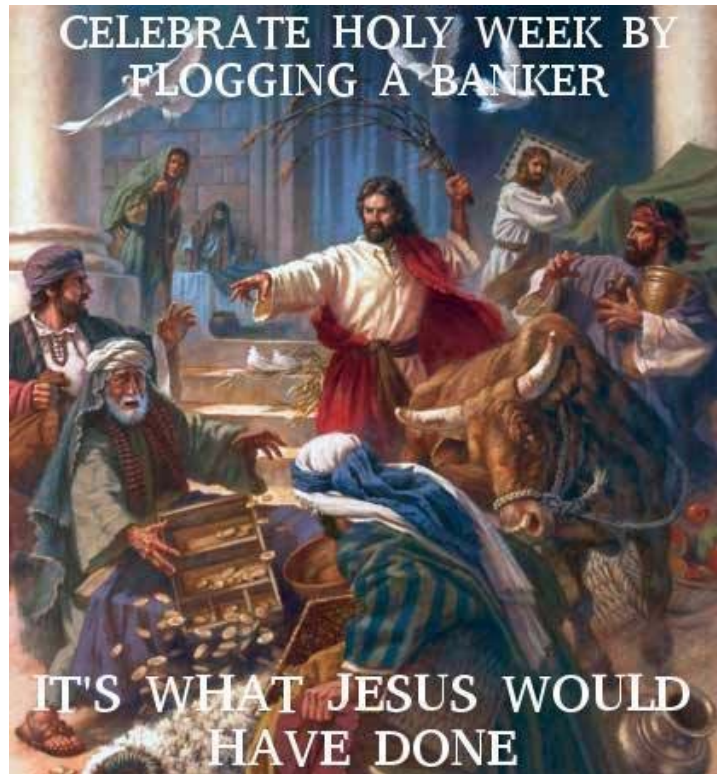


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# Everybody's Wounded

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### Everybody's Wounded

Dave comes home from Vietnam  
with 3 wounds & a Silver Star  
lands a job & he marries  
raising 3 boys down by a river

they grow up & leave home  
he retires & then has a tumor  
on his brain, the VA removes it  
& gives him full disability  
because it's Agent Orange  
Bob is drafted in the 1960's  
sent to Germany in the Army  
but he soon starts acting  
ill-rationally & they lock him up  
he then acts like a caged animal  
they give him a discharge  
sent back home where he marries  
& has 2 children but then  
turns into an alcoholic & loses  
everything until much later  
when he sees many psychiatrists  
gets off the booze & remarries  
with a job & 2 more children  
Larry is drafted in the Army  
after 2 years he is sent home  
he becomes a big drug dealer  
sent to prison 2 times in a row  
& now weights 300 pounds  
Tom comes home from Vietnam  
then his brother goes there too  
sends back shoe boxes full of marijuana  
about every 3 weeks to Tom  
both brothers are busted  
Tom does his time & then wanders  
until the 1980's when he starts  
a painting business marries  
pays off a luxury home divorces  
sells his business & soon doesn't  
feel very well & the VA takes  
out his prostate cancer that has spread  
into his bones & gives him 100%  
disability because it's Agent Orange  
Xavier is drafted from NYC  
soon the fellows just call him X  
he is sent to Vietnam where  
he is wounded taking off most  
of his left hand but he is resilient  
makes a soft ball glove work out  
plays in tournaments all over  
divorced & is alone  
Danny is drafted from Chicago  
sent to Vietnam to guard  
the VC prisoners but when  
he gets drunk at night  
he takes his M-16 & blows  
some prisoners away

when he gets home he finds a job  
gets married & has children  
but has to go to his priest every week  
for help for what he did  
when he retires & the children  
are on their own, out of desperation  
with his wife he finally goes to the VA  
where he sees psychiatrists  
counselors & is sent to a special place  
where others wounded by their memories  
are put in groups who talk  
their post stress away  
Violence erupts from the frothing  
mouth of evil a young student vomits hate  
stabs another in the back  
a young girl gets it right in her gut  
she survives but will never be the same  
a young Soldier kills his fellow  
Soldiers at Fort Hood  
teenagers grow up with Jackie  
grabbing part of JFK's hair & brain  
a young man kills his mother  
then goes to Sandy Hook Elementary  
school & kills & wounds  
the students with a pistol  
that his mother America taught him  
how to use  
then shoots himself in the head  
as Rick tells his story after coming  
home from Vietnam  
all he saw was movement so he  
unloaded half of a clip into another  
Soldier because 2 Lieutenants didn't  
tell each other where they were  
but as a black Soldier  
coming home to Detroit when it's on fire  
he sees that everybody is all wounded  
& dying in Vietnam & the USA  
a statement is made that all  
problems will be taken care of in a  
mutant Militaristic way as Malcolm X  
says the chickens have come home  
to roost but then he retracts it because  
it doesn't further false Muslims as  
attacks on Muslims happen big or small  
every day now in America as a  
famous Military Established Country  
that all the youth can plainly see  
& follow the path before them  
when DNA is cross bred like fish  
using two legs to come out of the water

**& eat everything & each other who  
are in their territory so they can survive  
like cannibals the birth of violence  
is seen through a fish eye lens**

written by Dennis Serdel for Military Resistance

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## **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

### **Texas Soldier Dies Of Afghanistan Wounds**

April 17, 2014 U.S. Department of Defense News Release No: NR-193-14

Spc. Kerry M. G. Danyluk, 27, of Cuero, Texas, died April 15 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, of injuries sustained April 12 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Pul-e-Alam, Logar province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE  
BLOODSHED**

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

### **Military Construction Workers Killed**

Apr 14 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

The anti-government armed militants executed four abducted construction workers in southern Afghanistan.

