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**“Libyan Soldiers Occupied The Prime Minister’s Office In Tripoli On Monday To Demand Unpaid Wages”**  
**“The Soldiers Had Been Protesting Against The Non-Payment Of Their Salaries For Months”**

2013-10-07 Middle East Online

TRIPOLI - Dozens of unarmed Libyan soldiers occupied the prime minister’s office in Tripoli on Monday to demand unpaid wages, the privately-owned Alnabaa television reported.

The channel said the soldiers had been protesting against the “non-payment of their salaries for months.”

The troops were not armed but forced their way into the building, preventing anyone else from entering or leaving, Alnabaa reported.

“They say that they are waiting for an official to negotiate with,” the broadcaster said.

Prime Minister Ali Zeidan was not present when the incident took place, as he started a three-day state visit to Morocco on Sunday.

The headquarters of the prime minister and the interim government has often been the scene of protests demanding unpaid wages by former rebels who helped overthrow dictator Moamer Gathafi in 2011.

In April and May, groups of ex-rebels laid siege to the justice and foreign ministries in Tripoli for nearly two weeks, demanding a law be passed excluding officials from the Gathafi regime from office. When Gathafi was overthrown and killed in 2011, the rebels were hailed as heroes for bringing an end to more than four decades of dictatorship.

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

# **Two U.S. Soldiers Shot By Man Wearing Afghan Army Uniform; “At Least One” Killed**

10.13.13 Reporting by Mirwais Harooni; Reuters

KABUL - An Afghan man wearing an Afghan army uniform shot at U.S. soldiers in eastern Afghanistan, killing at least one serviceman on Sunday, local officials and the NATO-led coalition said.

The so-called “insider attack” in Paktika province is the fourth in less than a month and is likely to strain already tense ties between coalition troops and their allies, with most foreign troops scheduled to withdraw by the end of next year.

A Reuters tally shows Sunday’s incident was the tenth this year, and took the death toll of foreign personnel to 15.

“A man wearing an Afghan army uniform shot at Americans in Sharana city (the provincial capital) near the governor’s office,” said an Afghan official, adding that two soldiers had been hit by the gunfire.

The NATO-led coalition confirmed one soldier had been shot by a man in security forces uniform, but did not comment on his nationality or whether the Afghan was wearing a army uniform.

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## Woodstock Man Killed While Serving In Afghanistan



Joshua J. Strickland

September 25, 2013 by Joshua Sharpe, Marietta Daily Journal

A former Etowah High School student and father of three was killed in action Saturday while serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

Spc. Joshua "Jay" Strickland, 23, of Woodstock, died along with two other American soldiers in Gardez, Afghanistan, after the three were shot by an Afghan soldier, said Lt. Col. David Simons, spokesperson for the International Security Assistance Force.

Simons, a member of the Georgia Air National Guard, said Tuesday the Afghan soldier turned his gun on the Americans and was "immediately" killed by another Afghan for taking the shots.

"(The Afghan soldier) opened up and was taken out by one of his officers," Simons said.

Strickland was a member of the U.S. Army's Special Operations and was assigned to Group Support Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group Airborne. He was stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington.

The Woodstock man's body arrived back on American soil Monday night at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, said Maj. Allison Aguilar, spokesperson for U.S. Army Special Forces.

As of late afternoon Tuesday, Aguilar said she was not aware of what the funeral arrangements would be or where Strickland's remains would be sent. Nick Maddox of Woodstock, a now-grieving friend of Strickland, also said Tuesday he was waiting to hear where and when the funeral for Strickland would take place.

"Wherever it's being done, there's a big group of us that's flying out to meet the family," said Maddox, who attended Etowah High School with Strickland.

Maddox said he and Strickland remained close after Strickland enlisted in the Army in 2008.

"We hung out all the time until he and his brother joined the Army," he said. "Everybody was real close-knit. Since then, he's been married and has three kids."

So far, Maddox said Strickland's family is doing as well as possible with the loss.

"You can only imagine getting news that your son or you brother or your husband is not coming home," he said. "That's a really unexplainable pain to be able to go through and face."

Another friend of Strickland's, J.D. Hendrix, remembers Strickland as a hard worker who loved his family.

"I never met any of his kids or his wife, but he always talked about them with such love and you could always tell everything he did was for them," said Hendrix, who met Strickland when they worked together at a restaurant in 2007.

While working at the restaurant, Hendrix said he was taken with Strickland's good humor and strong work ethic.

"I saw him as a leader," Hendrix said. "He may not have struck many at that age or that time as someone with leadership potential, but he was. He was, and in my mind still is, one of the hardest working people I know. He was always working harder than anyone else." Hendrix said that impression Strickland made will last.

"I hope that his wife and children will be as OK as they can be and understand their father was and always will be a hero," he said.

Strickland graduated from Etowah High School in 2008, one year after 24-year-old state Rep. Michael Caldwell (R-Woodstock).

Caldwell said Tuesday that he never got the chance to know Strickland, but heard his name around school. "I didn't know him personally, but knew of him," Caldwell said. "Our hearts go out to his family and friends. We're very saddened, but thankful to a fellow Etowah alumnus for giving the ultimate sacrifice in protection of our liberties."

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

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

## **Resistance Action**

13 October, 2013 The PakTribune

JALALABAD: A bomber killed two policemen Saturday when he slammed an explosives-laden car into a police headquarters in east Afghanistan, underlining the country's instability as US Secretary of State John Kerry visited Kabul.

