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March 20 By Craig Whitlock, The Washington Post & Mar. 21, 2014 By Jeffrey Collins and Michael Biesecker, The Associated Press [Excerpts]

A disgraced Army general who admitted carrying on a prolonged, turbulent affair with an officer under his direct command and having improper relationships with two other women was reprimanded and fined \$20,000 by a military judge Thursday, a punishment some members of Congress decried as shockingly light.

To his visible relief, however, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sinclair was spared a jail sentence.

The decorated combat veteran hugged his lawyers and friends after his sentence was imposed by Col. James Pohl, the military judge who oversaw his court-martial at Fort Bragg, N.C.

“The system worked. I’ve always been proud of my Army,” Sinclair said outside court after reacting to his sentence with a smile and an embrace of his lawyers.

For two years, Sinclair’s court-martial had made him the public face of the military’s struggle to prevent and police sexual misconduct in the ranks.

He was only the third Army general to face court-martial in 60 years, a measure that critics called emblematic of the military’s reluctance to hold senior commanders accountable for all kinds of wrongdoing.

Although Sinclair was pleased with the outcome, his chief accuser and some advocacy groups for sex-crime victims expressed deep disappointment.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., called Sinclair’s sentence “laughable.”

“Even when the world is watching, the military has demonstrated their incompetence at meting out justice,” Speier said in a statement.

“This is another sordid example of how truly broken the military justice system is. This sentence is a mockery of military justice, a slap on the wrist nowhere close to being proportional to Sinclair’s offenses.”

The judge, Col. James Pohl, did not explain how he arrived at a much lighter sentence.

Prosecutors had no immediate comment.

Sinclair was originally charged with crimes that could have landed him in prison for life.

His accuser, a much younger female captain who served on his staffs in Iraq and Afghanistan, reported in March 2012 that she had been the married general’s lover for three years.

She also said that he had sexually assaulted her on two occasions and once threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone about the affair.

In the end, Sinclair pleaded guilty to adultery, maltreatment of his accuser and conducting inappropriate relationships with two others by asking them for nude pictures and exchanging sexually explicit email.

He also admitted to making derogatory comments about women and, when challenged by his staff, replying: “I’m a general, I’ll say whatever the fuck I want.”

The accuser’s attorney, Jamie Barnett, a retired Navy rear admiral, said she was “obviously devastated” that Sinclair’s sentence wasn’t more severe.

“It’s a terrible outcome, and by failing to render justice today, the Army’s going to face the reality that this could happen again,” said Barnett, now a lawyer in private practice. “It’s really beyond disappointing. It’s a travesty for the Army and military justice in general.”

Nancy Parrish, the president of Protect our Defenders, said the results would discourage other members of the military from coming forward to report sex crimes.

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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**US Paying Salaries Of Afghan
'Ghost' Policemen:
"Some Afghans May Be Lining Their
Pockets By Collecting The
Paychecks Of Afghan Policemen
Whose Names Appear On Payrolls
But Aren't Actually On The Force"
"The CSTC-A Commander Said
Command Discovered 'Discrepancies' In
Personnel And Payroll Records,
Including 54,000 Erroneous Personnel
Identification Numbers"**

March 19, 2014 By Jon Harper, Stars and Stripes [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON — American taxpayers may be the victims of a 'ghost worker' scheme in Afghanistan, according to the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, an independent watchdog group created by Congress.

"The U.S. may be unwittingly helping to pay the salaries of nonexistent members of the Afghan National Police," John Sopko, the head of SIGAR, wrote in a Feb. 19 letter to commanders of Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, which manages the majority of donated funds intended for the Afghan National Security Forces.

Sopko believes that some Afghans may be lining their pockets by collecting the paychecks of Afghan policemen whose names appear on payrolls but aren't actually on the force. His concerns are based on conversations he had during a recent trip to Afghanistan, as well as discussions with European officials.

