

## **Military Resistance 12C12**

# **This Is What International Solidarity Looks Like: 50,000 Russian March Against Russian Imperialism In Central Moscow: “The Occupation Of Crimea Is Russia’s Disgrace” “Hands Off Ukraine”**



Demonstrators hold Russian and Ukrainian flags during a massive rally to oppose president Vladimir Putin's policies in Ukraine, in Moscow, March 15, 2014. . (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)



People take part in an anti-war procession and a rally in Moscow, March 15, 2014. Participants, including opposition activists and supporters, protested against the incursions of the Russian army into Ukraine's Crimea, according to organizers. (REUTERS/Maxim Shemetov)

March 15 Agence France Presse

Around 50,000 people rallied Saturday in central Moscow in protest at Russia's intervention in Ukraine, a day before the Crimean peninsula is expected to vote on switching to Kremlin rule, an AFP team estimated.

Many of the protesters adopted the chants and slogans of Ukraine's popular uprising that ousted pro-Moscow president Viktor Yanukovich last month. Holding Ukrainian and Russian flags, they also shouted: "The occupation of Crimea is Russia's disgrace" and "Hands off Ukraine."

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Marine From Waseca, Minn., Killed In Afghanistan**

March 1, 2014 by: RANDY FURST, Star Tribune

Lance Cpl. Caleb Erickson of Waseca, Minn., was killed in an attack by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on Friday, his father said Saturday night.

Erickson, 20, was a gunner riding in the last truck of a convoy when the suicide bomber attacked, his father, Barry Erickson, said in a telephone interview.

Barry Erickson was informed of his son's death by three Marines who came to his home. His father said his son was airlifted to a medical facility where he died, but no one else in the convoy had life-threatening injuries.

Caleb Erickson graduated from Waseca High School in 2012. He was a starter on the football team in both his junior and senior years, and was also a wrestler, his father said. "He had a mind-set to be a Marine since he was age 16," his father said. "He liked the opportunity and the physical challenge. ... He loved the idea of serving. My dad served in World War II."

Caleb Erickson was deployed to Afghanistan in October, his father said.

He said that he and his son talked by telephone a week ago. "He sounded a little tired, but he said, 'I'm doing what I want to be doing.'"

His son said he'd be back in the United States in May. "He said it would be nice to get back," his father said.

Caleb Erickson is survived by his father, his mother, Karla Erickson, and a sister, Rue Erickson.

His father said that the outpouring of support and sympathy from the community has been overwhelming. "All of his buddies were at the house today. There's been telephone calls, people have been bringing food, and there have been good words all over Facebook."

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

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

## **Resistance Action**

Mar 13 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

Taliban militants captured three employees of independent election commission (IEC) in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

An IEC official speaking on the condition of anonymity confirmed that four election commission staff were captured by Taliban militants.

Provincial police chief Fazal Ahmad Shirzad said the employees of election commission of Afghanistan were taken on Wednesday while they were on their way to Deh Bala district.

This comes as provincial governor spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai said Wednesday that five IEC employees had disappeared, however he did not comment regarding their abduction by the Taliban militants.

Taliban group earlier this week warned Afghans not to participate in the upcoming presidential elections and threatened to use all force to disrupt the elections. Taliban also warned to attack the election campaigns and election officials across the country

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## **FORWARD OBSERVATIONS**



**“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.**

**“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.**

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

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

**Frederick Douglass, 1852**

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

**-- David Cortright; Soldiers In Revolt**

## **Obey**



From: Mike Hastie  
To: Military Resistance Newsletter  
Sent: March 14, 2014  
Subject: Obey

### **Obey**

**Living in America,  
sometimes makes me think I live  
in a luxurious concentration camp.  
I can have anything I want as long  
as I obey certain rules.**

If I can't do that, there is a selection process waiting for me.

Mike Hastie  
Army Medic Vietnam  
March 13, 2014

Photo by Mike Hastie  
Taken at Arlington West  
in Santa Monica, Calif.  
August 19, 2012

Every white cross represents one American soldier killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.  
Every red cross represents ten American soldiers killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.  
The people who once lived in Iraq and Afghanistan, well... they represent the dead fish in the sea.

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](mailto: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

## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE?**

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly.

Whether at a base in the USA or stationed outside the Continental United States, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war and economic injustice, inside the armed services and at home.