"The bomber drove the car into the gates of the police headquarters in Jalalabad city," Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, spokesman for the Nangarhar provincial governor, told AFP.

"We have two policemen martyred, eight others including a traffic officer were wounded in the attack and they have been taken to the hospital. The bomber is dead."

Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province, straddles the main route from Kabul to Pakistan's tribal belt. The city has seen a series of attacks in the past year.

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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**

**A revolution is always distinguished by impoliteness, probably because the ruling classes did not take the trouble in good season to teach the people fine manners.  
-- Leon Trotsky, History Of The Russian Revolution**

**“The Republicans Are Deeply Confused As To Why They Are Doing What They Are Doing To The Country”**

**“And, At The Same Time, Even If They Don’t Realize It, They’re Winning”**

**“If The Shutdown Ended Tomorrow, The Sequester Would Still Be In Place”**

**“Austerity Still Would Be The Tacitly Agreed Upon Program For Both Parties”**

07 October 13 by Charles Pierce, Esquire

As we pass into the second week of the Reign Of The Morons, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Republicans who are running the show are doing so in a manner based on two apparently contradictory dynamics.

At this point, with the whole obsessive-compulsive fascination with the Affordable Care Act having waned somewhat, the Republicans are deeply confused as to why they are doing what they are doing to the country.

(In this case, I am speaking of those Republicans who can still reach sanity without asking for the area code. The rump faction that's driving the party, of course, has no doubt of what it's doing at all. It believes it's forming up at Stirling Bridge against the forces of Edward Longshanks.)

And, at the same time, even if they don't realize it, they're winning.

All weekend, the conservative pivot on the shutdown-debt-ceiling-spittlepalooza was consistent and obvious.

This is now no longer entirely about the beastly tyranny of Obamacare. Oh, no. This is now about federal spending and about the deficit.

**Never mind that the deficit is dropping, and that the Democrats are now pleading to return to a level of federal spending below that which even Paul Ryan recommended.**

The old scarecrows are all coming out in time for Halloween.

Poor, befuddled John Cornyn tried to make the case on CBS yesterday. And, on ABC, castrato Speaker Of The House John Boehner made it plain that there would be no movement on his side regarding the debt ceiling unless he gets what he wants in a further reduction of federal spending, and that there would be no tax increases of any kind from his side.

He even trotted out the single most threadbare argument of all -- that the government should run its books like "an American family" does. (Sadly, this is a misbegotten trope to which even the president has resorted from time to time.)

**I am increasingly coming to believe that, for all the talk of how the conservatives have hurtled into a box canyon, it is the administration, bright people all, that may have been euchred into a situation that will truly damage it.**

**After all, if the shutdown ended tomorrow, the sequester would still be in place.**

Austerity still would be the tacitly agreed upon program for both parties, and Paul Krugman likely still would be drinking before noon.

**The administration's brilliant eleventy-dimensional chess in 2010 looks more and more like a case of being too smart by half.**

**It created a new reality in which both sides decided that what a country barely out of a devastating recession really needed was some belt-tightening and some fiscal discipline.**

If the administration really believed that the conservative monkeyhouse elected in 2010 wasn't going to be completely at home in this new reality, then somebody over there needs to be fired.

In the current political context, there was no reason for Jack Lew to go on television yesterday and utter the words "entitlement reform."

There should be memos circulating throughout the Executive branch to the effect that, in the current circumstances, anyone who goes about with "entitlement reform" on his lips, should be boiled in his own pudding, and buried with a stake of holly through his heart. (Scrooge is very much on my mind these days. I'm getting a little worried.)

Jesus God, entitlement reform? Now?

Who is this man negotiating for?

There also was no reason for him to talk about "tax reform, closing loopholes," without mentioning that what we really need is a higher top rate, and a financial-transaction tax, and a lot of other things that will make the Wall Street side of the Republican party howl.

**For all the talk about how Republican extremism is finally catching up with the party, one can argue just as well that Wall Street-friendly, deficit-hawk, DLC-omics is finally catching up with the Democratic party.**

**The president has demonstrated that he can be brought to a deal if someone properly engages his impulse to be a conciliator.**

**They're never going to be able to do that by asking him to chloroform the Affordable Care Act.**

**But if they start talking about the deficit, they can get him to listen.**

**If he starts to think about bipartisanship and about problem-solving, and about the rosy dream he painted in his famous 2004 speech at the Democratic convention, a speech that now sounds as though it were delivered by a five-year old, then he can convince himself to do anything.**

**At which point, I will believe that, in doing what he did when he did it, Ted Cruz is the smartest man alive.**

**And I do not, under any circumstances, want to believe that.**

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# New Intelligence-Themed Restaurant Serves The Best [REDACTED] We've Ever Tasted



You can find this fine establishment at [REDACTED] and it's open [REDACTED].

October 8, 2013 by Jameson, The Duffel Blog

[REDACTED], VA – A Virginia restaurant has won plaudits by critics for its incredibly realistic depiction of a modern intelligence facility, as well as its mouth-watering [REDACTED], which according to foodies is the best in the DC area.

The restaurant, known as “Five Eyes: [REDACTED] and Fries” operates at an undisclosed location in [REDACTED], just off of Route [REDACTED].

