

Military Resistance 12D14

Navy SEALs Find Jesus



Photo Credit: James Vooris / U.S. Marine Corps

April 20, 2014 By G-Had. The Duffle Blog

JERUSALEM – In a recent boost for Middle Eastern peace efforts, the Defense Department confirmed that a raid by Navy SEALs in the West Bank had killed known extremist agitator Isa Ibn Yusuf.

The 35-year old resident was facing a federal indictment on several counts of supporting terrorism and had been accused of recruiting young men for a violent group of zealots.

“It may have taken us 40 days and 40 nights, but we got him,” said Special Operations Command head Admiral William McRaven while describing the mission

Ibn Yusuf, who at one point claimed he would set the world on fire and that he had not come to bring peace but a sword, was discovered on Sunday during a pre-dawn raid in a cave outside of Jerusalem.

The SEALs were able to recover some materials from the cave, described by the Pentagon as a “treasure trove of terrorist literature.” They also found several pieces of wood and a bucket of nails which they suspect were being used to build a crude pressure-plate IED.

McRaven explained how Ibn Yusuf first came to the attention of U.S. intelligence five years ago, after he became the leader of a fanatical religious splinter group, where his

frequently apocalyptic, sometimes pseudo-Marxist rhetoric helped him attract both national attention and a large following.

“Our intelligence suggested he lacked the logistical support to feed his network,” McRaven said, “but all of a sudden he produced enough bread and fish to feed them all. That can only mean one thing: Backing from the Saudis and Pakistanis.”

Despite Ibn Yusuf’s death, local officials will be taking additional precautions to ensure there is no rioting by his followers after Friday Prayers, Saturday Shabbat, or Sunday services.

In a related story, Pentagon officials reported that Ibn Yusuf’s eleven remaining lieutenants were successfully killed this afternoon by a targeted drone strike in Galilee.



AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

**AFGHANISTAN THEATER:
“US Foreign Fighters Suffered 11
Combat Casualties During The Week
Ending April 16 As The Total Rose To
40,478”**

Apr 17, 2014 www.michaelmunk.com [Excerpts]

AFGHANISTAN THEATER:

US foreign fighters suffered 11 combat casualties during the week ending April 16 as the total rose to 40,478. The total includes 21,518 dead and wounded (three pending) from what the Pentagon classifies as “hostile” causes and 18,960 dead or medically evacuated (as of Dec. 3, 2012) from what it calls “non-hostile” causes.

US media divert attention from the actual cost in American life and limb by reporting regularly only the total killed (6,802: 4,489 in Iraq, 2,313 in Afghanistan) but rarely mentioning those wounded in action (51,940: 32,239 in Iraq; 19,701 in Afghanistan).

They ignore the 59,908 (44,607 in Iraq, 18,463 in AfPak (as of Dec 3, 2012) military casualties injured and ill seriously enough to be medevac'd out of theater, even though the 6,802 total dead include 1,457 (961 in Iraq, 496 in Afghanistan) who died from those same “non hostile” causes of whom almost 25% (332) were suicides (as of Jan 9, 2013).

WIAs are usually updated on Wednesday at <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>

**POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE
BLOODSHED**

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

MILITARY NEWS

**North Charleston Man Arrested,
Charged With “Theft Of
Government Property” And
Fined \$525 For An \$.89 Drink
Refill At VA Medical Center:**

Later, Criminal Charge Dropped But \$525 Fine Not: Also “Lewis Is Now Out Of A Job” “Lewis Says He Tried To Pay The \$0.89 But Wasn't Given The Chance To Pay The Cashier”



Apr 17, 2014 By Sujata Jain, WCSC

CHARLESTON COUNTY, SC –

Officials with the VA Medical Center in downtown Charleston say a North Charleston man who was initially federally charged with a \$525 fine for an \$.89 drink refill will instead be given a warning.

“In reviewing the case, the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center has determined a warning in lieu of a citation is sufficient in this case,” a statement released by the VA stated on Thursday.

Christopher Lewis, an on-site construction worker, said he didn't know refills at the VA Medical Center in downtown Charleston came at a price, and Wednesday, during his lunch hour, he was originally slapped with federal charges.

