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Unarmed Airman Shot By Enemy Combatant After Traffic Accident:

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Airman 1st Class Michael Davidson (family photo)

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OPELIKA, AL — While on an interstate drive to his next assignment in the USAF, a young man got in a minor traffic accident.

When police arrived to help, they told him to raise his hands.

An officer “perceived a threat” presumably because he was holding his wallet — and opened fire.

The young airman was shot in the stomach and will now live the rest of his life attached to a colostomy bag.

The department “fully supports” the shooting.

On March 6th, Michael Davidson, age 20, was traveling on I-85 on his way to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near Goldsboro, NC.

Davidson is an Airman First Class in the U.S. Air Force and was reporting for duty.

Near Opelika, Alabama, he got into a minor collision with an 18-wheeler.

Davidson exited his vehicle to go talk to the semi-truck driver. About halfway there, he reportedly heard a noise from behind him — “hollering.” A police officer was now on the scene and was shouting at Davidson.

Police reportedly told to raise his hands in the air, and for reasons unclear, Officer Phillip Hancock of the Opelika Police Department opened fire. Davidson was shot in the stomach.

The victim’s father, Billy Davidson of Texas, has been the primary source of information so far, as his son is hospitalized and unable to speak to the media. He has passed along Michael’s version of the events, and told WTVM his son did nothing to provoke being shot.

“Michael said he heard screaming or hollering and he saw the lights.

“He realized it was a police vehicle and he raised up his hand.

“He had his billfold at the time he was turning around saying ‘I am an Airman headed to my—’ and that is as far as he got. As he turned around he felt something hit him and he had been shot,” Billy said.

“He kept asking ‘Why did you shoot me?’”, his father added, noting that his son soon fell unconscious and nearly died. “He lost so much blood they ran out of blood and had to use blood expanders,” his father said.

“The next thing I know I was on the ground,” Michael told his father. “I didn’t realize he shot me. I didn’t know what happened. It was so fast. They couldn’t have been there three or four seconds when I was shot.”

Opelika Police Chief John McEachern held a press conference and delivered a prepared statement about the incident.

“As the officer was exiting his vehicle, he observed the driver of the silver SUV (Davidson) was exiting also,” McEachern said. “The officer then gave verbal commands to the driver. It was at this point that the officer perceived what he believed to be a threat. Officer Hancock then pulled his service weapon and fired two shots at the suspect. One of the shots fired struck Airman Michael Davidson.”

And a (vague) threat was perceived a threat, the chief said that the department “fully supports” the shooter and his actions.

“Police officers are authorized to use deadly force in order to protect the police officers or others from what is reasonably an immediate threat of death or serious physical injury,” Chief McEachern said.

“Based on the facts and circumstances I’m aware of, Officer Hancock acted accordingly, within departmental guidelines, and we fully support him.”

The bullet shredded through Davidson's intestines and bowels, and he may have to live with a colostomy bag attached to his abdomen for the rest of his life. His Air Force career is most likely over.

"We came here not looking for an attorney, but looking for answers," Michael's father explained to WTVM.

"We are a law-and-order family and we thought law and order would prevail, but now we are hearing they are looking for charges against Michael."

He added: "We realize we need to protect our son."

Protect him from what?

Police are exploring felony charges for some synthetic cannabis that the shooter claims to have found on the scene.

No weapons were listed in the police report.

Officer Phillip Hancock has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI).

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Insurgents Attack Army Hotel In Bulo-Burde: Kill Top Somali Army Commander "Who Was Leading The Offensive In The Region"

18 March 2014 BBC

Somali Islamist fighters have attacked a hotel in a strategic central town the militants lost control of last week.

A car bomb exploded by the hotel in Bulo-burde where African Union (AU) and Somali officers were staying and gunfire continued for another five hours, witnesses said.

Six soldiers were killed, including a top Somali army commander, the AU said.

The al-Shabab Islamist group said it was behind the attack and that 30 AU and army officers had been killed.

Communications to the central Hiran region went down not long after the fighting and gunfire in Bulo-burde ended, our reporter says.

Witnesses told the BBC the car blast at the hotel happened at 02:00 local time (23:00 GMT) and the fighting went on until about 07:00.

Col Humad said three Djiboutian soldiers and three Somali soldiers, including Col Mohamud Amin - the military commander of Hiran who was leading the offensive in the region - were killed.

Ten soldiers were also wounded, he said.

Earlier, Col Humad denied there were casualties when an Amisom convoy was attacked near its base in Arbiska outside Mogadishu.

Al-Shabab had released a statement saying that seven Burundian peacekeepers and five American nationals travelling in the vehicles were killed on Monday afternoon.