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# The Military Needs To Take Sexual Harassment Seriously, Except In My Case



Mar 12, 2014 By Jay, Duffel Blog

*The following is an opinion editorial article written by Brig. Gen. Jeffery Sinclair.*

Guess who's back? Back again. Jeffy's back. Tell a friend. That's right, mother fuckers! Brigadier Fuckin' General Jeffrey Fuckin' Sinclair up in the muh-fuckin' hay-ouse!

You may have noticed, I'm pretty fuckin' jazzed. Perhaps you've heard that the judge in my court martial has ruled there's been just a bit of undue command influence in the prosecution's decision to deny my plea bargain. Can I get a what, what?

Fuck. Yeah.

Here's what that means to Uncle Jeffy: I ain't out of the woods just yet, but I ain't getting hung out to dry just yet either.

I certainly won't be allowed a real job anytime soon. But now that the trial is delayed indefinitely, I ain't losing any rank in the meantime, either.

Can I handle checking out basketballs at Towle Fitness Center on O-7 pay? It's worth a shot. It's been crazy since I talked to you cats last. The world of military sexual assault is getting more than a little bit of light shone on it.

We had Sgt. 1st Class Gregory McQueen allegedly running a prostitution ring out at Fort Hood.

Listen, I've been to Fort Hood. That place is a dump. Everybody could use some trim, know what I'm saying? Especially those mopes at Hood.

The icing on this particular case is that McQueen is a sexual assault prevention NCO for his battalion. Cannot make this shit up.

Look at that guy then look at me. I'm a fuckin' prince in comparison to that guy. And my dick's bigger.

Our friends in blue got blue balls, too. Air Force Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski (another Jeff, coincidence?) got in hot water when he allegedly groped a woman's butt cheeks and breasticles in a Crystal City, Va. parking lot.

Did I mention the woman in question may have been a man, man! Give you two guesses what this guy's job was. Yup. Sexual assault prevention chief for THE ENTIRE FUCKING AIR FORCE!

At the very least you have to admit that preventing sexual assault wasn't my job.

I got time for one more.

Let's talk about Lt. Col. Joseph "Jay" Morse. This guy is a real piece of work. Seriously, I'm taking fucking notes off this cat. He's a Judge Advocate attorney, or as I like to call them, Jag Off. Again, we have an O-5 groping on some fine piece of tail.

By now, you can probably guess that he was involved in sexual assault prevention.

Well, it gets better. He was the Army's chief prosecutor for sexual crimes. He supervised more than 20 other Jag Offs who focused on sex crimes in the Army. The alleged victim is a sexual assault prosecutor herself.

The event took place at a sexual assault prevention conference.

We're through the looking glass on this one. It's like we took the blue pill and followed the rabbit down the sexual assault hole. And by blue pill I don't mean Viagra. I don't need that shit. My dick is engaged at all times. When I see a pretty chick, it doesn't get harder, it sweats.

Before I go, I need to remind all the grooming Nazis out there griping about my haircut, or lack thereof, that mothafuckin' generals set their own mothafuckin' uniform regs, Jack.



Check out these sweet sideburns. Hey, Chandler, eat a dick. Preferably mine. No homo.

Anyway, my hair is long for a reason.

How else could I run my fingers through these luscious locks as I give scores of grade-A fillies a one-way ticket to pound town? How else is my hair going to flutter in the breeze as I slap some very willing (as per my lawyers) subordinate on the ass as she hands me a stack of papers?

I'm willing to bet that you all never even considered that.

But back to my main point as I close.

Seriously, the military needs to do a better job taking care of this sexual assault business. My case is small potatoes. These guys are fucking villains.

Alright, Uncle Jeffy is fuckin' out!

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

# **Anniversary Of A Fighter For Liberation: March 16, 1827**



Carl Bunin's Peace History March 10-16

The first newspaper owned and edited by and for African-Americans, Freedom's Journal, was published in New York City.

It appeared the same year slavery was abolished in New York state.

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



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**Some Chattanooga Volkswagen Workers Complain Management Violated Labor Law To Help United Auto Workers Win Vote To Unionize VW Plant; VW Officials Hoped Union Would Lead To A “Collaborative Relationship”  
Workers Got Permission To Speak If NLRB Holds Hearing On Revote:**

# The UAW “Said This Week It Will Appeal The Ruling Allowing The Workers To Participate In Any Hearing”

March 13, 2014 By Neal E. Boudette, Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

An increasingly bitter battle over a failed United Auto Workers effort to organize Volkswagen AG's factory in Chattanooga, Tenn., is complicating the German auto maker's bid to get its U.S. operations back on track.