The ticket was issued by the Federal Police Force at the VA Medical Center in downtown Charleston after Lewis refilled his soda without paying the \$0.89. A hospital spokesperson on Wednesday called it a “theft of government property.”

“Every time I look at the ticket, it's unbelievable to me,” Lewis said on Wednesday. “I can't fathom the fact that I made a \$0.89 mistake that cost me \$525.”

Lewis is now out of a job.

According to a hospital spokesperson, signs are posted in the cafeteria informing patrons that refills aren't free.

Lewis says he never noticed the signs and admits he had refilled his drink without paying on other occasions. He says after he went back for seconds on Wednesday, a man who identified himself as the chief of police, stopped him.

“As I was filling my cup up, I turned to walk off and a fella grabbed me by the arm and asked me was I going to pay for that, and I told him I wasn't aware that I had to pay for that.”

Lewis says he tried to pay the \$0.89 right there, but wasn't allowed to. He says he wasn't given the chance to pay the cashier either.

“I never had an option to make right what I had done wrong.”

He says he was taken to a room, given the \$525 ticket for shoplifting and told not to return to the property.

“I'm done there, at the VA hospital. I'm not allowed to go on the premises anymore. I asked him can I still work on the job site and just bring my lunch and not got to the cafeteria and he said he wanted me off the premises.”

A hospital spokesperson says it was her understanding that Lewis was aggressive during the confrontation.

The medical center originally released the following statement on Wednesday:

The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center is fortunate to have a highly trained Federal police force to ensure the safety of our patients, visitors and employees. As Federal police they are responsible for enforcing the law. Today a Federal citation was issued for shoplifting in the VA cafeteria to an individual who stated to VA police he had not paid for refills of beverages on multiple occasions, even though signs are posted in the cafeteria informing patrons refills are not free. Shoplifting is a crime. The dollar amount of the ticket is not determined by VA as it is a Federal citation. The citation may be paid or the recipient may choose to appear in Federal court to contest it.

Lewis and his fiancé have contacted the Internal Affairs Office in Columbia. He says he will contest the fine in federal court.

“It's about pretty much I guess you would say getting your face back. I want everybody to know that I made a simple mistake, that I'm not a thief, that I'm not dishonest. I'm trying to do the right thing.”

**Rep. James Moran (D-Va.)
Opens Fire On Duffle Blog For
Satire Naming Him:
Duffle Blog Returns Fire:
“\$174,000 Per Year Is Not Nearly
Enough For The Important Work He
And All Members Of Congress Are
Not Doing”
“Moran Recently Said Members Of
Congress Should Be Given A Per Diem
To Help Them Cover The Costs Of Their
Housing”**

April 16, 2014 By Kristina Wong, The Hill

Rep. James Moran (D-Va.) on Wednesday criticized a “hurtful” satirical story that said he has introduced a bill requiring all Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to register with the Homeland Security Department.

The Duffel Blog's fake story said Moran's bill would block veterans from accessing violent war movies on cable or living within 1,000 feet of bars, gun ranges, or liquor stores. The site said the bill also would require veterans to seek approval before moving to a new community while providing authority to lock up “crazed veterans” for 24 hours during July 4 and New Year’s Eve.

Moran said his office was flooded with emails and calls about the story.

“The satirical website ‘Duffelblog.com’ recently posted an article detailing fake legislation that portrayed our nation’s veterans suffering from PTSD in a negative, hurtful, and deliberately provocative light,” Moran said in a statement.

Moran said he has advocated for billions in veteran funding to support those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

The article, published Tuesday, had more than 45,000 “likes” on Facebook, and at least 292 retweets on Twitter by Wednesday.

The mental health of veterans has been in the spotlight since Army Spc. Ivan Lopez, 34, went on a shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, killing three and wounding 16 before killing himself. He was being treated for PTSD, depression and anxiety. He had deployed last in 2011.

The shooting has sparked a nationwide debate over whether mental healthcare resources for veterans are sufficient and whether veterans should be allowed to carry guns on bases to protect themselves.

Veterans have pushed back against news stories portraying them as violent or PTSD-ridden.

The Duffel Blog is run by a group of young veterans and military writers.

“It has come to our attention that Rep. Jim Moran has dissociated himself with an article he said was ‘in poor taste and hurtful to veterans.’