According to local government officials, the construction workers were abducted earlier this month in Greshk district of Helmand province.

A spokesman for the provincial security commandment, Abdul Ahad Chopan said the dead bodies of the construction workers were found in southern Kandahar province.

Mr. Chopan further added that the deceased individuals were working for a private construction company which is constructing premises for the Afghan national army.

Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in its various districts.

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## **Taliban Inmates Escape Afghan Prison Using Smuggled Gun, Grenades; 3 Guards Killed**

April 18, 2014 By The Associated Press

KABUL - An official says three Taliban insurgents escaped from a prison in northern Afghanistan using weapons smuggled into the facility in a jailbreak that killed three police guards.

A spokesman for the Faryab provincial government, Ahmad Jawad Dedar, said on Friday that the breakout took place the previous night. A fourth inmate who was also trying to escape was killed in a shootout with security forces.

Dedar says the fugitives are low-level Taliban operatives who were jailed for planting roadside bombs.

The four inmates launched their breakout during the nightly count of prisoners, throwing several grenades and shooting guards with at least one pistol.

Dedar said authorities have launched a search for the three fugitives and are investigating how the weapons were smuggled into the prison.

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## **Resistance Action**

Apr 17 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

Taliban militants have executed at least four Afghan policemen in central Maidan Wardak province of Afghanistan.

The policemen were reportedly captured from Asadbad district of Maidan Wardak province on Tuesday night.

Local security officials have said the policemen were member of the public order forces and were abducted from Kabul-Kandahar highway.

Wardak is among the relatively volatile provinces in central Afghanistan where anti-government armed militants are active in a number of its districts.

This was the second incident which takes place in Syedabad district in less than one week time.

At least five policemen were killed or injured after a group of militants ambushed a supply convoy in Syedabad district on Saturday.

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**Taliban Comment On  
Afghanistan Election:  
“You Understand That The Newly  
Installed Officials Of Kabul Admin  
Will Sign The Agreement Of  
Prolonged Military Presence”  
“So It Is Obvious That The Foreign  
Forces Are Not Going To Quit  
Afghanistan So Easily. The  
Occupation Will Persist”  
“No One Can Say That The New  
Administration Will Not Be As Criminal  
As The Previous One Was”**



[Graphic: flickr.com/photos]

13 April 2014 by Zabihullah Mujahid, Shahamat-english.com/

**The official spokesman of the Islamic Emirate, Zabihullah Mujahid told the 'Afghan Islamic News Agency' in an exclusive interview that we do not recognize any president and government as a legitimate one and we will continue our struggle and resistance.**

The 'Afghan Islamic News Agency' has conducted this interview with the spokesman of the Islamic Emirate about the recent elections and the strategy of Taliban in the post-election situation.

Here we would like to share this informative interview with our venerated readers.

*Question: What is your message to the forth coming president of Afghanistan?*

Answer: We are not going to recognize any other president for Afghanistan in the presence of the Islamic Emirate. Our plain message to all those figures who have entered the scene concurrently with the American occupation that they should realize their responsibilities in the light of their Islamic, historical and national obligations and should refrain from supporting the foreign occupying forces.

They should admit the ground realities and should respect the Islamic decrees. They should abandon opposing Jihad and Islamic resistance against the foreign infidels. They should not support the enemy in the formulation and implementation of alien systems which are totally in contradiction with the hopes and aspirations of our oppressed and afflicted nation.

*Question: What is your demand from the forth coming administration of Kabul?*

Answer: We reiterate our demand to the new would be faces and figures of Kabul to discern the surrounding facts. They should abandon supporting the infidels and instead of serving them, they should start the service of Islam and should join Mujahidin in this critical juncture of our history. If the history of those people who had been the slaves and stooges of infidels inside Afghanistan is studied, it is evident that eventually it is the Afghan nation who is victorious.

A few figures who are apparently powerful, having the support of foreign powers and enjoying enormous possibilities, but they are eventually subdued by the righteous people and it is not far off that the present day stooge will become the black and notorious part of our history due to their malicious deeds.

*Question: Why don't you recognize a selected president resulting from these elections while a large number of Afghans have participated in this process?*

Answer: Inside an Islamic country, the legitimacy and illegitimacy of a head is associated with the fulfillment of Islamic Sharia decrees and not with a counterfeit and ostentatious imported process.

Everyone understands that this dramatic process of elections was carried out under the American orders and control just for the fulfillment of their vested malicious objectives.

Some people were deceived and they visited the polling stations on the bases of hallow slogans, illusive promises and misleading propaganda; most of them were either government officials or their relatives; or those people who were compelled inside the main cities; or those people who were under the direct influence and threat of the local warlords.

Majority of the ordinary people boycotted the elections; they did not participate in this forged process and neither is the Afghan nation ready to cast their votes in favor of those so called leaders who are made by America.

Generally, all those elections and selections which are carried out under the yoke of occupation and under the direct control and administration of foreign military forces are void and null.

We, as a sovereign and Muslim nation, do not allow anyone to form individuals and rules from outside and then impose them upon us.

There is no difference between the present elections and the old elections of 'Karzai'.

Americans are physically present here.

They have vast influence.

The nation is practically involved in fighting against the foreign invaders. Our religious rules and regulation are overlooked. So how can these elections and their outcome be acceptable?

*Question: A new figure will be elected as president and as a successor of Karzai; but this time, apparently no foreign intervention is visible in the elections process and neither someone like 'Karzai' is selected in 'Bonn'. Does the new 'figure' not differ from 'Karzai'?*

Answer: As we mentioned earlier that there is no difference between 'Karzai' and the forth coming stooge government. Americans are present here. This is completely an American process.