“It’s a slam dunk!” reads an autographed picture at the entrance by former CIA director George Tenet, next to one of deputy NSA director John Inglis saying, “I’ve never heard of a better place.”

Tenet and Inglis are just two of several prominent intelligence officials, along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who are famous patrons of the establishment.

True to its theme, reservations at Five Eyes are required several weeks in advance and customers must be on the access list, in addition to signing a non-disclosure agreement before entering the restaurant. A helpful sign reminds them to display their [REDACTED] badges at all times and that use of the silverware constitutes consent to monitoring.

Customers must also be read-in to the appetizer, salad, and dessert menus, as well as the world-famous [REDACTED] prior to placing their orders.

Cell phones are not permitted and unauthorized conversations can lead to customers having their menus revoked. Wine lists are issued only on a need-to-know basis.

Takeout is currently available with the permission of the Special Security Officer; otherwise, food can be delivered in a plastic garbage bag, taped to the underside of a footbridge in ██████████ Park.

Five Eyes was originally part of a worldwide chain of restaurants in ██████████ and ██████████, most of which closed after customers complained that the staff would just force feed them whatever they wanted to eat the week before.

Although this particular outlet has been operating in Virginia for several decades, its existence only came to the public's attention in 2009 following an unauthorized review by disgruntled Army Private ██████████ who declared "I would rather eat prison food than this crap."

There have been other complaints as well.

Cuisine from New Zealand is sometimes arbitrarily removed from the menu, and in 2001, the head chef was fired after management discovered he'd been secretly working part-time for a nearby Russian competitor.

Staff are also notorious for quitting their jobs there, only to be rehired as contractors from ██████████ at outrageous salaries.

Some staff members have confirmed that the restaurant did have a serious problem in the past with what they called "spillage," caused by waiters dumping secret ingredients on various customers, but have insisted that this in no way affects the ██████████.

According to a recent view by Zagat, while the ██████████ may have suffered an over-classification, it was never overdone and is well worth your ██████████, even out of season. Chef ██████████ has confirmed that the secret ingredient to ██████████ is also, of course, classified and will not be made public for another 25 years.

The restaurant's management are pleased with the recent positive publicity, following accusations in 2012 that they were just ordering all their food from open-source restaurants and then classifying it.

They have also tried to attract a more posh clientele by instituting a mandatory dress code, suggested by DIA director Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn.

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## The Aliens Meet The Pope

[Thanks to David Thorstad via David McReynolds]

A group of aliens landed in the mountains of Northern Italy and approached some local people. Not surprisingly, they said "Take us to your leader!" The people huddled and discussed the issue for a while.

Not wanting the aliens to get the wrong idea about humanity in general by introducing them to the leaders of the always-chaotic Italian government, they decided instead to take the aliens to the Pope. Surely they would be impressed by the grandeur and peace of St. Peter's Basilica.

The aliens met Pope Francis and were indeed impressed by the enormity of the basilica and the peace the environment seemed to radiate. But eventually the Pope had to ask

"You know, I am a leader, but perhaps not in the manner you might expect. I am the head of the world's largest denomination, Catholicism, and 1.2 billion of its adherents. So I have to know ... Have you and your people ever heard of Jesus?"

"You mean Jesus Christ?" asked the alien leader.

"Yes! Yes! Do you mean to tell me you have heard of Him?"

"Oh, yeah! He's an awesome guy! He comes to our planet every year, raises the dead, heals the sick, makes the lame walk, you know the drill. It's great! He gives us wonderful guidance on how to live our lives, goes on television and advises us on how to keep the peace ..."

"Every year! Are you kidding me? We're still waiting for His second coming. We've been waiting for two thousand years!"

The alien leader seemed surprised, and said "Well, maybe he doesn't like your chocolates."

"Er, what? Chocolates? What do chocolates have to do with any of this?"

"Well, when Jesus visits us, we put Him up in the best hotels, provide the best food and entertainment, just make it a really nice vacation for Him.

"And then we send him off with a huge box of chocolates. He just loves the stuff ..."

"Why, what did you guys do when he was here?"

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

# **14 Oct 1917: The Army Joins The Revolution:**

**“All Other Major Political Groups Lost Credibility Because Of Their Association With The Government And Their Insistence On Patient Sacrifice In The Interests Of The War Effort”**



Revolutionary Army: (Photo by Hulton Archive/Getty Images)

September 28, 2007 By PAUL D'AMATO, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

**RUSSIA WAS** the first and only country to achieve a socialist revolution--that is, a society in which ordinary people had their hands on the levers of power.

For that reason alone, the capitalist rulers of the world cannot allow it to stand on its own merits. The later degeneration of the revolution into bureaucratic, one-party totalitarian rule must be read back into the past to “prove” that the revolution was doomed to fail.

This is the purpose of the hundreds of studies published by Russia “experts” that portray Lenin and the Bolshevik Party as ruthless, nasty and authoritarian. The revolution, in most accounts, did not involve the masses in determining their own destiny, but was the work of individuals bent on exploiting mass discontent for their own purposes.

This framework serves two purposes: to elevate the role of individuals in the making of history, and simultaneously to denigrate the role of ordinary workers, who are seen as naïve dupes.

Lenin is portrayed as a superhuman madman, bent on one-man dictatorship--and possessing an irresistible will to power. Historian Robert Payne, for example, writes absurdly of Lenin, "His fanatical will was like a lever which attempted to throw the whole globe into an orbit more to his liking; and because he pressed so hard on the lever, the earth still shudders."