“We would just like to point out that what is more hurtful to veterans is false information spread about veterans with PTSD that has permeated in some media circles following a shooting at Fort Hood.

“A mention of this was unfortunately absent in Moran’s statement,” a Duffel Blog spokesman told The Hill.

“While it is regrettable that Moran’s unpaid interns have been forced to answer phones and emails about his mention in a recent article — the horror — Duffel Blog believes the congressman deserves a substantial pay raise for his handling of this incident.

“\$174,000 per year is not nearly enough for the important work he and all members of Congress are not doing.”

Moran recently said members of Congress should be given a per diem to help them cover the costs of their housing.

YOUR INVITATION:

Comments, arguments, articles, and letters from service men and women, and veterans, are especially welcome. Write to Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657 or email contact@militaryproject.org: Name, I.D., withheld unless you request publication. Same address to unsubscribe.

Military Resistance In PDF Format?

If you prefer PDF to Word format, email: contact@militaryproject.org

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

People do not make revolutions eagerly any more than they do war. There is this difference, however, that in war compulsion plays the decisive role, in revolution there is no compulsion except that of circumstances.

A revolution takes place only when there is no other way out. And the insurrection, which rises above a revolution like a peak in the mountain chain of its events, can be no more evoked at will than the revolution as a whole. The masses advance and retreat several times before they make up their minds to the final assault.

-- Leon Trotsky; The History of the Russian Revolution

“843 Significant Protests Occurred In 84 Countries Between 2006 And July Of 2013”

“The Main Cause Of The 2006-2013 Riots Was ‘Economy Or Anti-Austerity Measures’ (488 Protests)”

“The Demand For ‘Real Democracy’ Is The Second Most Common Claim In The Protests (210), While The ‘Failure Of Representative Democracy’ Was The Cause Of 376 Protests”

19 April 2014 by Bernardo Gutiérrez [Excerpts]

The World Protests report – which was compiled by Isabel Ortiz, Sara Burke, Mohamed Berrada and Hernán Cortés, and is perhaps the most comprehensive study of its kind produced to date – details 843 significant protests that occurred in 84 countries between 2006 and July of 2013.

The study mentions Occupy Wall Street and the Spanish Indignados, looking at the objective causes of these revolts and the particulars that defined them: lawsuits, who were the organizers, the formats of the protests, the opponents, the results.

At first glance, the reader may not recognize the radical novelty of this report, which revealed that the main cause of the 2006-2013 riots was “economy or anti-austerity measures” (488 protests), and that marches or demonstrations were still the most common protest format (437).

However, a careful observation of the World Protests study shows other surprising details. Even while analyzing the objective causes, explanations or macro-economic conditions that led to the wave of rebellion, something else is shaking the world.

Governments may still appear to be the main opponents of the demonstrators, says the report, but something more liquid and atmospheric is unscrewing the established order.

The demand for “Real Democracy” is the second most common claim in the protests (210), while the “failure of representative democracy” was the cause of 376 protests.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE MILITARY?



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.

Ukraine:

**“Support Progressive Wings Of Both
Maidan And Anti-Maidan”**

**“Unite Them Against The Ukrainian
Ruling Class And Against All
Nationalisms And Imperialisms On
Shared Demands For Social Justice”**

15 April 2014 by Volodymyr Ishchenko, Guardian News and Media Limited [Excerpts]

It will sound paradoxical for those who celebrated grassroots self-organisation in the Maidan, but the anti-Maidan protests in eastern Ukraine are even more grassroots, decentralised, network-type and leaderless at the moment.

Neither the Party of Regions nor the Communist Party of Ukraine play the same role of political representation for anti-Maidan as the three former opposition parties did for Maidan.

The so called “representative of south-eastern Ukraine”, the former Kharkiv region governor Mykhailo Dobkin, whom Russia was going to invite to the negotiations with the EU and US on an equal basis with the Kiev government, was violently booed by protesters in Lugansk.

Equally, they do not trust the oligarchic elite of eastern Ukrainian origin; or the wealthiest person in Ukraine, Rinat Akhmetov, who has taken on a peacemaker role; or the new Donetsk governor Serhiy Taruta.

And they do not want the discredited and corrupt Yanukovich back.