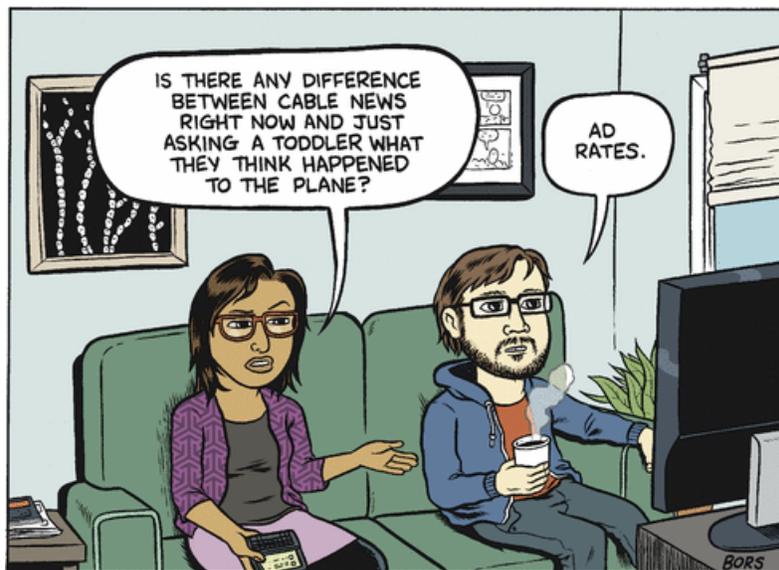
Concerns about 'ghost workers' in Afghanistan are not new. A 2011 SIGAR report raised questions about the U.N.'s management of the Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan, which is used to pay ANP salaries.

Since 2002, the international community has contributed \$3.2 billion to LOTFA, \$1.2 billion of which came from the U.S., according to SIGAR.

The European Union is withholding 100 million euros — half of its contribution to LOTFA — due to concerns about how that money is being used, including the possibility of payments to ghost workers and other forms of financial mismanagement, according to Sopko.

In a March 7 memo to SIGAR, Maj. Gen. Kevin Wendel, the CSTC-A commander, said the command discovered “discrepancies” in personnel and payroll records, including 54,000 erroneous personnel identification numbers in the LOTFA database used by the United Nations Development Program to manage and account for ANP payroll on behalf of international donors.

CLASS WAR REPORTS



**Hunger Striking Georgia Prisoners
Allege Sexual Abuse, Ongoing
Threats & Maltreatment By Staff:
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03/19/2014 Bruce A. Dixon, Managing Editor, Black Agenda Report.

Not quite a month ago, I wrote that we at Black Agenda Report had received word of a new self-organized hunger strike among prisoners in Georgia's notorious Diagnostic & Classification Prison at Jackson, the same place where Troy Davis was murdered by the state a couple years ago.

We had no details beyond a single brief note and a list of prisoners who'd signed a letter.

Since then a second communication from the prisoners at Jackson has been relayed to us from our friends at the Freedom Archives.

This note says that eight prisoners are still refusing food and are on the receiving end of abuse and threats from correctional officers at Jackson.

The note also sheds some chilling light on the reason for the prisoners' self-organized action.

In a pattern all too familiar, the prisoners allege that they are being isolated and confined to Jackson's Special Management Unit, a prison within a prison to in order cover up official misconduct, including alleged sexual abuse by correctional officers and supervisors.

In the note reproduced below, the prisoners go so far as to accuse by name a supervising correctional officer, Lt. Michael Kyles of being the perpetrator of sexual abuse and of threatening prisoners who reach out to the public.

(Postmarked March 13,2014 and edited slightly for readability by Freedom Archives)

“Over a long period of time, the Special Management Unit of Jackson, Georgia Prison staff have ignored and tried to cover up one of the most important issues in the US today – sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and threats to prisoners here.

“Prisoners have been on hunger strike – starving themselves damn near ‘til death trying to get some outside support for these actions – but nothing has happened. We inmates and others have been victimized by SMU staff Lt. Michael J. Kyles’ sexual abuse actions.

“Grievances and witness statement forms have been filed.

“But they are either ignored or destroyed and inmates are getting punished by having bugs put in their food, having people spit in their food, are being given smaller portions than other inmates, are being threatened by other staff – and Lt. Kyles who is perpetrating the sexual abuse is threatening the inmates that are trying to speak up by saying to anyone who tries to reach out, that they will be killed.

“Prisoners’ families and loved ones have called to the prison to speak with Warden Bruce Chatman, Warden June Bishop, Warden of Administration William Powell, Mr. Logan, Cpt. Michael Nobal, and even Mental Health Counsellor Mr. Whitmore – but all they’ve done is lied to family members saying that nothing is going on.

“The administration of the SMU has also tried to cover up for staff Lt. Michael J. Kyles by sending an inside investigator of their own into the prison rather than an outside investigator to look into the issues we have raised. Not even the prison commissioner, Mr. Brad Owens, has taken action and has instead ignored phone calls from inmates’ family members.

“We prisoners fear for our lives and are reaching out for community help and to take serious action.

“Please help!