**Three VW workers opposed to the union filed suit against the UAW and Volkswagen Thursday, alleging their cooperation violates U.S. labor laws that bar companies from providing aid or “things of value” to unions.**

**The suit, filed in the federal district court for Eastern Tennessee, says Volkswagen allowed the union to use an office in the plant, agreed to “align” communications about the vote, organized worker meetings on company time when the UAW asked for support, and prevented managers from voicing any opinions about the election.**

It alleges all of those actions have value, and it asks the court to prohibit VW from providing further assistance to the UAW.

The litigation filed by the anti-UAW workers follows the union's decision to ask the National Labor Relations Board to overturn its 712-626 loss last month in an organizing vote at the Chattanooga plant.

Meanwhile, the company's VW brand is suffering from declining sales and losing market share in the U.S., in part because it doesn't have a midsize SUV.

Based on the German labor-relations model, VW officials had hoped working with the UAW to unionize the Chattanooga plant would lead to a collaborative relationship with U.S. employees.

The new suit by anti-union workers opens a new front in the battle over the election's outcome. Because cases in federal court can take months or years to resolve, Volkswagen may be facing a long haul before it can put the matter in the past.

“The gloves have definitely come off,” said Maury Nicely, a labor lawyer advising a group of anti-union workers called Southern Momentum, which wasn't involved in filing the federal complaint. “This whole thing is getting more heated and it's not going to end soon,” he said.

The federal suit was filed by three VW workers—Mike Burton, Mike Jarvis and David Reed— with assistance from the National Right to Work Committee, a Washington-based group that opposes union organizing drives.

The UAW, Southern Momentum and the group backed by the Right to Work Committee are all wrangling before the NLRB. The UAW has asked for a revote, saying anti-union comments by Tennessee politicians were improper interference.

Both Southern Momentum and the other employee group have asked to speak if the NLRB holds a hearing on the revote question, and they were granted permission in a recent ruling.

The UAW tried to keep those employees out, and it said this week it will appeal the ruling allowing the workers to participate in any hearing.

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**Bosnia:  
The Plenum Vs. The Candidate;  
“The Only Place Your Policy Goals  
Can Be Presented Is The Scheduled  
Open And Public Session Of The  
Plenum”  
“Because The Tuzla Cantonal Assembly  
Did Not Accept The Demands Of The  
Plenum, At This Time There Is No  
Possibility Or Any Kind Of Plenum  
Delegation With Whom You Can Meet”**

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A plenum is an organizational development that grew out of the February Revolution in Bosnia; an assembly of the population of a given city deciding matters by majority vote. Tuzla is the city where the revolution began.

At present, the plenum form exists side by side with the old government structure, a dual power situation in embryo that will not last indefinitely.

So far, there is no indication that the various plenum formations intend to take the power in Bosnia away from the old government, nor any indication that organizers from the various plenum formations are reaching out to the lower ranks of the Bosnian army.

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**Translator's note:**

**Word has it that the candidate will indeed attend the plenum. Check back for updates; if we learn of a live feed, we'll post a link in the comments.**

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The Legal Team of the Tuzla Canton Plenum Responds to Bahrija Umihanić's Invitation

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Yesterday, 12 March 2014, the candidate for chief executive of the Tuzla Canton Government, Bahrija Umihanić, invited representatives of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton to a meeting via the Plenum Legal Team.**

**The response to this invitation, delivered to the candidate on 13 March 2014, is copied in full below.**

**We invite the citizens of Tuzla Canton to actively take part in the public working meetings of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton.**

The 11th plenum will be held in the main auditorium of the Tuzla Bosnian Cultural Center on 15 March 2014, starting at 6:00 pm.

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### **RESPONSE OF THE PLENUM LEGAL TEAM TO THE INVITATION OF BAHRIJA UMIHANIĆ, CANDIDATE FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE TUZLA CANTON GOVERNMENT**

Dear Mr. Umihanić:

The Legal Team of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton thanks you for the invitation for a meeting with representatives of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton, which you sent on 12 March 2014.