Senior Government Forces Commander Killed By Insurgents Near The Port City Of Bossaso

Mar 17, 2014 GAROWEONLINE

BOSSASO, Somalia

The commander of Puntland Defense forces units operating in Galgala area in Somalia's northeastern State of Puntland Col. Jama Saed Warsame (Afgadud) has been killed in an ambush near the port city of Bossaso on Monday afternoon, Garowe Online reports.

Initial reports disclosed that late Jama was targetted with roadside Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in Laag village, about 27 km from Bossaso but independent sources tell GO that Al Shabaab gunmen sprayed his armored fighting vehicle with bullets, killing Jama along with one bodyguard and wounding another.

Health officials indicated that late Jama succumbed to heavy injuries to the upper body at Bossaso General Hospital where he was taken for medical treatment shortly after the attack.

The targeted official's car was traveling on the main road leading to Laag village from Bossaso, sources said.

Speaking on Pro-Al Shabaab Radio Station, Al Shabaab spokesman Ali Dheere claimed credit for the killing of the senior military official in planned attack.

Jama went out on military training to Uganda and afterwards worked with Transitional Federal Government of Somalia under the incumbency of President Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed.

Former Puntland leader Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Farole assigned him to a military post as the commander of Puntland forces stationed in Galgala area in a bid to boost offensives against fugitive Al Shabaab fighters who for over three years have been engaging in fierce clashes with Puntland troops along Golis Mountain ranges and in Galgala hideouts.

MILITARY NEWS

**The War Hero Who Battles Now
For Revolution In Fallujah:
“On The One Side I Refuse Al Qaeda
Ideology, But On The Other I Miss
Military Life And Hate The
Government That Commands This
Army”
“Highly Organized And Well-Armed
Militants, Capable Of Bold Strikes
Against Police And Military Targets,
Have Been Able To Take And Hold
Territory”**

March 17, 2014 By Matt Bradley and Ali A. Nabhan; Wall Street Journal [Excerpts]

For Iraq, he was a decorated war hero, severely wounded in battle. As an officer for the Iraqi army, Brigadier General Mustafa Al Mashhadani fought against Iran in the 1980s, against Kuwait in the early 1990s, and on his home turf against Americans in 2003.

But now, coming out of retirement at age 55, he is doing battle with a new enemy in his hometown of Fallujah: the army he served for decades.

“Every time I fight, I whisper to myself, 'It's me, you idiots,' “ said Gen. Mashhadani. “This could have been different.”

His anguish is emblematic of some of the strange alliances that have cropped up since armed militants overtook the important city of Fallujah early this year and placed it under the control of the city's Sunni majority.

That majority may hate al Qaeda and its rigid theocratic mores—but they despise Nouri Al Maliki, the Shiite prime minister, even more.

Highly organized and well-armed militants, capable of bold strikes against police and military targets, have been able to take and hold territory.

Indeed, the past year of worsening sectarian tensions and violence has already produced death tolls reminiscent of Iraq's not-so-distant past. At least 7,818 civilians were killed in Iraq in 2013, the highest annual total since 17,956 were killed in 2007, the year the sectarian civil war first began to subside, according to the United Nations.

Mr. Maliki, who is vying for a third term in parliamentary elections at the end of April, has sought to portray the occupation of Fallujah as an al Qaeda uprising with international links.

Contrary to recent reports, locals interviewed in the city say the strongest occupying force in the Sunni-majority city isn't al Qaeda but tribal fighters whose impatience with Mr. Maliki has finally boiled over into violence.

Mr. Maliki's spokesman also denied criticisms that the prime minister had been playing up al Qaeda's presence in Anbar province, saying that there would be “no political benefit” to overstating the region's terrorist threat.

While al Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate, the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham, or ISIS, can claim a sizable deployment in Fallujah, interviews with local officials, tribal sheiks and antigovernment fighters suggest that much of the fighting is also led by ordinary Sunni Iraqi tribesmen, jilted loyalists of Saddam Hussein's regime like Gen. Mashhadani and Islamist fighters whose jihad, unlike that of al Qaeda, doesn't exceed Iraq's borders.

For the bulk of the fighters, locals say, the goal of the uprising is far more provincial than al Qaeda's global agenda.

Their aims align more closely with the Sunni protesters who erected and maintained largely peaceful protest encampments against Mr. Maliki's government throughout Anbar and other Sunni provinces over the past year.

Among the Sunni protest movement's chief grievances is a counterterrorism law that Sunni leaders say Mr. Maliki has wielded disproportionately against Sunnis, arresting them by the tens of thousands.

Despite their ideological differences, most antigovernment militants in Fallujah see their main goal as preventing Mr. Maliki's Shiite-majority Iraqi military from re-entering the city—which to them is tantamount to a hostile takeover by foreign occupiers.