The social base of the protest seems to be more plebeian, poorer and less educated than on Maidan; we see more workers and pensioners and not so many intellectuals and higher-educated professionals who would help to formulate clear demands and defend them in the media.

And like in western Ukraine during the final stages of the Maidan rebellion, the local Donetsk police is now sabotaging the government's orders and is often allowed to take control of the buildings and weapons without much resistance, sometimes even taking the side of the protesters.

Rather than constructing necessarily hypocritical justifications as to why military suppression of some armed protesters is better than military suppression of other armed protesters, why the pro-Ukrainian far right is better than the pro-Russian far right, why the Ukrainian neoliberal government is better than the Russian neoliberal government, or why we are ready to fight Russian imperialism but ready to accept western imperialist interests in Ukraine, it would be better to support progressive wings of both Maidan and anti-Maidan, and try to unite them against the Ukrainian ruling class and against all nationalisms and imperialisms on shared demands for social justice.

MILITARY RESISTANCE BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive Military Resistance immediately and directly, send request to contact@militaryproject.org. There is no subscription charge. Same address to unsubscribe.

NSA Director Can't Stop Wife From Reading E-Mails



Photo Credit: National Security Agency

April 15, 2014 By G-Had, Duffel Blog

FORT MEADE, MD –

Just days after assuming his new post as Director of the National Security Agency, Central Security Service and U.S. Cyber Command, Adm. Mike Rogers was overheard complaining about massive privacy violations, as he's been unable to stop his wife from going through his e-mails.

The four-star admiral — a specialist in cryptology and cyber warfare — said that despite routinely changing his password, clearing his browser cache, and implementing other routine security measures, his wife was still somehow able to see the most intimate details of his life with just the click of a button.

"I swear, every few hours I'm getting a phone call (from Dana) asking me why I started subscribing to updates from the new Captain America movie, or got a Google calendar alert about lunch with (Director of National Intelligence) James Clapper when I'm supposed to be taking her to the Mall to see the cherry blossoms," Rogers was heard saying, according to a highly-placed source at the Rogers' home.

"I don't know if I would use the word 'nosy,' but seriously, can't I have just one private conversation around here?"

The Admiral had recently finished drawing up a list of his wife's possible hacking techniques, which ranged from installing Iranian malware on his work computer to

involvement in the Heartbleed bug, which Admiral Rogers suspects his wife may have created to access his Netflix account.

Other sources inside the Rogers home explained that Mrs. Rogers was not spying on him, but just trying to build a comprehensive record of information that she might want to use someday.

“With all the e-mails Mike sends every day, how do I know that one won’t be an important doctor’s appointment he might forget or a credit card bill he might not pay?” the source said.

“The only solution is just to read and store everything.”

The source also described a security system full of holes and easily crackable passwords.

“He can change his password every five minutes, but when he writes them all down on sticky notes and tacks them to his monitor that kind of defeats the purpose,” the source explained. “

And it’s not like they’re hard to crack: ‘GoNavy1!’ GoNavy2!’? It’s not hard to figure out what it’s going to be the next week.”

Rogers grew even more exasperated after he accidentally forgot to log out of his Facebook and Twitter accounts and his wife used them to post in his name: “Taking my sweetie on a surprise trip to the Bahamas next month ... if I know what’s good for me.”

The new NSA chief described the current privacy problem as “the greatest security threat” to ever hit the Rogers household in an e-mail to his closest friend, a Nigerian prince who would be sending him part of his immense fortune upon receipt of the admiral’s bank account numbers.

Rogers added that he would immediately be subjecting himself to several weeks of information assurance training and password management to ensure that similar incidents never happen again.

ANNIVERSARIES

***Tiananmen Square:
April 21, 1989: Honorable Anniversary***

Pissed Off People Rise Up Against A Corrupt Government Of Tyrants, Exploiters And Oppressors



Carl Bunin Peace History April 16-22

Six days after the death of Hu Yaobang, the deposed reform-minded leader of the Chinese Communist Party, some 100,000 students from more than 40 universities gathered at Beijing's Tiananmen Square to commemorate Hu, voice their discontent with China's authoritative communist government, and call for greater democracy.

Ignoring government warnings of violent suppression of any mass demonstration, the students were joined by workers, intellectuals, and civil servants.