The reality is that the Bolshevik Party became a mass party in the course of the revolution, winning the allegiance of the most militant workers. Far from being Lenin's cat's paw, the Bolsheviks were a party alive with debate and disagreement, with different factions fighting over the revolution's course.

Lenin was certainly the most respected leader in the party, but it was a respect earned by his role as a theoretician and practical leader, not by hypnosis or fiat. Indeed, Lenin often found himself in the minority and had to fight hard for his positions. Moreover, in a number of cases, Lenin's views, particularly on tactical questions, were wrong, and were rejected or adjusted by the party.

When Lenin returned to Russia in April, his views--transfer all power to the Soviets--were considered by other Bolsheviks to be completely out of touch and even anarchist. It took him some weeks of hard argument to win over the party.

Lenin also had to fight tooth and nail to convince the party of the necessity of preparing for an insurrection once the Bolsheviks had won over a majority in the Moscow and Petrograd soviets.

On the other hand, Lenin proved to be wrong after the July Days when he argued that the soviets were now bankrupt institutions. The party, though it officially voted to abandon the slogan "All power to the soviets," never really abandoned it at the local level and soon restored it.

Lenin was also wrong in his views that the insurrection might begin in Moscow--Petrograd was clearly the leading revolutionary citadel in Russia--and in his insistence that the insurrection should be organized through the Bolshevik Party, independently of the soviets. Other leaders, such as Leon Trotsky, were able to set a better course on these questions.

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THE ARGUMENT that the Bolsheviks "hijacked" the revolution fails to take into account that the Bolsheviks were only one political party among many competing for the support of the Russian people.

The fact that the Bolsheviks were able to win mass support away from the Social Revolutionaries and Mensheviks flowed not from their superior persuasive powers or ability to command blind obedience, but because of their program.

**They were the only party that demanded land to the peasants, factories to the workers, all power to the soviets [elected workers' councils] and an end to the war.**

**“All other major political groups,” writes historian Alexander Rabinowitch, “lost credibility because of their association with the government and their insistence on patient sacrifice in the interests of the war effort.”**

In short, whereas the other parties acted as a brake on the revolution, the Bolsheviks wanted to see it through to the end.

At the same time, the party was not for some kind of minority putsch against the Provisional Government led by Kerensky. Lenin and other party leaders worked to restrain the movement when they felt that a premature revolt threatened the movement as a whole with defeat.

It must be remembered that Lenin's position was that the party must “patiently explain” their demands and win over the majority of the working class before it could move toward decisive action against the Provisional Government.

Lenin's bold and determined leadership, as well as the Bolsheviks' relative unity and discipline compared to other political parties, were key factors in the revolution's success.

But this unity and discipline was not bureaucratic--it was organic and political. The party debated and voted on all key questions, and local organizations of the party possessed a great deal of leeway to carry on their own independent initiatives.

Rabinowitch attributes much of the Bolsheviks' success in transforming themselves from a party of 25,000 on the eve of the February Revolution into a mass party capable of leading a successful struggle for power with a membership of a quarter million to “the party's internally relatively democratic, tolerant and decentralized structure and method of operation, as well as its essentially open and mass character.”

The conspiratorial, clandestine forms of organization of the Bolsheviks that preceded the revolutionary period were imposed by necessity on all illegal parties as a result of the repressive conditions of Tsarism. The Bolsheviks were always prepared, when conditions changed, to move toward open, democratic methods of organization.

This little fact is practically ignored by most historians.

The dreaded “democratic centralism” of the Bolshevik Party was exactly what the term implies: the fullest and freest debate, combined with strict adherence to decisions once made. This is what gave the party its ability to “read” what was happening in the disparate sectors of struggle, generalize from that experience and offer guidance to it.

Democracy without centralism is a talk shop. Centralism without democracy creates bureaucratism and isolates the leaders from the ranks.

As Trotsky later wrote:

“How could a genuinely revolutionary organization, setting itself the task of overthrowing the world and uniting under its banner the most audacious iconoclasts, fighters and insurgents, live and develop without intellectual conflicts, without groups and temporary faction formations?...

“The Central Committee relied upon this seething democratic support. From this, it derived the audacity to make decision and give orders. The obvious correctness of the leadership at all critical stages gave it that high authority which is the priceless capital of centralism.”

Rabinowitch, in his book *The Bolsheviks Come to Power*, is able to demonstrate in rich detail that “within the Bolshevik Petrograd organization at all levels in 1917, there was continuing free and lively discussion and debate over the most basic theoretical and tactical issues,” and that the party had shifting left, center and moderate tendencies within it, right through the revolutionary period.

“Leaders who differed with the majority were at liberty to fight for their views, and not infrequently, Lenin was the loser in those struggles.”

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SURPRISING THOUGH these insights are to most bourgeois or anarchist commentators, the Bolsheviks’ open and democratic character flowed from its commitment to workers’ self-emancipation.

Lenin’s insistence on the need to build a disciplined party of revolutionaries is usually presented as a product of his “distrust” of the working class’s revolutionary potential--when, in fact, Lenin’s entire political career was based on the proposition, established in the early years of the Russian Marxist movement, that, “(t)he revolutionary movement in Russia can triumph only as the revolutionary movement of the workers.”