“Maliki needs to demonstrate that he's cleared Fallujah of al Qaeda one way or another,” said Michael Knights, an Iraq expert at the conservative-leaning Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

“There has to be some kind of dependable end to this, otherwise it's just going to risk humiliation again and again.”

When [Gen. Mashhadani] enrolled in the military academy in 1979 at age 20, he says being in the army was a different experience. Being an officer was “marvelous, and you could propose to any girl.”

Greeting guests in his house in a neighborhood populated by former officers loyal to Hussein, the sharply dressed, mustachioed Gen. Mashhadani still boasts of the war wounds he earned while fighting against Iran—what he calls “the Persian state of evil.” His disfigured leg recalls where an Iranian shell gouged out a chunk of muscle during a firefight in 1987.

After the army was dissolved following the U.S. invasion in 2003, Gen. Mashhadani returned to his home in Fallujah, and tried civilian jobs.

He says he asked about recommissioning in the army four years later, but says he and other Sunni retirees were turned down under the de-Baathification law.

Ultimately, the former general cites increased crackdowns on his fellow Sunnis as a driving force behind his shift in allegiance.

In December last year, after the prime minister declared that a protest camp outside Ramadi was dominated by al Qaeda-linked militants, Iraqi security forces killed at least a dozen protesters while dispersing the camp.

Shortly afterward, Gen. Mashhadani says he followed his son to a Fallujah mosque where militants were organizing themselves and distributing weapons.

He says he was quickly assigned as a brigade commander over 60 mostly untrained men, and on the same day found himself face-to-face with the first division of the same Iraqi army he served.

He says he ordered his unit to retreat. “Some of my old colleagues serve in that division,” he said.

Gen. Mashhadani believes the presence of at least one hundred former Iraqi army officers among the Islamists' ranks has made them a more professional, merciful fighting force.

Such experiences have hardened Gen. Mashhadani's belief in the dignity of his fight.

"I'm not exaggerating when I say I'm a living schizophrenia case," he said.

"On the one side I refuse al Qaeda ideology, but on the other I miss military life and hate the government that commands this army."

According to Khalid Al Dulaimi, a leading figure in the Fallujah tribal military council that functions as an informal umbrella group for antigovernment militants, Gen. Mashhadani has become a favorite among younger fighters.

He now controls a unit of 103 militants, all from different tribal backgrounds, in a southern suburb of Fallujah.

But for the first time since 2003, he says, he is earning a respectable salary of about \$1,000 a month—comparable to that of a new army lieutenant, he says.

And he has a refrigerator stocked with food, some spare cash to spend and a loyal following of young soldiers who value his hard-won expertise.

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Daily Report Of The Iraqi Revolution

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According to Dr. Ahmad Shami Jassim the official spokesperson of Fallujah university hospital that up until Thursday March 13th 2014 that the total number of civilians martyred was 131 and 741 reported with injuries as a result of Maliki's ruthless bombardment of the city and that many of the civilians injured were unable to reach the hospital because of the fierceness of the bombardment and the cutting off of roads leading to the hospital.

I. Alanbar province

1. The resistance targets a tank with a hand held bomb in Bakr area in Ramadi.
2. Children's kindergarten hit by Maliki bombs in Fallujah.
3. Heavy casualties reported as the resistance targets Maliki gathering in Ta'ameem area and 5 Kilo area.
4. Explosion targeting gathering of Maliki troops in Howz in the city of Ramadi and gun fire reported in the aftermath.
- 5. Hummer, anti-mine vehicle, and troop vehicle destroyed in attack in alBou Rashed area of Khalideyah Island.**
6. More civilians flee in Karma, alZera'a, and alMoheyah due to relentless bombardment of Maliki of civilian areas through land and air shelling.
7. AlKhadlieyah police center hit with missiles with no reports on damages.
8. Maliki army vehicle hit by the resistance and all inside killed in Sajar area.
9. Maliki army advance confronted by the resistance on bridge 28 in Karma.

10. Two children killed and four injured as Maliki missile falls on field near Russian quarter in Ramadi.

11. Aircraft hit in Malaab area of Ramadi while aircraft falls in Taash area and all crew liquidated.

12. Hummer destroyed by land mine and all inside killed in alBou Ali alJassim in Ramadi Island.

13. Government thug killed in sniper attack in alBou Ali alJassim in Ramadi Island.

14. Government transport vehicle carrying tank destroyed on the highway of Bobali area.

II. Nineveh province

1. Land mine targets army checkpoint in Yarmouk area on the right side of Mosul city with no reports on damages incurred.