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Tamarkus L. Wright (# 1070891)
Robert Watkins (# 1245402)
Rodrick Henderson (#194536)
Isaiah Meadows (#1202688)
Ernesto Castillo (#1291603)

Ricky Mosley(#1218550)
Malachi Jenkins (#725779)
Gregory Lawson (#100792447)

“ (all mail to these prisoners must be addressed with name and number at
GDCSP/SMU
PO Box 3877
Jackson, GA 30233“

The GA Department of Corrections has historically proved utterly unable to investigate itself in recent years. It is therefore vitally important that you call the office of GA Governor Nathan Deal and demand that the state's independent investigative agency, the GA Bureau of Investigation look into the Jackson SMU and the allegations of the prisoners. Governor Deal's front office number is 404-656-1776. The front office of Georgia's Department of Corrections is 404-656-4661. Please do call them and politely express your concern for the welfare of the men in Jackson's Special Management Unit, and call the prison itself at 706-387-6450 and do the same. Feel free to drop us an email note via the comments page at http://www.blackagendareport.com/contact to let us know you've made one or more of these calls, especially if you live in Georgia. We're inclined to discourage most online petition efforts, since most of them don't allow you to collect the email addresses of signers.

By Thursday March 20th we'll have our own online petition that does exactly that, and enables us to re-contact those signers who give us permission.

Of course you are encouraged to write to the prisoners directly at the addresses above, using their full names and ID numbers.

As we've said before, in a better world there would already be an existing mass movement devoted to rolling back the prison state.

This is not that better world, and such a movement is still waiting for us to build it, to call it into existence with our time and effort and labor.

The people behind the walls are doing what they can do with the few resources at their disposal. Those of us out here in the world of minimum security must rise to the challenge.

The questions are will we, and if not now, when?

We'll do our best to keep readers up on the progress of this story, and will print a Monday morning update including what some folks in Georgia and elsewhere are doing on March 24.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



CHANGE WE CAN BEREAVE IN

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the email address if you wish and we'll send it regularly with your best wishes. Whether in Afghanistan or at a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to injustices, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657.

**Students Uprising Up Oaxaca:
“The Taking Of Toll Booths To
Allow Motorists To Pass Freely,
The Commandeering Of Trucks
Carrying Goods From
Multinational Corporations”**

Those Goods “Have Been Distributed To People Nearby And To Those Waiting For Their Sick Relatives Outside Of Public Hospitals”

“More Than 15 Trucks Belonging To Different Companies Such As Bimbo, Sabritas, Danone, Pepsi, Coca-Cola And Two ADO Buses Are Being Held”



March 17, 2014 By Santiago Navarro F., Agencia SubVersiones; El Enemigo Común.
Translated by Scott Campbell

After nearly a month of protests, members of the Oaxaca [Mexico] State Coordinating Body of Education Students (CENEO) have radicalized their actions. On February 3, they presented a list of 21 demands to educational authorities, not one of which has been resolved.

The protests have included: marches, blockades of streets and main thoroughfares, the taking of toll booths to allow motorists to pass freely, the commandeering of public buses – which they use to transport themselves – as well as of trucks carrying goods from multinational corporations, whose products have been distributed to people nearby and to those waiting for their sick relatives outside of public hospitals.

On March 13, negotiations were to be held between the education students and members of the Oaxaca State Institute of Public Education.

The students warned the authorities that if negotiations were cancelled, the students would intensify their actions.

As that is exactly what happened, the students took over the institute’s building, kicking out of the workers and spraying graffiti on the inside of the buildings and on official vehicles, as well as burning tires and documents.

Among the main demands of the eleven education schools which comprise the CENEO, is that of “mileage scholarships,” which is to say, financial support for students in their final years to pay for transportation to the communities where they carry out their work.

They are also against the education reform, as the standards for evaluation don’t take into account the majority of students in Oaxaca, most of whom are indigenous and whose first language is not Spanish.

Similarly, they mention the material conditions mandated by this reform, whereas in Oaxaca there are schools with teachers who teach multiple grades, where only one teacher gives classes to several groups of students and at the same time is the school’s principal.

“We are in disagreement with this reform, and not because we are afraid of being evaluated.

“There are students who don’t even speak Spanish and they want to introduce English. There is marginalization and poverty. It’s not the same to evaluate a student from Monterrey as it is a student from an indigenous community in Oaxaca,” says Miriam Martínez, spokeswoman for the press and propaganda portfolio – or commission – of the CENEO.