April 22, 1992: Honorable Anniversary **Serbs Stand Up Against A Politician's** **Plan For War:**

**“When The New Conscript Reached
Barracks His Unit Had Already Split In**

Two – Between Those Who Agreed To Go To The Front And Those Who Were Refusing”

Carl Bunin Peace History April 16-22

June 1994 By Ivan Vejvoda, New Internationalist [Excerpt]

It may come as a surprise to many Westerners that there was a large, spontaneous opposition within Serbia and Montenegro to the war waged by the Milosevic regime.

Mostly it took the form of resisting conscription into the armed forces.

In Belgrade only 10 per cent responded to the call-up to what was then, in 1991, still the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA).

Thousands of young conscripts went into 'internal exile' hiding with friends and relatives. The latter would ignore knocks at the door so as to avoid receiving the call-up orders.

Thousands of potential conscripts left the country and headed for Britain, France, Germany, Holland and Greece. Visas were not needed then – as they are today.

Even among those who did obey the draft, there was resistance. The story of young Miroslav Milenkovic from a small town in Serbia is a poignant example of the dilemma faced by many.

When the new conscript reached barracks his unit had already split in two – between those who agreed to go to the front and those who were refusing.

Milenkovic went from one group to another, not knowing which group of friends and relatives to side with.

At one point he stopped and, standing between the two groups, took his rifle and shot himself.

CLASS WAR REPORTS

More Than 30,000 Went On Strike On Monday, And More On Tuesday In Six Plants: Workers For Giant Chinese Shoe Factory Reject Management Offer: “The Gaobu Government, Labor Bureau, Social Security Bureau And The Company Were All Tricking Us Together”
“One Of The Largest Strikes In China In Recent Years Amid Signs Of Increased Labor Activism As The Economy Slows”

April 15, 2014 Reuters

Thousands of workers at a giant Chinese shoe factory shrugged off an offer for improved social benefits on Tuesday, prolonging one of the largest strikes in China in recent years amid signs of increased labor activism as the economy slows.

The industrial unrest at Yue Yuen Industrial (Holdings), now stretching to around ten days and sparking sporadic scuffles with police, has centered on issues including unpaid social insurance, improper labor contracts and low wages.

“The factory has been tricking us for 10 years,” said a female worker inside a giant industrial campus in Gaobu town run by Yue Yuen. “The Gaobu government, labor bureau, social security bureau and the company were all tricking us together.”

A spokesman for Yue Yuen said the firm — which makes shoes for the likes of Nike, Adidas, Reebok, Asics and Converse with a market capitalization of some \$5.59 billion — had agreed to an improved “social benefit plan” on Monday, while stressing the business impact had been “mild” so far.

“Basically, the terms that we announced yesterday was after a very thorough internal analysis and calculation and considering all the factors including the affordability from the factory perspective,” the spokesman told Reuters by phone.

“The revised plan will be effective from May 1, about a couple of weeks from now.”

Despite this, thousands of workers, most out of uniform but with factory lanyards and ID cards around their necks, loitered in and around the leafy industrial estate, lounging on plastic chairs, sitting on curbs, chatting, drinking tea and nibbling nuts, refusing to return to their production lines.

Hundreds of police remained stationed in the area, some with riot shields and German Shepherds on leashes.

The strike fits a growing pattern of industrial activism that has emerged as China's economy has slowed.

A worsening labor shortage has shifted the balance of power in labor relations, while smartphones and social media have helped workers organize and made them more aware than ever of the changing environment, experts say.

A key point of contention at Yue Yuen has been the perceived scamming of workers through inadequate contributions from the firm into a social insurance scheme each month, and the difficulty of cashing in or transferring this money later.

But Yue Yuen's spokesman said: “If we raise the social security payment on the company part, which we are committed to do, it will also be a larger deduction from the employees' monthly checks, so the net they can pay may be lower as a result.”

Li Qiang, a labor expert with China Labor Watch, a U.S.-based labor NGO, said the social insurance problem was longstanding and one which workers were no longer willing to tolerate, given improved legal and rights awareness.

“This is a costly lesson to multinationals to not ever ignore the rights of workers,” Li told Reuters.

In over 400 factory probes conducted by the group over the past decade, none was found to have bought full mandatory social insurance for workers as stipulated under Chinese law.