2. Three police members killed in armed attack that targeted them on Tikrit-Mosul highway.

III. AlTa'meem sector

1. Maliki army attacks residential home executes two brothers and abducts third in the village of Humayrah in Riyadh area in Hweyjah.

2. Maliki criminal army cuts off roads leading to Hweyjah and surrounding area.

IV. Diyali province

1. Two Maliki terrorist thug officers killed in the area of alAsood on Khalis road.

2. Ex-Iraqi patriotic army high ranking officer assassinated in front of his restaurant (alDolimat restaurant) as he leaves in Shahraban area.

V. Salahudien province

1. Remarkable operation carried by the resistance that targets government army petrol results in the killing of three members of criminal SWAT unit of Maliki and injury of one as the three were disguised in a civilian car near Spiker air-base north of Tikrit.

2. Heavy explosion targets Maliki petrol and results in killing and injury of 6 in Yathreb area.

VI. Baghdad and surrounding area

1. Maliki petrol targeted by land explosive results in killing of two and injury to three in village of alMoshahedah in Tarmeyah area north of Baghdad.

2. Member of Maliki intelligence unit killed in car planted explosive device in Kharnabat/Abu Ghrieb area.

3. Maliki criminal thug killed in sniper attack on Sabaa alBour bridge north of Baghdad.

4. Three Hummers destroyed, four army vehicles damaged, and anti-land mine vehicle destroyed near alNajim village on alLayen road in northern Baghdad.

5. Maliki terrorist army burns down the house of Jabbar Khalaf Shihab alHalbousi in Sheikh Ammer area near Safi river.

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

**Nothing has more revolutionary effect, and nothing undermines more the foundations of all state power, than the continuation of that wretched and brainless régime, which has the strength merely to cling to its positions but no longer the slightest power to rule or to steer the state ship on a definite course.
-- Karl Kautsky; ‘The Consequences of the Japanese Victory and Social Democracy’**

The Ukraine: “Not Only Is It Morally And Politically Repugnant To Support Either Washington Or Moscow As The Lesser Oppressor--Doing So Only Compounds The Problem”

March 12, 2014 Editorial, Socialist Worker [Excerpts]

In the Ukraine capital of Kiev, the government that came to power after the downfall of ex-President Viktor Yanukovich is led by political parties ranging from conservative nationalists to fascist ultra-nationalists.

The far-right Svoboda party, which proudly claims to stand in the tradition of Ukraine nationalists who collaborated with the Nazis during the Second World War, is well represented in the new leadership, including the National Security and Defense Council, which oversees the police and military.

As for the “moderates,” Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk says anyone who serves in the new regime will be committing “political suicide”--such is the scale of austerity measures that the government expects to undertake, on the advice of its champions in the U.S. and European Union (EU).

Meanwhile, in Crimea, the southernmost region of Ukraine, Russian military forces, in alliance with local political leaders, have taken charge and are pressing ahead with a referendum this weekend on secession from Ukraine and annexation to Russia.

Riot police from the Yanukovich regime who just weeks ago were murdering demonstrators in Kiev have reportedly regrouped in Crimea..

Russian President Vladimir Putin--the butcher of Chechnya, persecutor of LGBT people and jailer of political dissidents--now claims to be concerned about democratic rights in Ukraine.

His real concern is to re-establish Russian dominance over a country that has suffered under Russian rule for most of the last three centuries.

In this conflict, both sides stand for exploitation, oppression and war.

The only hope for a way forward--however distant it may appear today--lies with the emergence of a united struggle of working people in Ukraine and beyond, waged independently of local ruling class factions and of the imperial powers in Washington and Moscow.

In the U.S., many liberal voices will follow the Obama administration's lead in championing the new Ukraine government--but this means glossing over the frightening prominence of the far right in Kiev, and ignoring entirely the stinking hypocrisy of the U.S. government lecturing anyone about respect for national sovereignty and international law.

Some on the left in the U.S. and Europe are tilting the other way on the grounds that the "main enemy," imperialism, is "at home"--but this means renouncing the mass uprising that overthrew the Yanukovych regime, and accepting the lying justifications of Russian imperialists for trying to maintain power in their "backyard."

Not only is it morally and politically repugnant to support either Washington or Moscow as the lesser oppressor--doing so only compounds the problem.

Right now, each injustice and atrocity committed by one side in Ukraine strengthens the hand of the other.

Russia's military takeover of Crimea was a godsend to the nationalists in charge in Kiev, who cloak their vicious politics in the mantle of resistance to foreign domination.

By the same token, the Kiev government's reactionary measures to assert its authority give Putin all the evidence he needs to claim that people in Ukraine fearful of the fascists need the military and economic might of Russia to protect them.