Nikolai Sukhanov, by no means a Bolshevik supporter in 1917, but who witnessed the party at close quarters in the days leading up to the October Revolution, observed the interconnectedness between the party and the working class:

The Bolsheviks were working stubbornly and without letup. They were among the masses, at the factory benches, every day without a pause. Tens of speakers, big and little, were speaking in Petersburg, at the factories and in the barracks, every blessed day.

For the masses, they had become their own people, because they were always there, taking the lead in details as well as in the most important affairs of the factory or barracks. They had become the sole hope...The mass lived and breathed together with the Bolsheviks.

What Sukhanov seemed not to understand is that the Bolsheviks themselves were workers--leaders on the ground in the day-to-day struggle.

They did not parachute in from somewhere else; they were already there.

As early as June, for example, Bolshevik delegates dominated the conferences of the factory committees. The Bolshevik vanguard was not an isolated elite, but organized working-class militants tempered by shared experience and shared politics, developed through interaction with their fellow workers.

One lesson of the Russian Revolution is that workers can take over the running of society; revolutions can win. Of course, the lesson of many failed workers' revolutions (1905 in Russia or 1919-23 in Germany, for example) is that such victories are by no means guaranteed.

Another, equally important lesson is that such a revolution can only win, as it did in Russia, if the working class organizes its own revolutionary party to guide its path to power.

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## October 14, 1943: Heroic Uprising Against Nazis At The Sobibor Death Camp



A group portrait of some of the participants in the uprising at the Sobibor extermination camp. Poland, August 1944.

Carl Bunin Peace history October 8-14

US Holocaust Memorial Museum:

**Sobered by both the sense that killing operations in the facility were winding down and information that Belzec had been dismantled and all surviving prisoners liquidated, prisoners at Sobibor organized a resistance group in the late spring of 1943.**

After considering several options for escape and augmented in numbers and military training skills by the arrival of a number of former Soviet-Jewish prisoners of war from the Minsk ghetto in late September, the prisoners opted for an uprising, following the liquidation of key German camp officials.



On October 14, 1943, with approximately 600 prisoners left in the camp, those who knew the plan for the uprising initiated the operation.

The prisoners succeeded in killing nearly a dozen German personnel and Trawniki-trained guards.

Around 300 prisoners succeeded in breaking out of the killing center that day; around 100 were caught in the dragnet that following and more than half of the remaining survivors did not live to see the end of the war.

After the revolt, the Germans and the Trawniki-trained guards dismantled the killing center and shot the Jewish prisoners who had not escaped during the uprising.

Pursuant to discussions in the SS hierarchy in the summer of 1943, the Germans had intended to transform the facility first into a holding pen for women and children deported west from occupied Belarus after their fathers and husbands had been murdered in so-called anti-partisan operations, and later, into an ammunition supply depot.

Although there is no information that new prisoners ever arrived in Sobibor after the murder of remaining Jewish prisoners in November 1943, a small Trawniki-trained guard detachment remained at the former killing center through at least the end of March 1944.

Though Sobibor's six gas chambers could exterminate 1200 people at a time, it was the smallest of the death camps.

### **TROOPS INVITED:**

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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Nothing New Here:  
Zionist Soldiers Kill Another Palestinian  
Civilian Inside Gaza;**

# On August 11, Occupation Troops Also Killed A Palestinian Inside Gaza For “Behaving Suspiciously”

Sep 30, 2013 AFP

Gaza City (Palestinian Territories) —

A Palestinian man was shot dead by Israeli soldiers in the northern Gaza Strip on Monday evening, Palestinian medical sources said.

The victim, 36-year-old Houshabe Abou Houshabe, was a civilian. He was killed by Israeli gunfire, according to the sources. His body was transported to a nearby hospital in Beit Hanun, they said.

Earlier on Monday, an Israeli army spokeswoman said Israeli soldiers had shot and “hit” two Palestinians in the same area as they tried to cut through the security fence separating Israel from the Gaza Strip.

But it was not immediately clear if the Palestinians were wounded or killed in the shooting in the Beit Hanun area of the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip, the Israeli official added.

On August 11, Israeli troops also shot dead a Palestinian on the border with Gaza, claiming he had been seen behaving suspiciously in an area close to the border fence.

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## Nothing New Here: Zionist Soldiers Shoot Another Palestinian Civilian Inside Gaza



Israeli forces opened fire on a group of farmers near Gaza City, witnesses say

10.3.13 Ma'an

GAZA CITY -- Israeli forces shot and injured a Palestinian farmer in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, locals said.

Witnesses told Ma'an that Israeli forces stationed east of Gaza City opened fire at a group of farmers in the area, injuring one person.

Medics said the man was taken to hospital with moderate injuries.

On Monday, Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian man they said had approached a border fence in the Gaza Strip.

Huwayshel Hawajira, 36, was shot dead by Israeli soldiers in northern Gaza.

The Palestinian Center for Human Rights, an NGO based in Gaza, condemned an "excessive use of lethal force" by the Israeli army, adding artillery shells had also been heard hitting near where the two men were shot.

