliction, Demolition.

Judy Wraight, a UAW retiree, asked the group, "Is there anyone here who doesn't hurt?"

"*Doesn't hurt?*" a voice reiterated.

Young and old autoworkers looked around but not a single arm was raised. Pain was our common bond.

It's not difficult to identify the problem. In a capitalist society workers are worth less than widgets. They work us until we're worn out and then they replace us.

In the United States we don't have a jobs program to remedy the dilemma caused by automation, recession, and a catastrophic offshoring policy endorsed by the legislative arms of both political parties. Our government doesn't hire more workers when times are hard, they fire workers.

We have the political will to export jobs and bailout profligate investors, but we don't have the political will to create jobs and retrain workers because in an advanced capitalist society labor is obsolete.

The unemployed are an aberrant statistic ignored like inner city slums; dumped like raw sewage into rivers of oblivious contentment; insinuated into the promise of free enterprise like clear cut forests; swept under the rug of consumer unconsciousness like mountain top removal.

Advanced capitalist societies despise workers.

It's not difficult to identify the problem. They don't need us anymore. When humans are replaced with machines workers are relegated to the scrap heap instead of the university. Which brings us back to the subject of pain.

Pain is educational. Pain motivates. Pain demands change.

But the solution is difficult to identify because we don't have a solid example of an alternative economic system. Theories don't inspire workers, but urgent need demands that we organize as an antidote to hardship and pain.

The UAW strategy of company union partnership and contract concessions has not only failed to preserve membership and improve workers' lives, it undermines the union's ability to organize. UAW President Bob King's obsession with cooperation and contract concessions has piloted a once great union into a death spiral.

Bob King expresses a desire to organize like a southern belle at a July tea. His aspiration has all the gusto of a coy sigh for good reason: business.

The UAW's cozy relationship with bosses and union contracts that mirror nonunion conditions delivers the fated promise of organizing on a gurney labeled Dead On Arrival.

Dawn Azok, a statewide industry reporter for Alabama Media Group wrote: "Key issues among employees supporting the effort (to organize) are the desire for a better pension plan, as well as more say in work-scheduling and ergonomics issues . . . "

In a follow up article about the Mercedes plant Ms. Azok wrote: "What used to be regular raises have turned into lump sum payments that are far less lucrative than the pay bumps, they say, and company policies are implemented inconsistently throughout the plant, resulting in a "buddy-buddy" system that's unfair to the average worker . . . Meanwhile, the plant has increasingly turned to temporary workers."

Sound familiar?

It should. UAW contracts have eliminated everything these potential union members at Mercedes in Alabama want: from pensions, to raises, to a say in "work-scheduling." UAW office rats endorse the abuse of temps.

We also have the "buddy-buddy" system, whereby UAW members are appointed to work side by side with bosses to implement speed-ups while the International UAW is reimbursed for salaries and expenses by the corporations.

Auto workers need a union all right, but not one like the present UAW. Some union reformers advocate that members should submit an amendment at the next UAW Constitutional Convention that would permit direct election of International Executive Board members.

That's like asking the executioner for a cigarette. Sure. He'll even give you one of your own brand since he confiscated your pack.

Then he'll give you a light off the Zippo you inherited from your father.

One member, one vote is a common sense idea. I've used it myself as a visual aid of what should be, but the presumption that the UAW administration will allow such an amendment at the next Con Con is gallows humor.

In 1998 when there was still a remnant of the UAW dissident caucus, New Directions, three delegates, Tom Manion, Gene Austin, and Martin Stuetzer, managed to get a referendum vote on the floor of the convention by subterfuge.

The administration proposed an amendment to add a Vice President of Organizing to the International Executive Board. Manion, Austin, and Stuetzer utilized debate on the amendment to finagle a vote for direct elections of International Executive officers. It was a noble effort by Manion, Austin, and Stuetzer, but President Yokich set them up for ridicule. Yokich allowed a hand vote which failed so overwhelmingly that he didn't bother to count. (pages 121-124, 32nd Constitutional Convention Proceedings, 1998)

The amendment for one member one vote is submitted to every UAW Constitutional Convention but it hasn't seen the light of a debate since 1998 because the administration controls the show.

I don't doubt that most UAW members are in favor of direct elections, but the atmosphere at a UAW Convention is too intimidating. UAW members won't achieve direct secret ballot elections for all union officers until there is a significant uprising of the rank and file.

Furthermore, the integrity of an election for international officers wouldn't pass the sniff test until jointness—the payoff of UAW officers by corporations through the conduit of phony nonprofits—is outlawed.

And the "Flower Fund"—an unregulated slush pool to which all international appointees are forced to donate or lose their jobs—is buried beneath the compost pile of King Bob's broken promises to the rank and file.

I don't believe the UAW can be reformed from within any more than I believe a cigarette from the executioner is a sign of respect. The request only confirms the hangman's power over the condemned.

When the transplants get organized, they will be organized from within by workers independent from the UAW and unreliant on the government. Likewise, the UAW will be reformed, or re-formed, by rank and file workers independent from and in opposition to the bureaucracy by direct action not appeals to hierarchy.