This downward spiral of competing nationalisms and rival imperialisms will obstruct the development of an independent left-wing alternative.

As Zoltán Grossman wrote in an article for Portside:

"(T)he enemy of your enemy is not always your friend. In a contest between (Ukraine) and Russian ultra-nationalists, we do not need to pick sides.

"We can defend peace and the democratic rights of civilians, and all minorities on both sides of the divide, without contributing to the polarization and strengthening the rise of fascism. Two wrongs don't make a right."

Few people reading SocialistWorker.org are likely to be moved by U.S. officials' lectures about Russia's "incredible act of aggression," to quote Secretary of State John Kerry.

"You just don't," Kerry continued with a straight face, "in the 21st century behave in 19th century fashion by invading another country on a completely trumped-up pretext."

No, certainly not--unless you command the most powerful military in the history of the world and decide you want to control Iraq's oil.

Or unless you can accomplish your aims by backing a right-wing coup, as the U.S. government did in Haiti and Honduras within the past decade--and has been trying in Venezuela, fortunately to no avail.

The government in Kiev that the U.S. supports came to power because of the mass protest movement that occupied the Maidan (Independence Square) in Kiev for three months starting in November, despite bitter cold and waves of deadly crackdowns.

The inspiring determination of the Maidan protesters was hardened by hatred for Yanukovich's corrupt regime and the super-rich oligarchs, both in Ukraine and Russia, that it served.

Every move to overcome the resistance, whether through co-optation or repression, failed.

Ultimately, like other tyrants before him, Yanukovich fled the capital in the dead of night.

But despite the social and economic grievances that underlay the rebellion, conservative political figures were able to claim leadership over the movement throughout, and far-right organizations played a leading role, especially in defending the Maidan against attacks by the riot police.

These are the forces that have taken power today, and they are pressing ahead with a right-wing agenda that has nothing whatsoever to do with guaranteeing democratic rights--especially for national/ethnic minorities--or reducing poverty or confronting the corruption that has been endemic to the political system, no matter which party is in charge.

The leaders of the current government are opportunists.

They were prepared, on the eve of Yanukovich's ouster, to accept a power-sharing agreement that would have kept the former president in power for the rest of the year.

Now, with Yanukovich out of the way, the new regime is ready to make a deal with the International Monetary Fund, at the cost of further drastic austerity measures.

For their part, the U.S. and EU hope to gain, politically and economically, at Russia's expense by gaining influence in Ukraine.

They also want to speed up the project of extending the reach of the U.S.-led NATO military alliance to the borders of Russia--though in truth, Yanukovich cooperated with NATO, too.

Why is it so important for the left to acknowledge and oppose Russian imperialism at the same time as it challenges its own governments?

Even if you set aside the repression and violence that the Putin regime is prepared to inflict on Ukraine in pursuit of its political and economic interests, a left alternative to the right-wing nationalists in Ukraine won't develop unless it rejects Russian intervention.

The Maidan movement was originally sparked by Yanukovich's decision, under pressure from Putin, to spurn a closer trade and political association with the

European Union and join an economic bloc led by Russia that requires its members to adhere to same neoliberal dogmas as the EU.

From the start, the protests--which not only spread west from Kiev, but also east to industrial cities regarded by the media to be pro-Russian--were galvanized not only by anger at Yanukovich's corrupt regime, but bitterness with Russia, Ukraine's past and present imperial overlord.

In an interview before Yanukovich's downfall, Ilya Budraitskis of the Russian Socialist Movement singled out the treacherous role of the pro-Russian Communist Party of Ukraine in bolstering the Yanukovich regime.

CP members of parliament, for example, provided the margin of victory for draconian anti-protest laws rammed through in January, which further radicalized the Maidan movement.

The CP's criticism of far-right nationalism rang hollow, Budraitskis said, because "they counterpose Russian chauvinism! It's despicable."

Now that Putin and Russia have moved on from economic bribery and political extortion to military threats, the right-wing nationalists are in an even stronger position against any opposition from their left--the government they lead "has been legitimized by the threat of foreign intervention," as Ukraine's Left Opposition wrote in a statement.

The right can exploit legitimate hostility to Russian imperialism--which exists both west and east, despite the simplified portrayals of the media--as the justification for driving through its agenda, at the expense of Jews, LGBT people and all ethnic/linguistic minorities, not just Russians.

Likewise, the wing of oligarchs that backs the government in Kiev has been handed a perfect justification for inflicting the austerity measures demanded by the IMF--after all, the government has no choice but to find a way out of the financial mess Russia left behind.

Building a left alternative in the conditions of Ukraine today, confronted by escalating threats of war and polarized national divisions, will be difficult.