**Bearing in mind that neither the Legal Team nor any other team, group, or individual is authorized to represent the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton, we take this opportunity to inform you that a working session of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton will be held on Saturday 15 March 2014 at 6:00 pm in the main auditorium of the Bosnian Cultural Center in Tuzla.**

**Therefore, we invite you, as the candidate for chief executive of the future Tuzla Canton Government, to attend the scheduled session to present your plan of action to the citizens.**

**We remind you that the Tuzla Cantonal Assembly has completely ignored the demands of the Plenum adopted at the working meeting of 6 March 2014, and these are as follows: that the Tuzla Cantonal Assembly organize a public debate about the candidates for chief executive of the Tuzla Canton Government by Monday 10 March 2014; that the public debate be broadcast on Radio-Television Tuzla Canton (RTV TK) as the public service station of the Tuzla Canton; and that the debate also be open to all other interested media outlets.**

**Because the Tuzla Cantonal Assembly did not accept the demands of the Plenum, at this time there is no possibility or any kind of Plenum delegation with whom you can meet; the only place your policy goals can be presented is the scheduled open and public session of the Plenum.**

**We also remind you of all the principles and demands previously adopted by the Plenum, which primarily concern the nomination of an expert, nonpartisan, and ethically uncompromized governing body that will respond to the demands of the citizens of the Tuzla Canton.**

**We also remind you that the citizens adopted the following high-priority demands of the Tuzla Canton Government (at the Plenum session of 22 February 2014):**

◦**That the Tuzla Cantonal Assembly, the future expert government, and the municipality of the Tuzla Canton implement immediate and concrete measures to launch manufacturing and economic activities in the canton.**

◦**That the future expert government of the Tuzla Canton establish an independent professional body to conduct an audit of the privatization of public companies located in the Tuzla Canton and the commercial operations of those companies after privatization and to initiate legal proceedings with the appropriate agencies or institutions in accordance with the results of the completed audits.**

Aside from the above, we have attached all of the other demands made by the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton to date and note that the demands of the various working groups will be submitted to the appropriate ministers after the Tuzla Canton Government is named.

Respectfully yours!

Legal Team of the Citizens Plenum of Tuzla Canton

**More From Bosnia:**

# **Snapshot From Banjaluka -- Why A Social Revolution Is Imminent:**

**When A Rich “Businessman”  
Abuses A Working Class Kid  
Making Deliveries, A Man Says  
“All These Little Shits Ought To  
Just Be Exterminated”**

**“If I Had A Gun, I Would Have  
Brought Down My Own Judgement  
On Him. I’m At The End Of My Road  
Anyway...”**

**“Even More Interesting Was The Way  
Everybody Around Him Was Reacting:  
They Were Nodding, Clearly Sharing The  
Man’s Opinion”**

March 15, 2014 by Dejan Vuković [bhprotestfiles.wordpress.com/](http://bhprotestfiles.wordpress.com/) [Excerpts]

This article by Dejan Vuković originally appeared on 13.3.2014 at [frontal.ba](http://frontal.ba)

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Around noon today right in the city centre of Banjaluka an interesting scene unfolded: as a young man parked his delivery van in front of a building in order to make a delivery to one of the flats, another man descended on him like a fury, getting out of his new Passat and demanding that the kid move his van immediately so that he could park his car.

They got into a heated argument.

“Move that van right this second, you loser! Who gave you the right to park there? Who do you think you are?” roared the enraged proud owner of a new, dark blue Passat at the kid.

The kid seemed puzzled, so he tried to explain that he was making a delivery and that he would be done in literally three minutes.

However, the slick loudmouth in a suit didn't care about such work of lesser people, so he continued shouting and threatening him in front of disbelieving passers-by.

In the end, the kid had to get in the van and move it.

As he did so, he directed a few choice swear words both at the state and at the owner of the Passat, upon which the latter really lost it and physically went for the kid.

Luckily, the Passat was still in the middle of the street and other drivers were honking their horns for it to move, which prevented a more serious escalation.

If you're not from around here, you'd probably think that something's amiss here.

True, people park just anywhere nowadays, they don't even keep main entrances free. And so many young people are impolite and don't respect their elders.

**But in this specific case, a few of the passers-by knew this proud owner of the Passat and discreetly whispered how this was one of those typical local “businessmen” who have managed to get rich in these times we live in, such as they are.**

He's barely gone to school enough to drive a delivery van himself (which his vocabulary made abundantly clear), but now he's a proud car owner and esteemed member of the community at whom you can only swear when he can't hear it.