Both our air and ground space is controlled by Americans.

The nation is physically fighting the foreign occupiers. The aspirations for having an Islamic sovereign state are unfulfilled.



**A group of criminals who support the foreign occupation in this critical stage of our history who have and are killing our own people to preserve the vested interests of foreigners and this process is incessant.**

Now instead of bringing these criminal figures to justice for their felonies, they are posing themselves as the leaders of the nation and trying to impose a total western type of system on us.

Therefore, there is no difference between the present situation and the previous one. No one can say that the new administration will not be as criminal as the previous one was.

*Question: Afghanistan is going to announce a new president and a new administration; will you continue fighting against them?*

Answer: The Holy Jihad was started for the liberation of our beloved homeland and for the restoration of Islamic sovereignty which will, Insha-Allah, continue till this lofty object is achieved.

If, on the other side, some faces and figure are replaced, it doesn't mean that the occupation is over and atmosphere is ready for setting up the Islamic system of life. We are committed to our ideals and Jihad has become obligatory for us for ending the foreign occupation and restoring the Islamic system of life.

Therefore until this lofty objective is attained, Jihad will continue as religious obligation and it will make no difference for us that who was heading the administration and supporting the infidels yesterday and who will lead it today.

Those who want to implement the erroneous western theory inside an Islamic Afghanistan and want to equalize the leadership of Afghanistan with American are no different than those communists of yesterday who wanted to implement the communist ideology inside Afghanistan and tried their best to drag the people from the right path to the otherwise.

When 'Noor Mohammad Tarakai' failed they brought forth 'Hafeezullah Amin'. When he could not succeed, they tried 'Babrak Karmal' and eventually 'Najeeb'. The same scenario will be repeated here. But neither had then the Afghans given up Jihad nor will they give it up today.

*Question: This is the third time that elections are held inside Afghanistan. They are considered successful and the world supports it. Why do you call them unsuccessful and oppose them?*

Answer: All these elections were held under the direct supervision of American occupiers.

In fact this process was launched to oppose the Islamic system. The support of a few countries of the world for these elections is co-related with their own policies and has nothing to do with the demands and aspirations of the Afghan masses. You know that

none of the world countries dares to confront America and nor can they afford to. Presently almost the entire world is under the vast American influence.

They control the governments but not the masses. The governments, on the basis of their political policies, support, just for the sake of very limited benefits, all those steps which are either taken or only backed by America.

The American occupation of Afghanistan was called a legitimate one by most countries of the world. They either adopted silence or openly supported them. In these circumstances, there is no legal justification for the world support or otherwise and neither is it the criterion of the reflection of the aspirations of the oppressed Afghan masses.

Announcing these elections as successful has no legal justification.

You might recall that the Americans also declared the occupation of Afghanistan a success.

They called the previous bogus consecutive processes as successful. But these kinds of announcements are made by the enemy or by the circles connected with the enemy. It has nothing to do with the aspirations and principals of our masses. It is the part of the enemy's propaganda.

I am sure that even if a single person does not participate in this process, the enemy will call it triumphant and will try to impose it on the masses. The present elections can never be labeled successful. Absolute majority of the nation is involved in Jihad and fighting.

The people are fed up with occupation and foreign forces. They strongly oppose the peace treaty with Americans. But since it is the demand of some slaves and those few individuals who are fully enjoying the wealth and facilities of their western masters, therefore, they are calling it a successful one. But the ground realities cannot be altered by these kinds of ostentatious steps. The people cannot be deprived of their determination and the Jihadi surges cannot be halted.

*Question: What do you expect from the new government about signing the security agreement with America? Do you appreciate the stance of 'Hamid Karzai' in this regard? If it is otherwise, how do you evaluate it?*

*Answer:* Signing this agreement with Americans is the direct enslavement of our country. It is a huge crime whosoever commits it and will be held accountable by the nation. But our opinion is that the newly installed officials will sign this agreement with Americans, as during the elections campaign, it was repeatedly assured. The so called newly elected head is especially selected and tasked for this purpose.

The foreigners have invested huge amounts on him that he will have to sign this agreement. We don't think that something contrary will happen.

As far as the stance of 'Karzai' is concerned, it is just for the sake his personal avoidance of a historical blame. It is not based upon the demands of the masses. If the decisions were based upon the demands of the nation then this agreement should have

been absolutely denied. No elements, sparking and prolonging the war, should have been left behind. But Karzai could only manage to postpone this agreement from his tenure; in this way, he only secured his pen from signing it; neither the masses nor the country.

*Question: The 'Peace Process' which was launched previously faced some obstacles, do you think any significant changes in this process with the inauguration of new government?*

Answer: We have repeatedly said that the peace process was not started practically even in the past. It was only for the sake of providing an opportunity to Americans.

If they really want to end the occupation of Afghanistan through non-military channels, we will surely give it a chance. But in practice it was only a deceitful and misleading short time process therefore we abandoned it.

As far as the Kabul administration is concerned, we have not started any peace negotiations with them in the past nor will it be held in the future. The status quo remains.

As the stooge admin of Kabul has no power, it cannot make independent decisions. It cannot decide according to its own will and desire. Every one of them has reached to the conclusion that living under the yoke of occupation is quite necessary and vital for them.

*Question: Do you intend to start negotiations with the new Afghan government or not? If the answer is yes, what will be your preconditions?*

Answer: Actually we don't find any difference between the old admin and the new one. The basic administration has not changed; only some officials have been transferred from one post to another one.