The political questions raised in Ukraine are complex and deserve discussion on the left. But we can say this much:

The tasks ahead will be impossible if left organizations defend, however critically, Russian intervention and the corrupt Ukraine politicians and super-rich oligarchs who side with Putin.

During the Cold War between the ex-USSR and the U.S., Socialist Worker had a slogan that encapsulated our rejection of both superpower camps.

That slogan is relevant again today: Neither Washington nor Moscow, neither Kiev nor Simferopol, but international socialism.

MORE FOLLOWING FROM THAT THOUGHT:

An Encouraging Short Musical Interlude

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OPvWFDzDIA&feature=youtu.be>

Lee Harvey Oswald Quietly Added To CIA Memorial Wall



November 22, 2013 by G-Had, The Duffle Blog

LANGLEY, VA – Startled employees of the Central Intelligence Agency discovered this morning that Lee Harvey Oswald had been quietly added to the memorial wall at CIA Headquarters.

Oswald is widely believed to have assassinated U.S. President John F. Kennedy, or someone dressed like him, in Dallas in 1963.

The action does not appear to have been a prank. As of press time the extra star was still there, along with Oswald's name listed in the memorial book, located between entries for fallen agents Felix Leiter and Charles Calthrop.

A spokesman from the CIA refused to comment or elaborate on why the agency has added Oswald's name to the memorial, only saying that after 50 years several documents had been declassified, which have "finally allowed the Agency to set the record straight."

The documents will be made available to the general public in another twenty years.

Without any further information, CIA analysts were confused about what the action meant.

“So wait, does that mean that the CIA was involved in the Kennedy assassination, or that Oswald just happened to be working for them at the time and got caught up in the dragnet, or what?” complained analyst Dean Paulino. “You can’t just do something like this and not explain it further!”

Oswald’s alleged CIA connections date back to his time as a junior-enlisted radar operator in the Marines during the 1950s, when he was identified as an ideal candidate for covert intelligence work due to his nonjudicial punishment for assaulting a staff noncommissioned officer and his habit of negligent discharges while handling weapons.

Conspiracy theorists are divided about what the CIA’s actions mean; some have argued that this new revelation changes everything, while others have argued it doesn’t change a thing.

“I think the CIA’s admission that Oswald was killed on an agency mission finally proves there was government involvement in the Kennedy assassination,” explained conspiracy theorist Reuben Harris.

Harris, who has already authored *Who Cares? Why the Kennedy Assassination Only Matters To People Over Sixty*, is writing a new book suggesting that the U.S. government killed Kennedy after he discovered their future plans to fake the moon landings and attack the World Trade Center.

Other theorists disagree, suggesting that Oswald was always a red herring.

“We’ve long suspected that Lee Harvey Oswald was actually killed in 1959 while leading an undercover CIA mission in Cuba against the Castro government,” explained theorist Fred Gordon. “We believe that the individual arrested on November 22, 1963 was actually a KGB assassin trained to impersonate Oswald by the Mafia as part of a false flag operation.”

“Still, we’re happy to see that the CIA is finally coming clean, kinda sorta.”

A group of conspiracy theorists, led by Oliver Stone, have already demanded an internal government investigation, which they peremptorily condemned as a complete whitewash.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS



Tens Of Thousands March Against Government Across Australia:

“The Protest Was Organised By People She Hadn’t Previously Met In Melbourne’s Activist And Social Justice Circles”

“This Protest Is So Community Focused And Taps Into This Real Sense Of Displacement And Moral Anger, Which Is Quite Unusual”



March 16th, 2014 By Steve Lillebuen, PopularResistance

It's about asylum seekers. Unions. The environment and animals. The postal service or the ABC. And there's even a bit of dancing.

The March for March protest snaked through Melbourne with tens of thousands demanding action on a mixed bag of issues.

Some danced on Sunday while shouting, "We demand better!" and "Not in my name!" while others held placards that stated: "Abbott, you're a disgrace".

What united them was anger and frustration at everything that's happened since the federal election.

"I'm really angry about a number of things," said Jenni James, 59, who helped organise the Melbourne protest with three others.

"They're not listening to us. They're lying to us. And there are a lot of people here who have never been in a protest in their life".

Organisers began planning the protest on social media, which quickly ignited interest among activist and left-leaning groups.

Similar protests were held at a number of other cities, including Sydney and Brisbane.

Melbourne organisers estimated crowd sizes to reach 30,000 people.

While Coalition policies were the target for many protesters, Labor was also criticised at the protest with some placing blame on the previous government for bringing back offshore detention.

RMIT professor Peter Norden said he joined the protest due to problems at detention centres on Manus Island and Naru.

“It’s something that’s equally shared between the previous Labor government and the new government,” he said.