**One reaction especially was interesting.**

**An older gentleman was talking to his neighbour and said the following: “There'd be no sin in ending that slick dog right where he stands. Who let that motherfucker here to terrorise people? What did the poor kid ever do to him?”**

**“All these little shits ought to just be exterminated. If I had a gun, I would have brought down my own judgement on him. I'm at the end of my road anyway...”**

**Even more interesting was the way everybody around him was reacting: they were nodding, clearly sharing the man's opinion.**

**But even more than that, I was shocked by my own reaction. I didn't mind that idea at all!**

Normally, I am a quiet man and any aggression is alien to me. I've never wished anyone any harm.



But decades of living in a society that no longer knows any ethical ideals, no longer has a sense of justice and honour, where moderation no longer exists thanks to arrogant politicians, where regular people truly have no opportunities, has slowly started turning us, regular people, into animals.

Wrath, suffering and despair have been festering inside us far too long. Humanity is being replaced by rage and a thirst for revenge.

Our elite has treated regular people like dumb circus animals that just need to be trained properly.

They saw themselves as the trainers with a license to do whatever they want to us. In time, we did, indeed, start turning into wild beasts. Humiliated and abused, our systematically destroyed dignity now thirsts for revenge and brutality towards our abusers.

Better than any political or economical analysis, these “small” scenes from everyday life illustrate the reality we live in.

It seems no one understands that things need to fundamentally change, that the people need some modicum of justice, some opportunity to direct that vast destructive energy toward something better, something useful.

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<p><b>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</b></p>
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**“This Is A Letter From Donetsk, In Southeastern Ukraine, Which You Have Probably Been Told Is The Pro-Russian Part Of The Country”**

**“Busloads Of People Are Coming From Across The Border Of Russia, Armed With Bats”**

**“The Counter-Revolution Has Come, And Come From Abroad, From Russia”**

MARCH 10, 2014 BY IRINA KALININA, New Republic

**This is a letter from Donetsk, in southeastern Ukraine, which you have probably been told is the pro-Russian part of the country.**

My name is Irina, and I speak Russian, just like most people here.

I am a philologist by profession; I graduated from a local university. I have worked as a schoolteacher with small kids. Right now I work in IT.

I never joined the protests at the Maidan and I don't support any existing political party. I'm passionately interested in languages, movies, dresses, shoes and makeup. I cannot say that I am ordinarily a very political person.

Before our Ukrainian revolution started, I was devoting my energies to learning how to blend eyeshadow. I'd love to brush up on my Spanish and start learning Italian. In summer my boyfriend and I were thinking of traveling somewhere nice.

Donetsk, where I live, was the political base of Viktor Yanukovich, the former president of my country.

Donetsk gave life to Yanukovich. Donetsk will smash him.

This opinion has been common in Kiev since the beginning of the Ukrainian revolution. Today it has become a reality.

There are zero Yanukovich supporters in Donetsk these days. People are angry because they have been massively fooled by him and his regime.

People are also mildly confused, which is a good sign, because it means that they are thinking.

I believe that people here in Donetsk are about to restart their value system and recharge their senses. This process needs time.

Because taking responsibility for your freedom means doing something—learning, working (often for yourself, not some oligarch), controlling the government instead of choosing another power-hungry “czar.” And I am sure that soon they will understand and accept this freedom with gratitude.

The revolution gives us this chance, but the counter-revolution has come, and come from abroad, from Russia.

Russia has invaded the Crimean peninsula, as I am sure you know.

Ukrainian sailors and soldiers in Crimea are under siege on their bases or blockaded in their ships, being treated as if they have no right to know the truth and to feel righteous anger. These brave men tell us, the 45 million people who support them, that they will stay loyal to their oaths of service to Ukraine. I pray that they stay alive and no one has to die.

But Crimea is not the only place where we see Russians.

**Here in southeastern Ukraine they come as what we like to call “tourists.”**

**This means busloads of people are coming from across the border of Russia, armed with bats and other unpleasant things, who come to beat Ukrainians who support their new government.**

**They came to Kharkiv and beat the students there, and now they have come here.**

I never imagined waking up in the morning, looking out the window and seeing armed people wearing masks outside, or knowing that they are somewhere near. It's absolutely beyond my peaceful and non-violent reality.