*Question: It is widely said that all the combatant troops will be evacuated from Afghanistan at the end of this year. Do you think that the foreign forces would really confine their activities from fighting to training and assistance only? If it is so, then wouldn't you be fighting only with Afghans which will eventually change into another civil war?*

Answer: First of all it seems improbable that the foreign forces will easily quit Afghanistan without any pressure and use of force.

You understand that the newly installed officials of Kabul admin will sign the agreement of prolonged military presence. So it is obvious that the foreign forces are not going to quit Afghanistan so easily. The occupation will persist until it is crushed and killed and the armed resistance against it is accelerated and widened.

Secondly, the military presence of the foreign occupiers and the so called non-military presence but for military training is against our religion, country and basic values. It isn't acceptable either.

Thirdly, as far as it is obligatory upon us, we will continue Jihad; as it is the justified and essential path for the achievement of pious and lofty objectives.

The end of both direct and indirect occupation of our country, the establishment of a pure Islamic system of life and the formation of a representative government reflecting the aspirations of two million martyrs is the demand of the Muslim and valorous masses of Afghanistan.

Until the arrogant powers and their co-related figures remain a hindrance in achieving our legitimate demands, our armed struggle will remain incessant. It is our ideological and Islamic responsibility and not personal interests and lusts.

*Question: With the selection of new president, it seems that your fighting is inevitable for five years more, isn't it?*

Answer: The eventual success or delay of Jihad depends upon the Will of Allah Almighty. Our responsibility is to show steadfastness in the path of Allah. We are committed that no stone will be left unturned for the eventual success of Jihad. We are optimistic that, Insha-Allah, our victory over the enemy will not be far off.

*Question: How would you briefly evaluate the consequences of some of your recent crucial attacks prior to the election process?*

Answer: The enemy was completely embarrassed by our colossal attacks before the elections. You might also be aware that most of the so called observers and spies absconded from Afghanistan to save their lives.

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## **SOMALIA WAR REPORTS**

**Mogadishu Security Declines  
As Armed Forces Stretched  
Outside Capital:  
“Al-Shabaab Continues Its  
Operations Without Much Trouble”  
“Al-Shabaab Has Attacked Many  
Government Installations, Including**

# **The Presidential Palace, Mostly By Disguising Its Fighters In SNA Uniforms”**

**“Note How Unarmed Our Armed Forces  
Are Around Our President. Most Are Not  
Trusted Around The President While  
Bearing Them”**

16 April 2014 by Mohamed Mubarak, AllAfrica [Excerpts]

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**The departure of large numbers of troops from the Mogadishu area in recent months has resulted in the overall deterioration of security in the Somali capital.**

**Here Al-Shabaab continues its operations without much trouble. Assassinations and hand grenade attacks occur quite regularly - sometimes on a nightly basis.**

**There are many security checkpoints in Mogadishu; however, to characterise them as security checkpoints is unfair to even poorly run examples of such things.**

It isn't hard to envision Al-Shabaab operatives laughingly passing through with their materials (and plans) fully intact.

The men manning these checkpoints simply look at passengers, rarely asking any to come out for a body search. Strangely, drivers are almost never searched, nor are women. Furthermore, the contents of bags are never checked, nor are cars themselves thoroughly examined.

**In addition to this, probably the most disturbing problem with security in Mogadishu is the fact that any men in government, army or police uniform can pass through checkpoints without being asked to stop and identify themselves.**

**This opens the door to all manner of vulnerabilities, and Al-Shabaab has not been slow to exploit this problem.**

**Al-Shabaab has attacked many government installations, including storming the presidential palace, mostly by disguising its fighters in SNA uniforms.**

At the forefront of security in Mogadishu and other areas directly ruled by the Federal Government is the National Intelligence and Security Agency (NISA). This mostly local spy agency is tasked with, among other things, disrupting Al-Shabaab operations and arresting its members.

**However, this is also probably the most infiltrated government agency.**

When Sheikh Sharif became president in 2009, he saw to it that the Islamic Courts were heavily represented in the army, police, and the then NSA. This opened up sensitive government institutions to infiltration by Al-Shabaab.

If that was not dangerous enough, Al-Shabaab defectors were directly recruited into the spy agency without much consideration.

**Defectors would be given the option of reverting to civilian life or joining in the fight against Al-Shabaab.**

**It isn't hard to imagine the option that an infiltrator would pick.**

This is not to say that all defectors are still loyal to Al-Shabaab; however, this does not merit recruiting and arming them en masse and giving them the responsibility of keeping the peace.

Following complaints from the media and government officials, defectors were sent to rehabilitation camps from 2011 to 2012. Nevertheless, following the defeat of Sheikh Sharif in the September 2012 elections, the former commander of NISA, Mr. Fiqi, ordered hundreds of Al-Shabaab defectors in a rehabilitation camp to be deployed into the field.

There was a spike in attacks following the election, including an attempted assassination of then president-elect Hassan Sheikh.

**The increase in attacks is a direct result of inducting Al-Shabaab "defectors" into the main security agency.**

A large portion of assassinations by Al-Shabaab have been aimed at NISA operatives, with the apparent aim of eliminating patriotic NISA members.

**The most recent assassination was on Sunday night in the Karan district of Mogadishu where two NISA members were shot by assailants who escaped on foot.**

For NISA to be effective, it must get rid of members with questionable loyalty.

**Unfortunately, there is no initiative to fix this problem. No one has been fired for the worsening security and major security breaches nor is there an acknowledgement that a problem exists.**

While expansion of government territory is important, it should not come at the expense of security in the most important and populous Somali city.