Likewise, another student from the Tamazulapan rural education school, who didn’t want to give her name, tells the SubVersiones team that they are unhappy with the reform because the government has not bothered to inform the public, that there are indigenous communities that don’t know what a reform is and therefore don’t know that at some point they will have to pay for the education of their children, referencing the euphemistically-called “autonomous self-management.”

The students are concerned that information about the reform is not flowing and therefore people still can’t grasp that they will have to pay for their children’s education; when there are communities where teachers have had to convince parents to send their children to school.

“There are two graduated classes of compañeros who are already working under this reform, which deals with matters in a way that is inconsistent for communities where there isn’t even electricity and there is a lot of attrition because the students have to go to work in the fields,” says Miriam, who also notes that the majority of the education students have firsthand knowledge of these conditions, as a good part of them come from rural communities where there is extreme poverty.

The students remain on alert for possible repression and act with caution around the media; they don’t approach any journalist without first covering their faces, as they know that when there is repression there is also persecution and selective harassment.

The more than 3,000 students say that if there is not an immediate solution, they are going to intensify their actions even further.

For the moment, in the Regional Center of Education Schools of Oaxaca, more than 15 trucks belonging to different companies such as Bimbo, Sabritas, Danone, Pepsi, Coca-Cola and two ADO buses are being held.

At the last minute they alerted us that there is already an eviction order against them and they are prepared with various security details to prevent the entry of anyone who is not a CENEO student.

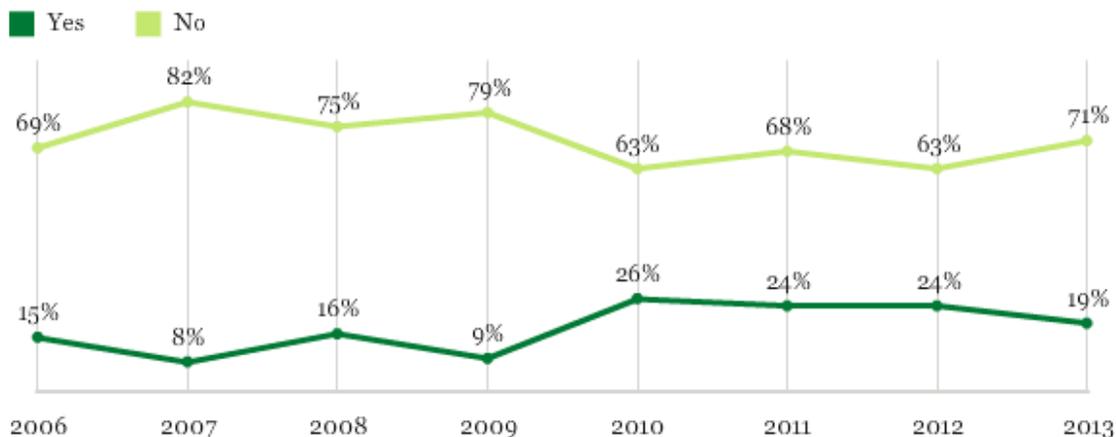
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“Regardless Of The Political Party In Power, The Past Decade Has Seen Ukrainians Continually Unhappy With Their Leaders And Government”
“Since The Orange Revolution In 2004-2005, The Majority Of Ukrainians Have Said They Do Not Have Confidence In Their Government”

Ukrainians Have Little Confidence in Their Government

In Ukraine, do you have confidence in each of the following, or not? How about the national government?



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Job Approval of Ukrainian Country Leaders

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
President Viktor Yushchenko	17%	7%	--	--	--	--
Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko	--	20%	--	--	--	--
President Viktor Yanukovich	--	--	46%	29%	28%	28%

-- Question not asked

GALLUP®

March 11, 2014 by Zach Bikus and Neli Esipova, Gallup, Inc. [Excerpts]

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Regardless of whom Ukrainians elect as their next president on May 25, this leader will need to be able to quickly gain the trust and confidence of a population that has had little faith in their past leadership.

Since the Orange Revolution in 2004-2005, the majority of Ukrainians have said they do not have confidence in their government.

No more than 26% have had confidence in the past eight years.

Ukrainian politicians have generally fared no better in terms of job approval.

Viktor Yushchenko, who came to power in the wake of the Orange Revolution, left office in 2009 with an approval rating of 7%.

While his ratings were low across the country, Yushchenko's unpopularity was even more stark in the East, where 1% approved of his job as president, compared with 8% in the Central part of the country (including Kiev) and 17% in the West.