**On March 6th, about ten thousand people took part in demonstrations for peace and for the unity of Ukraine at Lenin Square in Donetsk.**

**No one was surprised to see around 1,500 hired mercenaries and pro-Russian activists at the same time in the same place.**

The two groups of demonstrators were separated from each other by three lines of police. The police did everything they could to avoid physical violence between the two groups of demonstrators. They could not prevent the pro-Russian protesters from throwing eggs and flour 'grenades' at pro-Ukrainian demonstrators

**When the demonstration came to an end, some especially aggressive pro-Russian protestors started a fight with pro-Ukrainian ones.**

**Shakhtar Ultras, that is, the supporters of the local football club, made an attempt to protect peaceful demonstrators, which led to an even bigger fight.**

**Police stepped in but it was obviously impossible to avoid spilling blood.**

**What's happening in Kharkiv and Donetsk now reflects someone's strong intention to provoke and impose an illusion of a local civil conflict.**

The pro-Ukrainian side in Donetsk is very strong and entirely aware of the future they would lose if they join Russia.

The pro-Russian side is mostly represented by aggressive thugs, “tourists” from Russia and older people who watch Russian television and do not use the Internet.

Their time for dealing with the natural confusion of the moment is now being brutally stolen by this violent distraction.

Donetsk is the industrial heartland of Ukraine, the center of coal mining and steel industry.

People in Donetsk are strong and hard-working.

They are high energy people whose political will can also become very strong, as soon as they realize that someone like Yanukovich is not profitable for them. People in Donetsk need time for this realization to fully take hold. There is little chance of this happening under conditions of “fraternal” invasion from Russia. That is no doubt the point.

I like Ukraine. Our country is exceptionally rich in so many things, and there are so many exceptionally smart and creative people here. This is where I want to live and work.

Like all of you who are reading my letter I also like to be in touch with rest of the world, to travel. The only thing I wish for (apart from peace and justice for my country) is to travel more, because visa restrictions are very unfair and a little humiliating.

Thank you for reading my letter from Donetsk, in south-eastern Ukraine, which you have probably been told is the pro-Russian part of the country.

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**“The Uprising In Anbar Is Militarily More Proficient Than The Insurgency That Gripped Iraq During The U.S.-Led War”**

**“‘They Have Improved 100 Percent’ Said An Iraqi Official”**

**“Iraqi Forces Have Been Able To Push Back Anti-Government Fighters, But They Have Been Unable To Hold The Territory They Have Won”**

**“The Iraqi Army Is So Loathed In Anbar That Commanders Have Not Sent Troops In To Secure Those Areas”**

March 12 By Jane Arraf, Washington Post [Excerpts]

AMMAN, Jordan — In offices above busy commercial streets here in the Jordanian capital, Iraqi tribal and religious leaders are plotting a revolution in their own country.

Neighboring Jordan, long a haven for dissident Iraqi Sunnis, has quietly emerged in the past two years as a base for tribal leaders who say they have launched a new battle to topple Iraq's prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, and to roll back Iranian influence in the region.

**The new command, the General Military Council for Iraqi Revolutionaries, emerged as a unified leadership of what it calls regional military councils coordinating attacks against Iraqi security forces and officials.**

The councils include tribal leaders and former insurgent leaders but are headed by former senior army officers — among the thousands of generals cast aside when the United States disbanded the Iraqi army after the toppling of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

“We consider the Iraqi government illegitimate because it is a result of (the U.S.) occupation,” said Dari, head of the association's information office and the son of its leader, Harith al-Dari, who is accused by the United States of links to terrorist groups.

Baghdad views the Sunni military council's daily communiques, which assert responsibility for shooting down Iraqi army helicopters and burning tanks, as exaggerated.

But Iraqi and Western officials acknowledge that the uprising in Anbar is militarily more proficient than the insurgency that gripped Iraq during the U.S.-led war.

“They have improved 100 percent,” said an Iraqi official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to candidly discuss the Iraqi forces' campaign in Anbar.

**Iraqi officials and Western security analysts say that those fighting Iraqi special forces include skilled snipers and that they possess explosives expertise.**

**The fighters are armed with rocket launchers, machine guns and explosives, Dari said, and their targets are Iraqi security forces and government installations, including the Baghdad airport and the fortified Green Zone.**

“Today we are in the midst of an armed rebellion with a central command. Because of this, the whole thing has become much more organized and less random,” said Sheik Mohammad Bashar Faidhi, a key figure in the Muslim scholars association.