Now that the bulk of the SNA and AMISOM are operating relatively far from Mogadishu, Al-Shabaab will have even fewer obstacles to inserting men and materials into Mogadishu

And in case you haven't seen them, here are photos of the SNA celebrating Armed Forces Day last week. [Photos missing from website.]

Note how unarmed our armed forces are around our president. It is not that they don't have weapons, but most are not trusted around the president while bearing them.

Winning back territory does not mean the Federal Government is in a position to provide security to itself and its old territory, let alone the liberated areas.

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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

Marxists know that democracy does *not* abolish class oppression.

It only makes the class struggle more direct, wider, more open and pronounced, and that is what we need.

The fuller the freedom of divorce, the clearer will women see that the source of their “domestic slavery” is capitalism, not lack of rights.

The more democratic the system of government, the clearer will the workers see that the root evil is capitalism, not lack of rights.

The fuller national equality (and it is *not* complete without freedom of secession), the clearer will the workers of the oppressed nations see that the cause of their oppression is capitalism, not lack of rights, etc.

-- V. I. Lenin, Collected Works, 4th English Edition; Vol. 23

**Lessons From Bosnia’s  
Revolutionary Movement:  
“No Social Movement In European  
History Ever Succeeded On The  
Basis Of Liberal Anarchism”  
“Such Movements Fall Apart  
Because They Cannot Systematize  
All Social Demands Nor Can They  
Direct The Methods Of Their  
Activism”  
“The Current Governments Will Surely  
Draw Lessons From This Insurgency,**



# But It Is Just As Important That Lessons Be Learned By The Citizens As Well”

**“For the first time, citizens came out as citizens, for the first time a rebellion had no national, ethnic or faith-based framework, and for the first time the participants spoke using human rhetoric”.**

18 Apr 2014 by Elvira M. Jukic, BIRN; Sarajevo [Excerpts]

As if they had woken from a years-long sleep, this February, thousands of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina took to the streets to say they had had enough of the country's incompetent and hypocritical politicians, their corruption and their dubious accumulation of much personal wealth.

**The Molotov cocktails that some of them threw were a strongly worded “message in a bottle” to the political class – a forceful rejection of the prevailing view in Bosnia that politics exists chiefly as money-making business - not as a way to improve ordinary people's lives.**

Months on, what has really changed? Aside from the resignations of a few cantonal governments - almost irrelevant to the overall situation - none of the protesters' demands has been met.

No major corruption cases have been opened, nor is there any sign of a review of the dodgy privatization processes that destroyed so many companies and left thousands of people jobless.

Nothing much has changed in the way that Bosnia's politicians use the media, or in the way that they operate in the two entities, which is where the real power and money in Bosnia lie.

Started by several hundreds workers of formerly successful, now destroyed, companies in Tuzla, the protests soon attracted thousands of others all over the country.

It seemed as if people had been only waiting for an opportunity to go onto the streets and declare that the authorities were all thieves.

Esad Bajtal, an analyst and professor, recently said in an interview that it was hard to say what concrete changes people had achieved, although they had opened the door to future possibilities.

“For the first time, citizens came out as citizens, for the first time a rebellion had no national, ethnic or faith-based framework, and for the first time the participants spoke using human rhetoric,” he said.

“For now, that would seem to be the only known, tangible gain of those events.”

Bajtal argued that the protests were entirely justified, as the politicians had not listened to people, even when they held peaceful protests before the February events, when they demonstrated their deep dissatisfaction without resorting to violence.

“It should be determined how and why it came to violence and who needed it, because this was automatically constituted as a basic element in the politicians’ self-defence - which declared the protesters hooligans, ruffians and gangs even drug addicts,” he said.

Adnan Hamidovic Frenkie, a popular hip-hop musician from Tuzla, said that as time goes by, one has to conclude that the people lost this particular battle.

“From this distance, I don’t think we achieved much,” he said. “With the government – it’s like in a casino – the house wins always at the end of the day.”

“We won the first round,” he added, referring to the beginning of the protests, “But then came other (rounds) and now we lost.

“We have seen that we can do something, but also that nothing can be changed overnight.”

As the protests spread from Tuzla in early February, so did the formation of so-called plenums of citizens, which aimed to bring all people together to voice their common demands for change.

With the goal of forcing out the politicians and bringing social and economic issues to the forefront, plenums promised to be places where democracy was practiced first hand.

**With the passage of time, it may become clearer what went wrong with plenums and why they failed to attract those same thousands of protesters.**

Roughly a hundred people were present at the last session of the Sarajevo plenum, and only few hundred took part in the “plenum of all plenums”, which was held in front of the Federation entity government and demanded its resignation.

While waiting for the Federation government to resign, which is now highly unlikely, or for the formation of new cantonal governments, the interest of citizens in plenums has flagged.

There are 15 plenums currently active in different towns in Bosnia’s Federation entity. Thousands of demands have been sent to municipal, cantonal and entity institutions.

But, with only a small number of supporters and participants, plenums do not look like tools for real change, especially as they now seem focused on the cantonal level of government, which at the end of the day cannot address the years-long problems the whole country suffers from.

“Important changes in this country are possible only as a consequence of constitutional changes at the top, regarding the whole of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the highest state structures,” Bajtal said.

Compared to that, changes at the cantonal level have been compared by some to putting perfume on top of a garbage dump.

The first successes, when people bared angry teeth and alarmed the politicians, seemed to push people to do more, but “more” never happened.

Tuzla Canton is the only one that has moved forward, following the February resignation of the cantonal government. A new “expert” government has been formed there.

In some other cantons there have been a few changes, such as abolishing the rights of politicians to continue receiving salaries for a year after their terms end.