Ukrainians had higher expectations when President Viktor Yanukovich came to power in 2010. Yanukovich took office with 46% approval, but he quickly fell out of favor. However, Yanukovich elicited support from a much broader swath of the country than Yushchenko, garnering his highest job approval ratings of 33% in the East, but still earning 29% in the West and 20% in the Central region in 2013.

Ukrainians did not reserve their low level of approval for their presidents. In 2009, 20% approved of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, who has recently been touted as a possible contender for the presidency, while 69% disapproved. Tymoshenko's highest approval came from the capital and Central region of the country (29%), while Ukrainians' views were less enthusiastic in the West (21%) and East (13%).

Regardless of the political party in power, the past decade has seen Ukrainians continually unhappy with their leaders and government.

MORE:

**“A Broader Uprising Against A
Malevolent State”
“The Government Robbed The
Public Rather Than Served It”
“The Courts Covered Up Injustice
Rather Than Right It”
“Prosecutors Perpetrated Crimes Instead
Of Investigating Them”**

March 1st 2014 The Economist [Excerpts]

The revolution was not just about getting rid of one kleptocrat.

As Yulia Mostovaya, the editor of Zerkalo Nedeli, an influential Ukrainian weekly, puts it, it was a broader uprising against a malevolent state which failed in its basic tasks—a state in which the government robbed the public rather than served it, in which the courts covered up injustice rather than right it, in which prosecutors perpetrated crimes instead of investigating them.

The house of Petro Simonenko, the leader of Ukraine’s communist party [which supported the fallen dictator], has been torched; Andrei Klyuev, who is widely believed to have been in charge of the attack on the protesters, has been shot in the leg.

Mr Yanukovich’s government not only continued the country’s poor economic performance; it was a huge drain on its resources.

Anders Aslund, a Ukraine expert at the Peterson Institute in Washington, estimates that the president and his family, broadly construed, embezzled between \$8 billion and \$10 billion a year since he took power in 2010.

Mr Yanukovich’s 130-hectare estate in Mezhygorye, outside Kiev, featured lakes and golf courses, marble mansions, an ostrich-stocked menagerie and much more.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

**“200 Israeli Soldiers, Dozens Of Jeeps, Two (Military) Bulldozers And Many Internal Security Officers” Including Some 28 Army Patrol Armored Vehicles” Assembled To Murder One Palestinian;
The Man, Executed In His Own Home Without Trial, Was “Suspected” Of “Terror Activity” “Israeli Journalist Hass Agrees That His Killing Was A ‘Cold-Blooded Assassination’”
“In The Unofficial Israeli Law Code, Unproved ‘Terrorist Intentions’ Are Enough To Be Punishable By Death”**

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Birzeit, West Bank

In the Palestinian West Bank town of Birzeit early last February 27, the Israeli (IDF) Occupation Forces (IOF) acted determinedly, under the media spotlights, to feed Amnesty International with a show case study to vindicate the report it released only hours earlier, entitled "Trigger-happy: Israel's use of excessive force in the West Bank," and to refute the Israeli official diplomatic denial of the contents thereof.

Under the command of Col. Yossi Pinto, a Nahal infantry force of the Binyamin Territorial Brigade, joined by the Border Police's elite Counterterrorism Unit, Yamam, according to Israeli The Jerusalem Post on the same day and "200 Israeli soldiers, dozens of jeeps, two (military) bulldozers and many Shin Bet (internal security) officers" according to Amira Hass of Haaretz on this March 3, including some 28 – more than thirty army patrol armored vehicles according to the count of Arab natives of Birzeit who spoke to this writer, were amassed in this Birzeit University town, raising a hell of explosives and gunfire and disrupting its peaceful countryside early spring morning.

Amira Hass was on the scene.

Wondering what was all that military mobilization for, a former mayor of Birzeit told this writer that he heard her asking in repudiation, "Was it (the late al-Qaeda founder Osama) Bin Laden inside?!"

Their mission, according to Israeli military spokespeople, was to arrest a "wanted individual" who, according to the Shin Bet internal security agency, quoted by Hass, had "intended" to carry out an "aggressive operation" against Israeli targets.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said the man was "suspected" of "terror activity."

www.israelnationalnews.com on the same day quoted "the IDF Spokesman's Unit" as saying that he was "a wanted man suspected of terror activity."

Gideon Levy in Haaretz on this March 2 quoted "the military correspondents" as repeating what the "IDF claimed" that the man "had the intention to carry out a terror attack in the near future."

Hass wrote: "In the unofficial Israeli law code, unproved "terrorist intentions" are enough to be punishable by death.