**The military council, he said, increasingly has “the footprints of a professional army.”**

**Iraqi forces have been able to push back anti-government fighters, but officials say they have been unable to hold the territory they have won.**

**The Iraqi army is so loathed in Anbar that commanders have not sent troops in to secure those areas, and large-scale desertions of local police have left almost no other Iraqi security presence.**

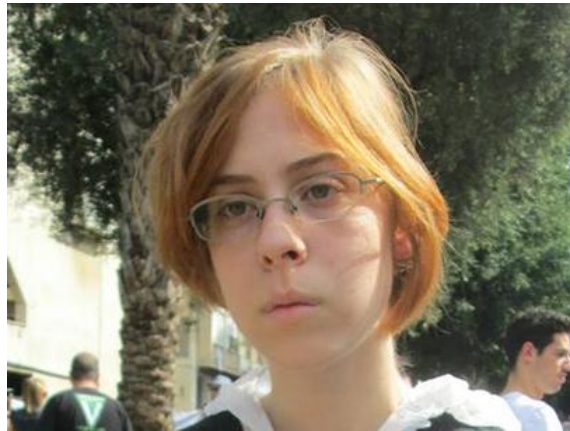
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## **OCCUPATION PALESTINE**

**Israeli Youth: “We Refuse To  
Serve In The Occupation Army”  
“War-Crimes Are Perpetuated On  
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Dafna Rothstein Landman told Common Dreams she'll go to jail before she'll serve in the Israeli Army. (Photo courtesy of Dafna Rothstein Landman)

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

March 10, 2014 Sarah Lazare, staff writer, Common Dreams

“If necessary, I will go to jail.”

**Those are the words of 17-year-old Dafna Rothstein Landman, one of 60 and counting Israeli youth who signed an open letter sent to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the weekend declaring their refusal of compulsory service in the Israeli military — the biggest wave of conscientious objection the country has seen since 2008.**

Under the banner of Shministim — Hebrew for 12th graders — the group of conscientious objectors condemns the dehumanization of Palestinians living under occupation. In the Palestinian territories, “human rights are violated, and acts defined under international law as war-crimes are perpetuated on a daily basis,” their letter states.

**“These include assassinations (extrajudicial killings), the construction of settlements on occupied lands, administrative detentions, torture, collective punishment and the unequal allocation of resources such as electricity and water.”**

Entitled We Refuse to Serve in the Occupation Army, the letter charges that this dehumanization hurts Israelis as well. “The problem with the army does not begin or end with the damage it inflicts on Palestinian society. It infiltrates everyday life in Israeli society too: it shapes the educational system, our workforce opportunities, while fostering racism, violence and ethnic, national and gender-based discrimination.”

“We refuse to forsake our principles as a condition to being accepted in our society,” reads the joint letter, penned by people aged 16 to 20 who are eligible for compulsory service in the Army.

“We have thought about our refusal deeply and we stand by our decisions.”

Dafna, who helped write the letter, told Common Dreams she was only 15 years old when she began questioning her military service — a process she says was catalyzed when she reflected on the imprint of Israeli militarism on her own schooling experience.

“I realized to what extent the education system is geared towards the Army and not towards further education, the job market, personal interests, etcetera,” she said.

Soon after, she began traveling from her home in Tel Aviv to the West Bank, where she participated in Palestinian demonstrations against Israeli occupation.

Here, she witnessed the “violence of the Army” first-hand. “I met people from those Palestinian villages,” she said. “That meant that instead of names in a newspaper they became people, with faces and personalities.” She added that she became aware of the way “the Army perpetuates an ideal of male violence,” within Israeli society.

When she and her friends began receiving letters about their Army draft around last summer, they became “worried” and began taking steps towards their joint refusal.

“We stand in solidarity with the ultra-orthodox youth and the Arab youth – Christian and Druze, some of whom are currently in an army prison,” said Roni Lax, a 20 year old signatory from Bnei Brak, in a statement about the letter emailed to Common Dreams.

The Israeli military makes it near-impossible to declare conscientious objector status, and refusers are often jailed for multiple consecutive terms for refusing an order.

Meanwhile, many Druze resisters face horrific conditions in prison, including religious and ethnic discrimination. Several Palestinian citizens of Israel from the Druze community are currently incarcerated for refusing the draft.

“The Army serves the people in power and not the civilians, who are only a tool,” said Shaked Harari, a 17-year-old signatory from Bat Yam. “My friends and I refuse to be cannon fodder.”

“My refusal is a way of expressing my opposition to the wrongs done daily in our name and through us,” said Mandy Cartner, a 16-year-old signatory from Tel Aviv.