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"The Head Of Israeli Forces In The  
West Bank Said I Constitute A Threat  
To The Safety Of Israeli Soldiers And  
Security"**

## **“Ghaith Is Also Forbidden By The Israeli Defense Ministry From Traveling Abroad”**



Addameer's Ramallah office after it was raided by Israeli forces overnight, 11 December 2012. (Issam Rimawi / APA images)

**As an influential public figure and a longtime human rights defender, Ghaith said that he has been in Israeli prison ten times, and that it “became a second home for me and all Palestinians.”**

**The Israeli Prison Service has come under fire from human rights groups in recent years for its routine cruelty.**

1 October 2013 Patrick O. Strickland, The Electronic Intifada

**Though most Palestinians in the occupied West Bank are prevented from entering Jerusalem and present-day Israel, Abdullatif Ghaith has been effectively imprisoned in those territories.**

**Ghaith, a 71-year-old Palestinian resident of occupied East Jerusalem, was informed on 11 September that Israeli authorities had renewed a travel ban that forbids him from traveling to the rest of the West Bank.**

“A military order from the head of Israeli forces in the West Bank said I constitute a threat to the safety of Israeli soldiers and security, therefore I’m forbidden from entering or being inside any of the areas they call ‘Judea and Samaria,’” he told The Electronic Intifada, referring to the term the Israeli government uses for the West Bank.

**This latest travel ban is the fifth consecutive renewal — his first ban was issued on 9 October 2011. The order, according to Ghaith, “can be renewed over and over again.”**

Ghaith is the chairperson of Addameer, a human rights organization that documents Israel’s arrests of Palestinians and abuses of Palestinian political prisoners. Back in 1992, he was also one of the organization’s founders.

The ban means that Ghaith is unable to work in Addameer’s main office in Ramallah.

Though banning Palestinians from the West Bank is rare, it is not unheard of. This measure is generally reserved for Palestinian residents of Jerusalem or Palestinian citizens of Israel who are freed in prisoner release deals or are influential political and community leaders.

“But I’m the only one I’ve ever heard of getting five bans in a row and for this long a period of time,” Ghaith said.

**Ghaith is also forbidden by the Israeli defense ministry from traveling abroad.**

“I see these measures as illegal under international law — and I think they’re not particularly against me but against the entire Palestinian community and our human rights in general,” he added.

As an influential public figure and a longtime human rights defender, Ghaith said that he has been in Israeli prison ten times, and that it “became a second home for me and all Palestinians.”

Ghaith also argued that Addameer has been targeted because of the effectiveness of its work in mobilizing support for Palestinian prisoners.

**Israel is regularly accused of targeting activists, students and potential leaders in order to preserve its ongoing occupation. Additionally, the Israeli Prison Service has come under fire from human rights groups in recent years for its routine cruelty.**

On top of scrupulously documenting arrests and imprisonments, Addameer has played a primary role in raising global awareness for Palestinian political prisoners, particularly when they have gone on hunger strike.

Among those highly publicized prisoner campaigns were the hunger strikes of Khader Adnan, Hana al-Shalabi and Samer Issawi.

“In recent years, there has been a lot of activism surrounding the prisoners’ cause and Palestinian institutions have been important for popular activism,” said Ghaith. “As this is Addameer’s specialty, we have played a leading role.

**“Israel is scared of the prisoner solidarity movement because it is a popular movement and takes place at the level of the street,” Ghaith remarked, adding that the movement is not confined to any political parties.**

Ghaith said that this is demonstrated by the fact that “several organizations working with prisoner issues were shut down in the past because they were accused of working directly with specific political parties.”

Ghaith explained that his work has become “much more difficult as a result of the ban. I’m not in the office, able to see the employees, or directly partake in our programs. We have to do phone calls on specific issues, but my work is very limited now. ... I also cannot attend meetings and offer my opinion in the same way as before.”

Although there is no more than 20 kilometers between Addameer’s office in Ramallah and Ghaith’s home in the Shuafat area of East Jerusalem, the two are separated by Israel’s wall in the West Bank and a number of Israeli military checkpoints.

Though Addameer’s offices used to be located in Jerusalem, they had to be moved to Ramallah “due to the fact that Jerusalem is isolated from the rest of Palestine and the heavy workload regarding West Bank prisoners,” Ghaith explained.

Ghaith’s ban from the West Bank has made even normal office tasks complicated. “For instance, I have to sign the paychecks of our employees. Since I cannot go to Ramallah, they have to send them with one of our employees, who brings them to my house at the end of every month.”

Most of Addameer’s staff members have identity documents issued by the Palestinian Authority. As a result, they have to apply for Israeli-issued permits to enter Jerusalem and present-day Israel.

“Despite the circumstances that prevent me from leaving Jerusalem or Israel, I won’t run out of thoughts or ideas, and this order will not keep me from working on the (prisoners’ issues),” Ghaith said.

His ban from the West Bank is just one of several instances that suggest Israel has systematically singled out Addameer in recent years.

Ayman Nasser, an Addameer spokesperson and human rights activist, has been imprisoned since Israeli soldiers raided his home on 15 October last year.

He has faced a number of charges related to organizing to support prisoner solidarity and attending an annual Palestinian Prisoners’ Day event.

In December 2012, Israeli soldiers raided Addameer’s office in Ramallah, looting files, computer hard drives, personal laptops and money. “The break-in was proof that they want to scare Addameer and its staff, but ... we will continue our work and duties,” said Ghaith.

“That was an attempt to find anything that would incriminate us as an institution,” he added. “But Addameer works within the boundaries of Israeli, Palestinian and international law, and our financial and administrative reports are transparent and clean.”