Gideon Levy sarcastically repeating the self-described as "the most moral army in the world" wrote that the Israeli army "is also an army that reads intentions," but Levy did not add that this army has had it as a rule to act accordingly as well.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said: "After the suspect was called to turn himself in, he barricaded himself inside his house, effectively resisting arrest. Under the premise that he had weapons in his possession, the forces used different means to complete the arrest, including live fire."



Relative mourning the death of Mutaz Washaha in the town of Birzeit on February 27, 2014. He was killed by Israeli forces, which used missiles and bulldozers on his home. (Photo: EPA)

The “suspect” was 24-year old Muatazz Abdul-Rahim Washaha, an unemployed Palestinian native of Birzeit.

Hass questioned the accuracy of this statement.

Claiming that the victim had “barricaded himself” in would make people “think he built a fortress and surrounded himself with explosives. This is very inaccurate,” she wrote.

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It was left to Levy and others to specify the details of “live fire.”

Levy reported that “the most moral army in the world fired an (M72 LAW) anti-tank missile at the house in which a wanted young Palestinian was hiding ... ran a bulldozer over the top of the house and destroyed it,” using “a drill it calls a ‘pressure cooker’ – a rather disgusting drill it invented for itself.”

When the tactic of “pressure cooker,” which involves shooting at the walls of the house that is surrounded, failed to persuade the suspect to come out and turn himself in, the

IOF troops at around 7 AM bulldozed part of the outer wall of the house and fired projectiles into the building.

Fire erupted in the house.

At 11 AM, they issued an ultimatum, "giving Muatazz two minutes to surrender, without result. As the ultimatum expired, the army fired several artillery shells from close distance. They then stormed the burning house, killing Muatazz," Jan Walraven reported in the Palestine Monitor on this March 3.

The four-apartment building was bulldozed and shelled out of use and its contents burned and vandalized. Four families suddenly found themselves on the street, waiting for charities.

Washaha did not "resist" his arrest; he simply refused to give himself in.

Released from an IFO jail only a few months ago, he knew very well what being imprisoned by the IOF meant.

"I will be free here. Leave and do not worry about me. I will stay here and not surrender. I will not return to prison," he told a Palestinian civil defense worker who rushed in to extinguish the fire caused by the Israeli projectile.

Those were his last words, quoted by The Electronic Intifada on last February 28.

"They could have taken him as a prisoner, but they did not want him as a prisoner they wanted to kill him," his father Mr. Abdul – Rahim said.

Similarly, his mother, Mrs. Eitzaaz Washaha, told Anadolu Agency: "Israeli forces could have arrested Washaha, but they were determined to kill him. My son wasn't armed. He was killed after the house was bombed."

An Israeli Shin Bet officer, who goes under the name of Alon, gave permission to kill Muatazz because he refused to appear for an interview with him, according to Hass.

"This was regarded as a personal affront by Alon," she wrote.

The victim's brother, Tha'er Washaha, told Haaretz he implored Alon for permission to go inside and convince his brother to come out; Alon refused.

However, despite the officially acknowledged "suspicion," an official army tweet, quoted by Los Angeles Times on the same day, convicted him as a "terrorist who resisted arrest."

Pro-Israeli media and Israeli media, the latter being subjected to well-known strict military censorship, echoed this unconfirmed conclusion; for example, www.algemeiner.com on the same day headlined its report to conclude that a "Wanted Terrorist (was) Shot Dead by Israel Defense Forces."

Disinformation was demonstrated by Israel Hayom, reportedly close to prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office; on the same day Hayom reported that "a firefight broke out" between the holed in victim and the besieging army brigade, but the witnesses on the site confirmed the Reuters' report that "no shots were heard from inside the home before the Israeli forces opened fire," a fact that is confirmed by the other fact that the raiding Israeli forces did not suffer the slightest casualty, which also refutes the IOF' claim that the man had an AK-47 rifle, another "story" that "Israel accepted ... with a yawn," according to Levy of Haaretz.

The Palestinian Authority (PA) in a statement condemned Washaha's killing as an "assassination," a "crime" and a "deliberate" killing. PA's spokesman, Ihab Bsaiso, said it was an "example of the violence perpetrated on a daily basis against our population." In a letter sent to the UN Secretary-General, the President of the UN Security Council and the President of the UN General Assembly, Palestinian Ambassador Feda Abdelhady – Nasser said Washaha's killing indicates Israel's "pre-meditated intention of killing him."

Israeli journalist Hass agrees further that his killing was a "cold-blooded assassination";

"The Israeli army did this deliberately," she wrote.