Scores of factory hands interviewed by Reuters said thousands, even tens of thousands, remained on strike, including those in other Yue Yuen factories in the region, including Huangjiang town, accounts that matched those of online and social media posts.

An independent labor organization run by labor rights activist Zhang Zhiru, who has been in close touch with Yue Yuen strike organizers, said more than 30,000 workers went on strike on Monday, and even more on Tuesday in as many as six plants.

Online posts by workers have also called on Nike to pressure management to reform the firm's labor union and allow workers to elect their own president.

Yue Yuen says on its website it is “the world's largest branded footwear manufacturer” and made over 300 million pairs of shoes last year, with its production evenly split

between China, Indonesia and Vietnam. It notched up net profit of \$434.8 million in 2013 off \$7.58 billion in revenue.

DANGER: CAPITALISTS AT WORK



Environmentalism Kicked Out Of Chevron-Sponsored Event: “After Organizers Learned Of A Paying Attendee’s Association With An Environmental Watchdog, He Was Forcibly Ejected”

April 18, 2014, By Katie Lentsch, Mint Press

On Wednesday, Paul Paz y Miño was standing at the back of the ballroom of the Marriott Convention Center during the Economic Development Summit for Energy and Sustainability in Oakland, Calif., when he was approached by a woman.

The woman asked Paz y Miño, the online and operations director for the environmental watchdog organization Amazon Watch, about a stack of papers he had.

When it was revealed that he was holding about 40 flyers regarding Chevron's controversial environmental actions and its Richmond, Calif., community news website, Richmond Standard, three security guards arrived to physically remove Paz y Miño from the summit.

Getting kicked out of the event may have surprised Paz y Miño if oil and energy giant Chevron had not been the event's presenting sponsor.

Since 2002, Amazon Watch has campaigned against Texaco, which merged with Chevron in 2001, against the drilling of oil in the Amazon region of Ecuador and the environmental damages it has caused to the natural ecosystems and indigenous people there.

"Chevron cannot respond on the facts of what they did in Ecuador," Paz y Miño told MintPress News. "And so their tactic, admittedly, is to vilify and attack anyone who is critical, and Amazon Watch is at the top of that list."

Launched in January, the Richmond Standard says it aims to "provide Richmond residents with important information about what's going on in the community, and to provide a voice for Chevron Richmond on civic issues."

However, the Standard has met with skepticism over its true intentions from Richmond residents and the media, who see the newspaper as little more than promotional material for the company.

The flyers Paz y Miño had at the summit featured the Standard's masthead above an article featuring the San Francisco Chronicle saying, "The idea of the nation's second-largest oil company funding a local news site harkens back to an era of journalism when business magnates often owned newspapers to promote their personal financial or political agendas."

Per the woman's request — a request, she later clarified to Paz y Miño, she made out of curiosity — Paz y Miño gave her a flyer. It was shortly after this interaction that he was approached by a security guard.

According to Paz y Miño, upon noticing his papers, the guard said, "Sir, if you have information, you need to talk to the conference organizers about setting up a table on the side to pass information out."

Paz y Miño said he explained to the guard he was not voluntarily passing out the papers.

"I'm well aware of the restrictions of presenting and giving information, and I knew they weren't going to want me to be doing that at the conference," Paz y Miño said.

Paz y Miño was planning to pass the information out to interested individuals and businesses after the conference.

“My plan was to be there, listen to what they have to say, interact with the people at the conference,” he said.

“Supposedly, these are businesses in Oakland that are concerned with green and sustainable energy. I thought they would be interested in the information, certainly about Chevron and the environmental issues that (Amazon Watch raises).”

Paz y Miño said the guard left, but then returned to tell Paz y Miño that the conference organizers wanted to speak to him.

After telling the organizers the name of the environmental group he was representing, they told him, “Amazon Watch is not welcome, you will have to leave.”

The activist refused to leave, as he had paid to attend the public conference, prompting security to “physically and forcefully” remove him.

The mayor’s office received no response when it called the summit’s host, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce (OMCC), seeking permission for Paz y Miño to return.

The following day, a statement and apology released by Dan Quigley, the interim president of the OMCC, said Paz y Miño was asked to leave out of concerns that he would have been disruptive.