Van Badham, who spoke at the rally, said she was surprised to see how the protest was organised by people she hadn’t previously met in Melbourne’s activist and social justice circles.

“It’s not the usual suspects. They’re here, but they’ve had nothing to do with the organising,” she said while marching down Bourke Street.

“This protest is so community focused and taps into this real sense of displacement and moral anger, which is quite unusual.”

Tim Denton, 60, had been to several previous protests but decided to bring his 87-year-old mother in a wheelchair to participate this time around.

He said he’s angry at Victoria’s “move on” laws that can see people banned from demonstrating in certain public places.

“They’re actually trying to stop protests and it’s our right to protest,” he said.

The crowd later splintered into two different groups: one which spilled out into Treasury Gardens to listen to speeches while another more rowdy group danced on Spring Street and briefly refused to be moved on by police.

One man kept calling a half-dozen police officers “war criminals” as they tried to get him off the road, but he eventually walked away.

A small group also wore “F— Tony Abbott” T-shirts and held banners that portrayed the prime minister as the devil.

A police spokeswoman said no one was arrested or injured throughout the Sunday rally.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Residents In Free Palestine Territory “Live In A State Of Ongoing Terror, Hoping To

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2.28.14 by Rasha Abou Jalal, Al-Monitor

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip —

Iyad Kodeih lives 400 meters away from the border overlooking the town of Abasan, east of Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip.

He looks with suspicion toward a group of Israeli military jeeps driving a few meters away from the border fence, hoping that calm will continue to prevail.

Kodeih looks worriedly at his watch and warns this Al-Monitor correspondent, “It is 4 p.m. You have only one hour to finish your report and get out of this place.”

At 5 p.m., he said, Israeli soldiers start shooting sporadically at the houses in Gaza.

On a dirt hill adjacent to his house, which looks like “a sponge full of holes,” Kodeih talked about living along the border.

“Life here is hell on earth. With nightfall, people flee their houses and go to their neighbors’ who live a little behind, a strategy they adopt to escape death,” he said.

Kodeih shared that Palestinian social life in the area is almost paralyzed and that visitors dare not come to the area because they fear for their lives.

Meanwhile, the local residents live in a state of ongoing terror, hoping to avoid the bullets stopped by the walls of their homes.

“My wife's family did not want us to continue living in such danger, so they offered us a piece of land to live on.

My wife sold her gold jewelry so we could afford to build a new house, which was targeted by Israeli shelling that reduced it to rubble,” Kodeih confided.

This bitter reality is also suffered by farmers, shepherds and gravel collectors, who risk being shot by Israeli forces as they go about their business.

Their only fault is that they refuse to leave their homes and lands.

Farid Abu Anzah, a farmer packing up to leave his field, adjacent Kodeih’s house, said,

“Those soldiers keep shooting at us. Every time it happens, I hide behind the rock wall until calm is restored, and then I go back to work.”

Abu Anzah explained to Al-Monitor that he owns 10 acres (40 dunams), which is part of a larger holding of 19 acres (80 dunams) owned by a tribe.

“The soldiers shoot at us whenever we try to till and cultivate the land because of its proximity to the border.” He added, pointing to a number of nearby houses, “Dozens of people have fled their homes and left their land for good after some of their loved ones were shot. This is what the occupation is seeking to achieve.”

Talal Okal, a political analyst based in Gaza, believes that the purpose of firing on residents along the border is, indeed, to force them to leave and then to reestablish a 500-meter buffer zone inside Gaza.

He told Al-Monitor that the Israelis' actions are causing damage to the Palestinian economy, which depends heavily on agricultural production for the provision of food for the population.

According to a report by the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), agricultural land in the border area totals 62.6 square kilometers, which is 35% of all farmland in Gaza and 17% of the territory.

The PCHR report emphasizes the inability of farmers to access their land, highlighting that the Israelis were using live ammunition to target residents in the area.

Israel and the Palestinian armed factions signed a cease-fire agreement, mediated by Egypt, in November 2012, after Israel launched Operation Pillar of Cloud against Gaza.

The agreement included removal of the Israeli buffer zone inside Gaza's eastern border and allowing farmers to carry on their traditional livelihoods there without risk.

Abu Anzah said that Israel has not complied with the truce and voiced concerns that it would launch a new aggression against Gaza that might once again reduce his agricultural land to waste.

According to Okal, Israel has violated the agreement since the day it was signed.

“The occupation forces sought to send a message to the people of Gaza and the resistance factions through these violations whereby the truce means submission, not security and stability.”

According to a statement published by the Al-Mezan Center for Human Rights, since early 2013 until Jan. 6 this year, 154 Palestinians have been victims of shooting in the border area. This figure includes 11 dead (among them 2 children), 70 wounded (including 13 children and 4 women) and 73 detainees (among them 35 children).