While a few dozen determined people still protest every day in Sarajevo and elsewhere, the plenums keep working away, adding to their lists of demands.

In Sarajevo Canton, however, there is no sign of a new government that would be in any position to implement them, even if it wanted to.

One problem with the protest movement is that it lacked a leader and an ideology.

The result was dozens of different demands, ranging from reviews of privatization processes to curbing corruption and enacting constitutional changes, changing the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords.

Since many of the demands were so general, many of the politicians did not feel any particular responsibility for dealing with them, but just used them to continue their usual practice of accusing one another.

“No social movement in European history ever succeeded on the basis of liberal anarchism,” Ivo Komsic, philosophy professor and Mayor of Sarajevo, observed recently.

“Such movements fall apart because they cannot systematize all social demands nor can they direct the methods of their activism,” he added.

“The current governments will surely draw lessons from this insurgency, but it is just as important that lessons be learned by the citizens as well,” he concluded.

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

# ***The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising*** **April 19, 1943:**

# In Memory Of Those Who Died Courageously Resisting An Imperial Army Of Occupation, Arms In Hand



A resistance fighter with a homemade flame thrower during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.  
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On the eve of Passover, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising began when Nazi forces attempted to clear out the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, Poland, to send them to concentration camps.

The destruction of the ghetto had been ordered in February by SS Chief Heinrich Himmler:

“An overall plan for the razing of the ghetto is to be submitted to me. In any case we must achieve the disappearance from sight of the living-space for 500,000 sub-humans (Untermenschen) that has existed up to now, but could never be suitable for Germans, and reduce the size of this city of millions — Warsaw — which has always been a center of corruption and revolt.”

From: Ushmm.org [Excerpt]:

In the summer of 1942, about 300,000 Jews were deported from Warsaw to Treblinka.

When reports of mass murder in the killing center leaked back to the Warsaw ghetto, a surviving group of mostly young people formed an organization called the Z.O.B. (for the Polish name, Żydowska Organizacja Bojowa, which means Jewish Fighting Organization).

The Z.O.B., led by 23-year-old Mordecai Anielewicz, issued a proclamation calling for the Jewish people to resist going to the railroad cars.

In January 1943, Warsaw ghetto fighters fired upon German troops as they tried to round up another group of ghetto inhabitants for deportation. Fighters used a small supply of weapons that had been smuggled into the ghetto.

After a few days, the troops retreated.

This small victory inspired the ghetto fighters to prepare for future resistance.

The Nazis began the final liquidation of the ghetto the eve of Passover, April 19, 1943.

The Warsaw ghetto uprising began after German troops and police entered the ghetto to deport its surviving inhabitants. Seven hundred and fifty fighters fought the heavily armed and well-trained Germans.

The ghetto fighters were able to hold out for nearly a month, but on May 16, 1943, the revolt ended.

The Germans had slowly crushed the resistance.

Of the more than 56,000 Jews captured, about 7,000 were shot, and the remainder were deported to killing centers or concentration camps.

**Resisters held off the Nazis for three weeks, using precious few and largely ineffectual weapons, but they were determined to go out fighting, decrease the number of Nazis, and hopefully serve to let the whole world know of the plight of the Jews.**

**MORE:**

## **Marek Edelman**



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

Wikipedia [Excerpts]

Marek Edelman (Yiddish: מאַרעק עדעלמאַן, born 1919 in Homel or 1922 in Warsaw – October 2, 2009 in Warsaw) was a Jewish-Polish political and social activist and cardiologist. Before his death in 2009, Edelman was the last surviving leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Before World War II, he was a General Jewish Labour Bund activist. During the war he co-founded the Jewish Combat Organization (ŻOB).

**He took part in the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, becoming its leader after the death of Mordechaj Anielewicz. He also took part in the city-wide 1944 Warsaw Uprising.**

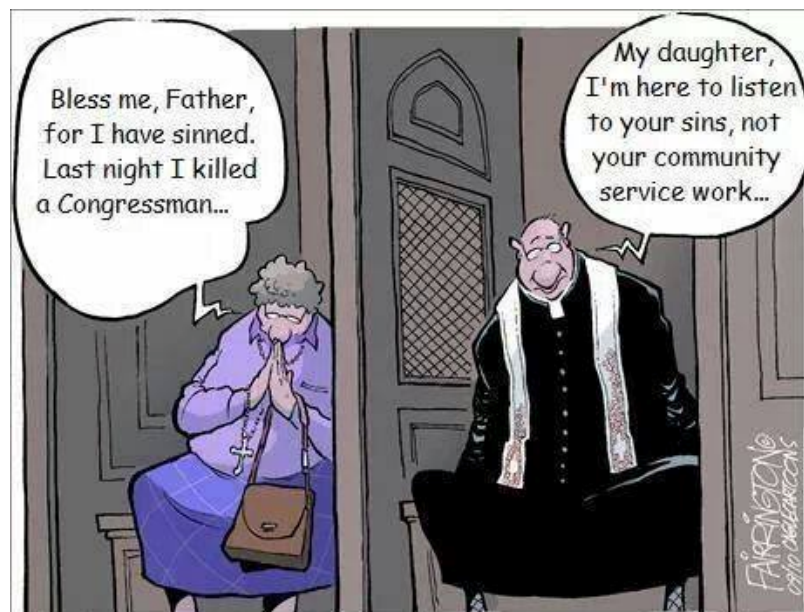
After the war, Edelman remained in Poland and became a noted cardiologist.