"Israel's goal" was "to embarrass the Palestinian Authority and undermine its status" among its own people and Israel was "successful" as the "Palestinian Authority officials were absent from Washaha's funeral" the next day to avoid the angry crowds, estimated at more than five thousand, who were demanding an end to peace negotiations and to PA's security coordination with Israel.

Gideon Levy had another interpretation for the motives of "The most moral army in the world," which was the title of his opinion column in Haaretz; "The Israel Defense Forces has also created a heartwarming name for all this: the "Tool of Disruption" – storming a civilian community for the purpose of causing panic and fear, and to disrupt its life," or "Sometimes these operations are conducted ... as a training routine in order to preserve the readiness of the forces and a demonstration of sovereign power" toward the Palestinians living under the Israeli military occupation since 1967, he wrote.

Washaha's extrajudicial execution came on the same day the Amnesty International (AI) released its 87-page report recommending that the U.S., EU and the rest of the international community should suspend all transfers of military aid to Israel because "without pressure from the international community the situation is unlikely to change any time soon," Amnesty's Middle East and North Africa Director Philip Luther said. "Too much civilian blood has been spilled ... (and Israel's) unlawful killings and unnecessary use of force must stop now," he added.

The AI reported it had documented the killings of 22 Palestinian civilians in the West Bank in 2013 and in all the cases the Palestinians did not appear to have been posing a direct and immediate threat to life: "The circumstances of all their deaths point to them having been victims of unlawful killings, including — in some cases — possible willful killings."

“Several victims were shot in the back suggesting that they were targeted as they tried to flee and posed no genuine threat to the lives of members of Israeli forces or others,” the report said.

“In several cases, well-armored Israeli forces have resorted to lethal means to crack down on stone-throwing protesters causing needless loss of life” and “there is evidence that some individuals were victims of willful killings, which would amount to war crimes,” it added.

Since the U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry succeeded in resuming the Palestinian – Israeli peace talks on last July 29, the IOF killed more than 42 Palestinian civilians; Washaha was among the latest.

Using “excessive force,” “arbitrary and abusive force against peaceful protesters” and displaying “callous disregard” for human life, Israeli soldiers and police officers have been operating with “near total impunity,” in a “harrowing pattern of unlawful killings and unwarranted injuries,” “as a matter of policy,” while the Israeli investigative system is “woefully inadequate,” said Luther.

The AI report accused Israel of “war crimes and other serious violations of international law.”

Israel’s Ambassador to the UK, Daniel Taub, said that Amnesty was “obsessive” with a “focus on Israel” and accused the London – based rights organization of having “an agenda that has more to do with politics than human rights.” His embassy in London told The Jewish Chronicle that the AI’s report was merely a “stunt” filled with “unverifiable and often contradictory accounts.”

In Birzeit on that sad morning of last February 27, the elite military disproportionate force which the IOF used to liquidate Washaha acted as if it was intentionally determined to undermine the credibility of Israel’s official diplomacy, represented this time by ambassador Taub, and to vindicate the contents of Amnesty’s report which he tried to deny or at least to question.

Ironically, Israeli PM Netanyahu, less than a week later, was in Washington D.C. lecturing a receptive American audience at the annual conference of AIPAC about drawing a “clear line ... between life and death, between right and wrong” and about the “moral divide!”

Heroic Zionist Occupiers Go To War With A Kindergarten For Palestinian Kids:

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“Death To Arabs” with star of David



Palestinian Children Inside Kindergarten

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In the middle of Hebron, volunteers and activists built a kindergarten. Even a kindergarten, an attempt to bring a small piece of normalcy to the area, has turned into a target for the army, police and settlers.

The State of Israel offers compulsory education from the age of three.

But for the residents of the H2 area of Hebron, under Israeli control, there are no educational institutions. Period.

Thus, a Palestinian child has two options: pass a few checkpoints on the way to school, or stay at home. The farce which surrounded the long-overdue establishment of a kindergarten in H2 can teach us about the situation in Hebron in a time of relative calm.

Hebron could serve as a museum for the occupation. It is the only city in the occupied territories in which Jews began settling from 1968, with the consent of every Israeli government.

The place is so messed up that settlers live in an IDF base in the heart of the city (which is made up of approximately 750 Jews and 175,000 Palestinians).

Several tens of thousands of Palestinians live in H2, which is under direct Israeli control.

It has become a ghost town, a city of enclosure, an island of insanity.

The residents must find creative solutions, such as climbing on roofs, in order to get home – even the elderly among them. Even the children – the same ones who are supposed to be in kindergarten.