Says Dafna, “In a society where Army service is taken for granted, we wanted to shake this concept and make people think about the implications of serving in the Army.”

To check out what life is like under a murderous military occupation commanded by foreign terrorists, go to:

<http://www.palestinemonitor.org/list.php?id=ej898ra7yff0ukmf16>

The occupied nation is Palestine. The foreign terrorists call themselves “Israeli.”

## DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK





# **Cop Executes College Student For Speaking Disrespectfully: “Witnesses Affirmed That The Cop Literally ‘Emptied His Gun’ Into The Student Without Warning” “Robert Cameron Redus Was Shot Dead By Officer Carter For Nothing More Than Making A Sarcastic Remark Toward The Officer Who Pulled Him Over For Speeding” “Let People Know What Kind Of Police State American Citizens Are Facing”**

December 12, 2013 by James Achisa; PoliticalBlindSpot [Late report]

As long as there are police officers like corporal Christopher Carter of the University of the Incarnate Word campus police, there will be cause for alarm that freedom and justice in the United States have seriously eroded.

The San Antonio campus cop was placed on paid administrative leave following the shooting of a clearly unarmed and non-combative student.

What was the 23-year-old student's crime?

Robert Cameron Redus was shot dead by officer Carter at 2 a.m. for nothing more than making a sarcastic remark toward the officer who pulled him over for speeding..

According to the police report, local KSAT News explains that witnesses affirmed that the cop literally “emptied his gun” into the student without warning.

“I didn't hear him say anything like, ‘Get down on your hands and knees,’ you know?” one witness explained,

“I didn't hear him say anything. He just started shooting. He emptied the gun on him... Boom, boom, boom. Six shots — five or six.”

Mohammad Haidarasi also witnessed the murder, saying that Redus' last words were "Oh, you're gonna shoot me?"

**Redus couldn't believe officer Carter would actually go that far, but Haidarasi added that the cop kept yelling "Stop resisting, stop resisting," even though it was clear Redus was offering no physical resistance, only sarcastic comments.**

**Haidarasi knew Redus, living right below him.**

**He was "the nicest guy," Haidarasi said.**

**Other students described him as "kind, intelligent, compassionate and well-loved within the community." In fact, no one had anything bad to say about him, except for the officer that murdered him in cold blood.**

"He was not an aggressive person at all, so the story doesn't make sense," one student who wished to remain unnamed said.

Carter has claimed that shortly after he stopped Redus, "a struggle ensued" between himself and the student.

**An official statement from the university seemed to support the killer cop, saying that Carter has "an extensive law-enforcement background," working for "several years" at the school.**

**But the San Antonio Express-News says that he's only been working there for two-and-a-half years, a relatively short time for any police officer.**

In fact, in a short period of time, Carter has come and gone from several law enforcement positions.

What can you do?

SPREAD THE WORD! Let people know what kind of POLICE STATE American citizens are facing. Then contact the police department that officer Carter works for and let them know that you DEMAND that he be fired IMMEDIATELY and brought up on criminal charges. Administrative leave will simply not do!

Furthermore, contact the University itself, demand that Carter is fired! This insanity will continue as long as we passively accept it as "the way things are."

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## **Immigrant Detention Centre Hunger Strike:**

### **"The Wife Of A Detainee Talked Briefly With Her Husband On Sunday, Who Said**

# He And Others Had Been Confined To One Cell Without Toilet Breaks And Could Not Move Around”

10 March 2014 BBC

About 150 people are on the fourth day of a hunger strike at an immigration detention centre in the US state of Washington, officials say.

Supporters say the detainees are protesting over their treatment at the facility as well as calling for an end to deportations.

The Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma holds about 1,300 people being investigated for possible deportation.

At one point, activists say, 750 people refused to eat as part of the strike.

US immigration officials have said any detainee who refuses food for 72 hours will be referred for medical evaluation and possible treatment.

The facility is privately owned and operated by the GEO Group, a government contractor.

Activists who back the striking immigrants say they are seeking better food and treatment.

They are also calling for wages higher than \$1 (£0.60) a day for work carried out at the detention centre.

Supporters also say they have received reports that detainees are being intimidated for participating in the strike.

Lawyer Sandy Restrepo says the wife of a detainee talked briefly with her husband on Sunday, who said he and others had been confined to one cell without toilet breaks and could not move around.

US Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Andrew Munoz told the Associated Press he could not immediately comment on those reports.

There are an estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the US.

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