**As a member of Solidarity, he took part in the Polish Round Table Talks of 1989.**

Following the peaceful transformations of 1989, he was a member of various centrist and liberal parties. He also wrote books documenting the history of wartime resistance against the Nazi German occupation of Poland.

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## CLASS WAR REPORTS



[Thanks to David McReynolds for posting.]

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## OCCUPATION PALESTINE

# Israeli Forces Storm Aqsa Mosque Compound: Worshippers Attacked “With Stun Grenades And Rubber-Coated Steel Bullets”



Al-Aqsa Mosque

15/04/2014 Ma'an

JERUSALEM -- Israeli forces stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound on Sunday morning, attacking worshippers with stun grenades and rubber-coated steel bullets, as Muslim worshippers braced for raids by right-wing Jewish groups as Passover approaches.

Director of Al-Aqsa Mosque Sheikh Omar al-Kiswani told Ma'an that more than 50 Israeli "special forces" stormed the compound through the Moroccan Gate and the Chain Gate during the raid.

Al-Kiswani added that Israeli forces “besieged” Muslim worshipers with rubber-coated bullets and stun grenades, and closed the Chain Gate with chains.

One of the Al-Aqsa compound security guards was struck by a rubber-coated bullet during the raid, and he was identified as Amjad al-Alami.

In addition, five worshipers were hurt by pepper spray used by Israeli officers during the assault.

Witnesses told Ma’an that Israeli forces had arrived in the early morning and stationed themselves near the Moroccan gate watching the movement of all worshipers inside the compound. The soldiers also denied right-wing Israeli groups access to the compound.

Israeli police officers stationed at all of the gates of the compound “strictly inspected” all Muslims who attempted to access the compound, witnesses said.

Many young men were denied entry while the identity cards of others, including elderly men and women, were taken before they were allowed to enter the compound.

Eyewitnesses said a young Palestinian man was detained inside the compound and another one was assaulted by Israeli officers.

Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said in a statement that “stones” had been thrown at police at the Moroccan Gate, and as a result “units” had entered the area in order to “disperse Arab rioters.”

“Two police officers injured lightly during riots,” he added, noting that they were “being treated at the scene.”

Dozens of Muslims had spent the night in the compound in anticipation of raids by right-wing Jewish groups, who they expect to enter the compound on the occasion of Passover.

Prominent Israeli right-wing organizations have urged Jews to flock to Al-Aqsa Mosque during Passover in what many worshipers consider a provocation.

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## **Palestinian Man Shot By Occupiers Inside Free Palestinian Territory For Gathering Stones To Make Concrete: “Israeli Forces Frequently Shoot At Farmers And Other Civilians Inside The Gaza Strip”**



15/04/2014 Ma'an

GAZA CITY -- A Palestinian man was shot by Israeli forces near Erez crossing in the northern Gaza Strip Sunday morning, Palestinian medical and security sources told Ma'an.

Israeli soldiers opened fire at Palestinian workers collecting small stones from fields near the border, injuring one in the foot.

An Israeli military spokeswoman said that "a crowd gathered in a prohibited area near security fence," and as a result "soldiers tried to distance crowd using riot dispersal means."

"They fired warning shots in the air and, after all efforts were exhausted, fired toward the main instigators' lower extremities," she added, confirming a hit.

Many people in the besieged coastal enclave collect small stones in order to make gravel for concrete, because the import of concrete is forbidden by the Israeli economic blockade. The blockade has been in force since 2006.

**Israeli forces frequently shoot at farmers and other civilians inside the Gaza Strip if they approach large swathes of land near the border that the Israeli military has deemed off-limits to Palestinians.**

The "security buffer zone" extends between 500 meters and 1500 meters into the Strip, effectively turning local farms into no-go zones.

According to UNOCHA, 17 percent of Gaza's total land area and 35 percent of its agricultural land were within the buffer zone as of 2010, directly affecting the lives and livelihoods of more than 100,000 Gazans.

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## **Zionists Torment And Harass Palestinian Christians For Easter, As Usual: "There Is No More Freedom For Christians In Reaching The Church Of The Holy Sepulcher"**

# **“Persecution Against Christians And Arabs Is Always There”**

## **“The Occupation Authorities Want To Negate Christian Presence And Create The Impression Of A Jewish-Only City”**

04/15/2014 By Alex Shams, Ma'an

BETHLEHEM –

Palestinian Christian groups in Jerusalem have launched a campaign condemning Israeli restrictions on freedom of worship in advance of Easter, as some fear a repeat of the police violence the holy city has witnessed in years past.

Produced by the local Palestinian organization Ma'an for Development and Progress in the Christian Quarter with the support of a number of Christian Jerusalem youth groups, a new video calls for “freedom of worship for all” in Jerusalem.

“Christians are the indigenous inhabitants of this land and all we want is to be able to worship freely and normally in our holy sites,” Benayot Benayot, a member of the group that produced the video, said in a telephone interview.

“There is no more freedom for Christians in reaching the Church of the Holy Sepulcher,” Benayot added, stressing how the combination of checkpoints and police violence had deterred many Christians from coming during the holy week leading up to Easter.

Every year, millions of Christians -- including tens of thousands of Palestinian Christians -- converge upon the holy city to mark the holiest days of the Christian calendar.

In recent years, however, these celebrations have been marred by violence, and at times Israeli authorities have even banned Palestinian Christians from entering the city to celebrate their holidays, even while allowing foreign pilgrims in.