As second tier workers become the dominant demographic in the UAW, the Flower Fund toadies will lose influence.

Second tier workers don't wear golden handcuffs.

Without pension and health insurance to look forward to in retirement, they're free to start over.

The only barricade they need to crash is the pattern of learned helplessness fostered by voting to replace the hangman.

When they realize that voting won't change the corrupt system, they will tear the gallows down.



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President Obama Provides Justification Of Attack On United States

[Thanks to Alan Stolzer, Military Resistance Organization, who sent this in.]

Sep 4, 2013 by Lawrence Rockwood

On September 4, the US President, without him or anyone appearing to notice it, provided the moral justification for the international community to attack and destroy military assets of the United States including its armed forces. President Obama, taking questions during a press conference in Stockholm, Sweden on his way to the G20 economic summit in St. Petersburg, argued that the red line of chemical weapons use in Syria was not his but a norm of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and, consequentially this places a moral obligation to engage in military actions on the international community:

“I didn’t set a red line,” Obama said. “The world set a red line.” The world set a red line when governments representing 98% of the worlds population said the use of chemical weapons are abhorrent, and passed a treaty forbidding their use even when countries are engaged in war. Congress set a red line when it ratified that treaty. Congress set a red line when it indicated, in a piece of legislation entitled the Syria Accountability Act, that some of the horrendous things happening on the ground there need to be answered for.”

Since the end the World War II, the US has constantly danced along the red lines of International Humanitarian and Human Rights Law, law the United States had itself taken the primary role in establishing. What other red lines of IHL have been crossed over since they were established starting with a member of the United States Supreme Court, Robert Jackson, acting as a prosecutor of high officials and military officers of the Third Reich at the Nuremberg said never again?” Some of these red lines include the Genocide Convention, the Convention against Torture, and Chemical Weapons Convention.

Then there are the red lines accepted the entire civilized world, notably excluding the United States and Israel, to include the 1977 Geneva Protocols protecting non-combatants, the 1997 Landmine Treaty, and the Rome Treaty establishing the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Even if one only addresses the treaties it has itself ratified, the US has never been competent ant watchdogs for any of these treaties and never when upholding ‘red lines’ are inconvenient to its interest. The US’s so-called most important ally, Israel, has not even signed either the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons or the Chemical Weapons Convention (Israel was not among the 98% of the world’s population that the President said considered the use of chemical weapons “abhorrent”).

In regard to chemical weapons in particular, the US made no-fuss when its side used them in the Iran-Iran War. The so-called world's policeman is at best a crooked cop winking at the criminality of some and not others.

Even a crooked cop can be competent at times. But even by the most kindest consideration, the United States has been a poor poor policeman of the "red Lines" it claims to hold so dear as the ghosts of millions of non-combatants howl from the jungles of Cambodia, Rwanda, and Indonesia. The United States fought two Cold Wars after WWII, one in Europe where Soviet invasions merited no US response, saving the lives of millions of non-combatants in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and one in Asia where the lives of millions of noncombatants in Vietnam and Afghanistan were expendable. The current War on Terror is only the natural consequence of the second. One thing is clear, to the United States and its people, the lives of all non-combatants are not equal.

But this is not about America being a crooked and incompetent cop in regard to humanitarian and human rights, this is about the moral justification of the use of military force. This is where the Obama Administration comes in. There is no doubt that the US crossed "red lines" concerning torture during its War on Terror. The US went from being a bad cop to a criminal actor itself. One of the first acts of the President Obama was to grant legal impunity to the Bush Six (now the Obama Six), former officials of the United States government under the presidency of George W. Bush who engaged in criminal conspiracy that led to actual criminal torture (Alberto Gonzales, US Attorney General; David Addington, former Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States; Jay Bybee, head of the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; John Yoo, deputy of the Office of Legal Counsel in the White House; Douglas Feith, former undersecretary of Defense for policy; and William Haynes II, former general counsel for the Department of Defense).

This outrageous granting of impunity to high level US officials who were avowed and conscious enemies of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law by the same administration that would later allow a young Army private to be sentenced to 35 years imprisonment for mistakes he made defending the victims of American crimes was the highest level crossing of a "global red line" in recent history. When granting this impunity, President Obama and his Attorney General said they were "looking forward" instead of "backward." As Americans, we need to realize this "looking forward" is to a world where the international community, using the logic of our own leaders, has a moral obligation to attack the United States.

The post-Vietnam anti-war movements have always placed the criminality of war on war itself and/or those who execute the military operations ordered by their government. As Americans, we need to accept that we are ourselves as an entire nation guilty of the criminality of our wars that have been the actual expression of our collective will. The United States has never held up the standard of command responsibility we held out to our defeated enemies at the Nuremberg Trials, the people of the United States would never allow that any more than would they allow themselves to pay actual just price of the global resources we consume.

By the President taking recourse to the great natural law concept of "justification," this second rate positive law professor has loosened the furies. He forgot the great natural law saying of Thomas Jefferson, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever." The great peace activist Eugene V. Debs said,

“When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong.” For those Americans committed not just to peace, but to a just peace, we expect to be in the minority or a long time.

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