The center noted that a group of children had been targeted on Jan. 2 as they walked near the eastern cemetery, in the north.

Adnan Abu Khater, 16, was hit by a live bullet in the pelvis and died the following day.

On Feb. 13, Ibrahim Mansour, a gravel collector, was killed by a bullet to the head in eastern Gaza, and another gravel worker, Rafiq al-Horkalli, was shot in his right foot.

According to Rami Abdo, director of the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Human Rights, Israel has committed serious violations of international law and international humanitarian law by targeting residents of the border areas.

Abdo explained to Al-Monitor that a number of victims have filed lawsuits in Israeli courts to obtain compensation. “But these lawsuits did not succeed as a result of complicity between the military and the Israeli judicial institutions,” he added.

Abdo said that those affected have also filed lawsuits before European courts through the “international jurisdiction gateway,” but, he contended, “Israel has managed to downplay the risk of these prosecutions by putting pressure on states to amend their laws.”

“Facing these obstacles, only one legal means can hold Israel accountable — the prosecution of its leaders before the International Criminal Court,” Abdo asserted. He believes that this will be achieved through the political will of the Palestinians through the Rome Statute.

Until then, residents of the border areas have few options left. Their last resort would be to surrender to Israel’s suspected intentions and leave their homes and agricultural lands for life in a safer place.

Occupation Forces Storm Al-Aqsa Mosque; Dozens Of Palestinians At Prayers Wounded



Al-Aqsa Mosque, Occupied Jerusalem

16 March 2014 Middle East Monitor

Dozens of Palestinian worshippers were wounded on Sunday morning when Israeli police fired stun grenades and rubber bullets towards them in Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The media coordinator for Al-Aqsa Foundation for Religious Endowments and Islamic Heritage, Mahmoud Abu Atta, said that countless Israeli forces stormed the mosque from the Mughrabi Gate and assaulted the Muslims at prayer inside.

“The Israeli police fired volleys of stun grenades and rubber bullets,” said Abu Atta.

“Among all the injuries, at least one young man was seriously wounded in the head during the assault.” He pointed out that the Israeli police prevented students from reaching their religious lessons inside the mosque. The students then staged an impromptu protest outside the Hettan and Al-Majlis Gates.

“Some Muslims spent the night in the mosque while others arrived during the dawn prayers and stayed to protect the site following calls from the Temple organisations to celebrate the Jewish Purim festival there” added Abu Atta.

Jewish settlers have called for an escalation of incursions into Al-Aqsa Mosque, urging people to storm the site so that they can celebrate the Jewish Passover there in the middle of April.

The Al-Aqsa Foundation reported that Israeli forces had a high security presence outside the gates of the sanctuary and in the alleys of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The Foundation warned of the fierce Israeli campaign against Al-Aqsa and other Islamic and Christian sanctities in Jerusalem. It called upon Islamic, Arab and Palestinian organisations to take urgent action to protect and save the mosque, Jerusalem and Islamic and Christian holy sites from the ravages of the Israeli occupation.

Zionists Destroy Palestinians Olive Trees Near Nablus: “Settlers Raided The Village Of Jalud And Sprayed Over 55 Olive Trees With Toxic Chemicals, Killing Them”

17/03/2014 Ma'an

NABLUS -- Israeli settlers destroyed dozens of olive trees in the northern West Bank district of Nablus on Sunday, an official said.

Ghassan Daghlis, a Palestinian Authority official who monitors settlement activity in the northern West Bank, told Ma'an that settlers raided the village of Jalud and sprayed over 55 olive trees with toxic chemicals, killing them.

The trees -- which were located in the al-Bayyadha area on the east side of the village -- belonged to Abd al-Ghani Ahmad Hajj Muhammad and Muhammad Ismail Hajj Muhammad, Daghlis said.

He added that the settlers came from the nearby Israeli settlement outpost of Esh Kodesh.

In January, villagers in the Qusra and Jalud area managed to apprehend a group of settlers who had attempted to attack them and their property, holding them for several hours in a house.

The settlers, who were also from the illegal outpost of Esh Kodesh, were later transferred to Israeli security forces after the villagers called PA liaison officials.

Settler attacks against Palestinians and their property are routine and often happen in the presence of Israeli military forces.

Israeli authorities rarely investigate crimes carried out by settlers against Palestinian communities.

Since 1967, approximately 800,000 olive trees have been uprooted in the occupied West Bank, according to a joint report by the Palestinian Authority and the Applied Research Institute -- Jerusalem.

The olive industry supports the livelihoods of roughly 80,000 families in the occupied West Bank.

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