**Benayot said that last year when he tried to go to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, he was assaulted at a checkpoint Israeli forces had erected.**

**“They arrested me, beat me and took me away when I went to go the church with my family and my children,” Benayot said, condemning the “brutal” attacks by the police he and other Christians were subjected to last year as they attempted to reach the holy sites.**

**“Families have stopped coming here for the holy days because they are afraid of what will happen if they try,” he added.**

**Palestinians also charge that Israeli authorities have also erected large numbers of police checkpoints around the Old City of Jerusalem during the festivities, which attracts a large percentage of the 200,000-strong Palestinian Christian community.**

“Jerusalem has changed so much that it is difficult for me to see it anymore,” Benayot said.

**Issa Kassissieh, the Palestinian ambassador to the Holy See, argued that there is “systematic policy” to prevent Christian worship that has escalated in the past three years.**

**During Easter last year, Kassissieh recounted, “the rooftop of the Church and courtyard were empty, except for checkpoints and police,” even while many worshippers were stuck at checkpoints nearby.**

Ibrahim Faltas, the General Administrator of the Custody of Holy Land, stressed that the restrictions imposed upon Christians are not, however, limited to Easter time, but reflect wider Israeli policies against Palestinians in Jerusalem.

“Persecution against Christians and Arabs is always there,” he said, adding that he believed Easter week was “targeted” because it was the most visible demonstration of Christian presence during the year.

**In a report published in 2012, the US State Department highlighted Israeli restrictions on the freedom of worship of Palestinians, Christians and Muslims alike.**

“Strict closures and curfews imposed by the Israeli government negatively affected residents’ ability to practice their religion at holy sites, including the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, as well as the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem,” the report said.

“The separation barrier significantly impeded Bethlehem-area Christians from reaching the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem and made visits to Christian sites in Bethany (al-Eizariya) and Bethlehem difficult for Palestinian Christians who live on the Jerusalem side of the barrier.”

A statement released last week signed by major Palestinian Christian organizations in occupied East Jerusalem tied these restrictions into the official Israeli policy of “Judaization” in Jerusalem.

“The occupation authorities want to negate Christian presence and create the impression of a Jewish-only city,” the statement said.

The policy of Judaization also involves the denial of construction and long-term residency permits to Palestinian residents while allowing the construction of thousands of settlement homes for Jews in order to shift the demographic balance.

Since Israel first occupied East Jerusalem in 1967, authorities have also increasingly separated the holy city from the surrounding Palestinian West Bank through a system of

permits, checkpoints, and a separation wall that have cut the city off from its historic hinterland.

Strict quotas for permits for West Bank Palestinians to enter Jerusalem mean that very few are able to regularly enter the city, including the more than 50,000 estimated West Bank Christians.

The result of these policies has been an effective, albeit gradual, population shift, as thousands of Palestinians have been pressured or forced to leave Jerusalem.

Despite this, Christian Palestinian leaders in Jerusalem remain determined to maintain their presence in the holy city and protect their freedom of worship.

“I see myself and all of us, the Christian families in Jerusalem, as the guardians and protectors of the Holy Land and the custodians of the holy places,” Issa Kassissieh, the Palestinian ambassador to the Vatican, said in the video.

“We live here and will remain here steadfast.”

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

<http://www.maannews.net/eng/Default.aspx> and

<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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**A Win For Our Side!**  
**“A Man Facing Deportation From  
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Father-of-two's family told them about his situation while in departure lounge – and they took the only action they could.

14 April 2014 The Independent

A man facing deportation from Sweden has been granted a temporary reprieve after fellow passengers aboard his flight to Iran prevented it from taking off by refusing to fasten their seat belts.

A Kurd fearing persecution in his home country of Iran, Ghader Ghalamere fled the country years ago and now has two young children with his wife Fatemeh, a Swedish resident.

As a result he qualifies for a residence permit himself – yet because of a quirk in immigration laws he is required to apply for it from outside Sweden.

On Thursday, Mr Ghalamere was put on a flight at Östersund bound for Stockholm – and ultimately Iran itself – accompanied by his friends and family in protest.

Gathering in the departure lounge, they spoke to other passengers preparing to board the flight and explained the situation.

Clearly moved, once on board the plane the other passengers refused to fasten their seat belts – a protest that prevented the pilots from being able to begin take off.

With the flight unable to go ahead as scheduled, Mr Ghalamere was removed and taken to a migrant detention centre in Gävle, central Sweden – but the country's migration board insists nothing about his situation has changed.

"It's enough now," said Sanna Vestin, chairman of the Swedish Network of Refugee Support Groups (FARR). "No one who sees the family can doubt that it would harm the children to their father expelled."

**Ms Vestin, who has followed the family's fate since the father contacted FARR a year ago, said police had asked Mr Ghalamere to travel to Norway to make his application for a Swedish passport from there.**

**After two weeks the attempt failed and he returned to Sweden empty-handed – but upon his arrival the family was told his trip had proven the children could survive in his absence, and the Migration Board ordered his deportation.**

Mr Ghalamere first fled the prospect of torture and execution in Iran by travelling to Turkey, where he met Fatemeh and was granted refugee status by the UN's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

After five years of failed attempts to find him a country that would take him from Turkey, Mr Ghalamere was finally able to reach Sweden.

"Now his case has received attention in the media – even in Iran itself," Ms Vestin said. "There is one more reason to reconsider the case. The Migration Board can do (his hearing) over and do it right."

Since being returned to the detention centre, Mr Ghalamere has gone on hunger strike, and FARR have organised two demonstrations for Tuesday in Östersund and Gävle.

Campaigners have also set up a Facebook group, stoppa utvisningen av ghader, which has around 4,000 members.

Ms Vestin said: "It is gratifying that so many people have lined up. Sweden has undertaken to defend the rights of children and the right of asylum. When the authorities cannot do it on their own, others have to take responsibility when we get the chance."

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