Those who are trying to look out for the children is an organization by the name of “Youth Against Settlements,” which was established by a group of Palestinian residents of Hebron who oppose violence and work for the betterment of H2’s Palestinian residents, to enable them to live as much of a normal life as possible.

There are no municipal services, and to a great degree, the organization’s volunteers make sure to fill that gap. They remove trash and paint and fix homes.

According to Issa Amro, a resident of the Tel Rumeida neighborhood and activist in Youth Against Settlements, the organization found a home that was abandoned by a Palestinian family that moved to H1 in March 2013. With the consent of the family, the organization decided to establish a kindergarten in the building.

Amro describes how the volunteers removed mounds of trash, fixed up the dilapidated building and brought in a team of kindergarten teachers.

By September the kindergarten had opened.

The military and the police, however, did not like this.

Security forces have arrived at the kindergarten 16 times since it opened, each time ordering it to be closed, despite never bringing a court order.

Amro says that even the brigade commander of Hebron paid a visit to the kindergarten to try and shut down the building that poses such a grave security threat.

And that is how even a kindergarten, a small attempt to create normalcy in the area, has become a target for the military, police and settlers.

The harassment against the kindergarten manifests itself in several ways: once, during the renovation stage, the volunteers were stopped at checkpoints, which forced them to carry the building materials on their shoulders.

In another case, the activists were forced to destroy the bathroom that was built for use by the children outside the building.

Issa further states that his neighbor, Mufeed Sharbati, who also helped build the kindergarten, received a message stating that despite the fact that he has a building permit from 1972, he can only build additional rooms in his home if he helps advance the closure of the kindergarten.

If that wasn’t enough, the kindergarten also suffers harassment from settlers.

A few months ago, a settler attacked Issa and then went to the police, to whom he claimed that Issa was the one who attacked him.

Issa was promptly arrested.

Graffiti reading “Death to Arabs” as well as Stars of David have recently been sprayed on the kindergarten.

The graffiti was sprayed right next to the Spongebob mural that was painted by volunteers on the building.

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



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“All of the people just want to leave, they want to leave Syria altogether. Assad is going to end up remaining in the country by himself.” –Nidal Bitari

Yarmouk Palestinian Refugee Camp, Damascus, Syria

The hollowed ribcage of Yarmouk reveals itself once more in a photograph being circulated on the Internet.

The refugee camp, once a cultural and intellectual center of diasporic Palestinian life, has been reduced to a gaunt spectacle, collecting the ephemeral lamentation of cowards who ignored it then opted to obscure the culprits menacing it.

It has been around two weeks since the last armed Palestinians in the refugee camp forfeited their weapons in a deal struck with the Syrian regime.

Syrian opposition fighter had already fled awhile before that. It was hailed as a truce; it more closely resembled a surrender.

“Starvation or submission”, the cornerstone of Assad’s offensive.

In actuality, the sloganized tactic had a sinister clause.

Submission never actually meant an end to the imposed blockage.

The regime would demonstrate in Yarmouk, and elsewhere, that upon surrender the famine would endure.

It seemed the real line should have always been “starve or surrender then continue to starve for your initial breach of submission.”

The weapons have been evacuated. The oppositional fighters are gone.

The siege continues.

The checkpoints leading outside of the camp have opened only a couple of times since the “truce”.

The majority remains trapped.

The promised aid never arrived, save a few insufficient instances. The refugee camp has transformed into a cruel waiting room. No ones name is ever actually called out, everyone is assured that it will be any minute.

The number of Palestinians killed under torture continues to rise.

The names of 145 Palestinians scar an ever-expanding list.

The arrests have resumed.

At least 25 students from Yarmouk were disappeared while trying to leave the camp after the deal was struck.

I pray for their safe return, though one has to wonder what really they have left to return to.

The peculiar charm of Yarmouk has been erased. Palestinians from Syria always used to describe the strong affinity they felt towards the camp despite all of its shortcomings.

Will they ever be able to conjure up the memory of that old Yarmouk? Or is memory capable of being stained. The barrel bombs, the shelling, the famine, the grief. Memory, no matter how bright it once was, is not resilient to everything.

There is, of course, the anger towards those who remained silent or only spoke to say that all parties shared the blame.

Well, only one of those parties remains. There are no more weapons in Yarmouk. No more oppositional fighters.

All that is left of Yarmouk is the enduring horror; it's raspy sobbing telling us what we should have known all along.

The devil doesn't go away simply because you meet his demands.



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