**Furthermore, despite Israel’s legal obligation to facilitate access to prisoners, Addameer’s lawyers have regularly been banned from meeting with hunger-striking prisoners and those deemed by Israel to be “security” prisoners.**

**In other instances, a lawyer “goes to visit a prisoner and the Israeli Prison Service lie and say the prisoner isn’t available that day,” according to Ghaith.**

**Two weeks ago, Anas Barghouthi, a prominent lawyer and a former Addameer employee, was stopped at a checkpoint and arrested by Israeli soldiers as he traveled between the West Bank cities of Ramallah and Bethlehem.**

At the same time, Israel’s sweeping arrest campaigns reach every corner of Palestinian society across East Jerusalem and the broader occupied West Bank.

After a sniper shot and killed an Israeli soldier in the occupied city of Hebron recently, more than 5,000 soldiers were deployed to round up men 18 years or older for interrogation — more than 80 people were subsequently arrested, according to Addameer. Some Palestinian campaign groups were also arrested during that wave of repression.

**Ghaith also noted that the Palestinian Authority has not offered “any support at all” to institutions under pressure from Israel.**

As Israel’s crackdown on Palestinian political activists continues, Ghaith called for the world to respect the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment, and sanctions against Israel.

“The boycott is one of many ways to support Palestinian prisoners and the Palestinian people. It can open doors towards new ways of support. It can also raise people’s awareness on how to have solidarity with Palestinian in ways that exceed the boycott itself,” Ghaith added.

“The more awareness about Palestinian rights increases, the better our chances for freedom.”

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# **Enemy Forces Shoot And Kill Diabetic After Wife Calls About Pill Overdose:**

**“My Son Raised His Hands”**

**“The Officer Took His Gun, Fired -- One, Two, Three. I Heard Four Shots”**

**“My Son Fell. Nothing In His Hands”**

October 8, 2013 By Alex Kane, AlterNet

A Georgia family is disputing the police's story about why officers shot and killed a man on Friday afternoon.

Two police officers shot 43-year-old Jack Roberson, a Waycross, Georgia resident, according to a report on News4Georgia.com, the website for the news outlet WJXT.

The police were responding to a call from the Roberson house, and they said they regretted that Roberson died. But many facts remain in dispute.

**Roberson's family told the news channel that he was unarmed and had no weapons.**

**They also said that Roberson's fiancée had called law enforcement because Roberson, who has diabetes, was in distress after swallowing a couple of pills.**

**“I was here -- and my son was coming from the kitchen. He saw the officer over there. The officer didn't say anything. My son raised his hands,” Diane Roberson, his mother, told WJXT.**

**“The officer took his gun, fired -- one, two, three. I heard four shots. My son fell. Nothing in his hands.”**

**Roberson's fiancée backed up the mother's account of what happened. “They didn't say anything,” said Alicia Herron. “They didn't pull their Taser out. They didn't shoot him in the leg, the arm. They went straight for his chest.”**

**The police say they were responding to a suicide call, though the Roberson family says Jack Roberson was not suicidal.**

The police were told that Roberson was being combative and was damaging property.

“The officers yelled repeatedly for Mr. Roberson to stop and drop the weapons. Mr. Roberson gained ground on the officers and raised one of the weapons in a threatening manner toward the officers.

Both officers fired to stop Mr. Roberson from assaulting them,” said Waycross police chief Tony Tanner.

**The family denies that Roberson had a weapon. The police did not specify what type of weapon they say he had.**

The police officers who fired the shots have been placed on administrative leave while the incident is investigated by the state.

**It’s not the first time Waycross police officers have become embroiled in controversy. In April 2012, the police shot and killed 26-year-old Andrew Poole. The police were looking for a murder suspect.**

Poole was not the suspect, though, and his family says he too was unarmed.

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## **More Than 15,000 Protesters Clash With Police In Chile’s Capital During Anti-Columbus Day March Organized By Indigenous Groups:**

**Mapuche Activists Calling For The  
Return Of Ancestral Lands And The  
Right To Self-Determination:  
“Protesters Have Been Treated As  
‘Terrorists’ By The Chilean Government -**

## - Which Uses An Anti-Terrorism Law Against Them”



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

October 13, 2013 Al Jazeera

Protesters clashed with police in Chile's capital Saturday during an anti-Columbus Day march organized by Indigenous groups, with activists calling for the return of ancestral lands and the right to self-determination on the 521-year anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus to the Americas.

Demonstrators in Santiago threw rocks and other objects at police who responded with water cannons. At least 10 protesters were detained by police, local media reported.

More than 15,000 people participated in the march, organized by the country's largest indigenous group, the Mapuches, who have been in a long struggle with the government over ancestral land taken from them during colonization.

**While Columbus Day celebrations took place across Latin America, the Mapuche affirmed, "we have nothing to celebrate", according to the Santiago Times.**

**A press release by the group complained of mistreatment by the state, particularly against Mapuche political prisoners, and on-going land disputes in the south.**

On Wednesday, a major police operation cleared indigenous occupants from disputed land in Ercilla, in southern Chile, and eight Mapuche activists were arrested.

**Witnesses said the police response was aggressive and unprovoked, the Santiago Times reported.**

The Mapuche people have been fighting to accelerate the process of repatriation of traditional lands. The government has said it will return some of the land, but the process has been slow and the perceived inaction has been met with demonstrations and occasional violence.

**Mapuche protesters have been treated as ‘terrorists’ by the Chilean government -- which uses an anti-terrorism law against them. T**

Thousands of Mapuche and their supporters demanded an end to the application of this law on Mapuche land activists in peaceful marches Saturday.

The U.N. urged Chile to stop applying the anti-terrorism law against the Mapuche in July.

“The anti-terrorism law has been used in a manner that discriminates against the Mapuche,” U.N. Special Rapporteur on human rights and counter-terrorism Ben Emmerson said in a press release.

“It has been applied in a confused and arbitrary fashion that has resulted in real injustice, has undermined the right to a fair trial, and has been perceived as stigmatizing and delegitimizing the Mapuche land claims and protests.”

Though the Mapuche resisted Spanish conquest for 300 years and wish to be autonomous, in the late 19th century they were defeated militarily and forced into Araucania, south of the Bio-Bio river -- about 350 miles south of Santiago.

Most live in poverty on the fringes of timber companies or ranches owned by the descendants of those who arrived to the region in the late 1800s from Europe.

Another anti-Columbus Day protest took place Saturday in Mexico City, where people from various indigenous groups marched peacefully to observe “Dia de la Raza,” or Indigenous People’s Day, as Columbus Day is called in Mexico.

“Indigenous people are in resistance because we are survivors after 500 years of the European invasion,” Leonico Macuixle, a demonstrator, told The Associated Press. “They came to take from us our culture, our language, they built Catholic churches in our sacred places.”

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**Oops:**

# Malala Yousafzai Tells Obama Drones Are 'Fueling Terrorism'



Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and their daughter Malia meet with Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani schoolgirl who was shot in the head by the Taliban a year ago, in the Oval Office, Oct. 11, 2013. PETE SOUZA — Official White House photo

October 11, 2013 by Lesley Clark, McClatchy

President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama met in the Oval Office Friday with Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who was shot in the head on her school bus by Taliban gunmen for criticizing their rule, including banning education for girls.

The White House says the first couple invited Malala -- the youngest ever nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize -- to the White House "to thank her for her inspiring and passionate work on behalf of girls education in Pakistan."

In a statement, the White House says the United States "joins with the Pakistani people and so many around the world to celebrate Malala's courage and her determination to promote the right of all girls to attend school and realize their dreams."

In a statement released after the meeting, Malala said she was honored to meet with Obama, but that she told him she's worried about the effect of U.S. drone strikes. (The White House statement didn't mention that part.)

"I thanked President Obama for the United States' work in supporting education in Pakistan and Afghanistan and for Syrian refugees," she said in the statement.

"I also expressed my concerns that drone attacks are fueling terrorism. Innocent victims are killed in these acts, and they lead to resentment among the Pakistani people. If we refocus efforts on education it will make a big impact."

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## Tea Party Leaders Announce Support For Deal In Exchange For Malia Obama: "First Of Birth. First Of Blood. First Of The Reckoning"



Oct 4, 2013 The Onion

WASHINGTON—As the federal government shutdown continues, 20 members of the Republican’s Tea Party faction announced this morning they would be willing to support a clean budget resolution bill in exchange for the president’s firstborn daughter, Malia Obama.

While members of the Republican Party’s far-right wing have heretofore been resistant to any sort of deal with the White House over the issue of Obamacare, the Tea Party caucus authored and released a short, tersely worded statement this morning in which they agreed to a swift negotiation of an unstipulated spending bill if the president were to deliver “the firstling.”

“The girl. Bring us the girl,” said Congressman Steve King (R-IA) as he stood beside fellow Tea Party leaders during this morning’s press conference on the steps of the Capitol. “The bill may pass, but the firstborn shall be ours.”



“Heed our bidding,” added an unblinking Phil Gingrey (R-GA). “And thy wish shall be granted.”

According to Washington insiders, the deal would reportedly feature a continuing resolution to fund government operations through November 15 without any modifications to the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, including implementation of the individual mandate and the much-maligned tax on medical devices, while Malia Obama would legally fall under the protectorship of the Tea Party caucus.

White House officials have declined to comment.

According to Congressional aides, if the White House agrees to deliver Malia, as well as a pint of Michelle Obama’s blood, a ram’s horn, and a shard of obsidian to the basement of the Cannon House Office Building by this evening, a House vote on the bill could take place as early as Saturday.

“Obamacare may be a scourge, but lo, our eyes are cast upon matters of greater import,” explained Tea Party Republican Justin Amash of Michigan’s third district. “Preparations must be made. The hour is nigh.”

While some political analysts argued the surprise announcement suggests a weakening in resolve of the faction, opening the door for further movement on their stance, several Republican staffers have already indicated that the caucus will not negotiate on their declared terms and that any attempts to substitute Sasha for Malia will be fruitless.

“It must be Malia,” stated Mick Mulvaney (R-SC). “First of birth. First of blood. First of the reckoning.”

Experts added that in addition to limiting the damage of the current government shutdown, the deal could also avoid a protracted and dangerous battle over raising the nation’s debt ceiling in the coming weeks if members of the Tea Party determine Malia has fulfilled the prophecy.

“The Tea Party has spoken,” said Georgetown professor of political science Richard Drape. “The deal has been wrought. All bear witness to the fruits of the Great Compromise, for it is with us.”

At press time, a teary-eyed Michelle Obama was informing Malia that she will always love her.

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