A few days before the conference, Amazon Watch’s Twitter account featured tweets addressing Chevron’s role as a sponsor of the summit as well as issues related to its actions in Ecuador and its attacks on free speech.

According to Paz y Miño, the OMCC has no relationship with Amazon Watch and there is no reason to believe that they would have an opinion about the group’s participation in the event.

OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Palestinian Attacked By Gang Of Zionists

Palestinian's Son "Brutally Beaten"

Palestinian Defends Himself; Palestinian Arrested, As Usual

04/19/2014 Ma'an

NABLUS -- Israeli forces detained a Palestinian farmer in Nablus on Wednesday on suspicion of attempting to stab a settler after a group assaulted him and cut down his olive trees.

Palestinian security officials told Ma'an that settlers from Maale Levona assaulted Khalid Samih Daraghmah and his son while they were tending their trees south of Nablus near al-Lubban ash-Sharqiyah.

Jalal Daraghmah, 19, was brutally beaten during the attack.

The farmers filed a complaint at the Palestinian liaison department, who referred it to the Israeli office.

After reporting the assault, Israeli forces arrested Samih Daraghmah after claiming he had tried to stab one of the settlers.

In 2013, there were 399 incidents of settler violence against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Over 90 percent of investigations into settler violence by Israeli police fail to lead to an indictment.

More than 500,000 Israeli settlers live in settlements across the West Bank and East Jerusalem, in contravention of international law.

Palestinians Mourn Woman Killed By Zionist Gas Attack:

"Gas Grenade Fired Through Her Living Room Window As Soldiers Invaded The Camp"



Iman Katamish (right) mourns among family members at the flag-draped body of her mother Noha, Aida Refugee Camp, West Bank, April 15, 2014. Noha Katamish, who had asthma, died from the effects of a tear gas grenade fired into her home by Israeli forces the previous day. (photo: Activestills.org)



A supporter embraces Hasan Katamish (left) after the burial of his sister Noha in the cemetery in Aida Refugee Camp. (photo: Activestills.org)



Hasan Katamish holds the tear gas grenade near the window it passed through, causing the death of his sister Noha. (photo: Activestills.org)

April 15, 2014 Text and photos by: Ryan Rodrick Beiler/Activestills.org; +972 Magazine

The death of a 45-year-old woman in Aida Refugee Camp exposes the ongoing abuse of crowd control weapons that all too often become lethal in the hands of Israeli forces.

Family and neighbors buried Noha Katamish the day after she died from the effects of tear gas fired into her home by Israeli forces in Aida Refugee Camp Monday.

The 45-year-old mother of one daughter suffered from asthma, which likely compounded the choking effects of the gas grenade that was fired through her living room window as soldiers invaded the camp.

Ma'an News quoted an Israeli military spokesperson as saying that, "The death was not linked to the use of riot dispersal means by the army, including tear gas." It is unclear how the military could make such a definitive statement before any investigation was possible.

The military systematically misuses tear gas and other crowd control weapons according to a B'Tselem report, which states that Israeli forces, "often fire tear-gas grenades directly at demonstrators with the aim of hitting them, or fire carelessly, without ensuring that demonstrators are not in the direct line of fire, in direct contravention of regulations."

The night Katamish died, the military also employed rubber-coated steel bullets, stun grenades and the so-called "skunk truck" which uses a water cannon to spray foul-smelling liquid that leaves a weeks-long stench behind. Many attending the funeral kept their noses covered because of the lingering effects of the skunk water.

The Katamish home is near the top of a hill in the southwest corner of Aida Camp, usually far from the clashes that frequently erupt on the opposite side of the camp at the Israeli separation wall that snakes into Bethlehem in order to surround Rachel's Tomb.

In recent weeks, Israeli forces have been invading deeper into the camp, sometimes making arrests, other times fighting cat-and-mouse battles with camp youth who face rubber-coated steel bullets and even live ammunition with stones and slingshots.

Katamish's funeral procession brought her body across the camp to the cemetery that would include Rachel's Tomb if not for the wall. The clashes that often erupt in the adjacent streets are typically in response to events in other parts of Palestine—such as “Operation Pillar of Cloud” that killed 167 Gazans in 2012, or Palestinian deaths at the hands of Israeli forces elsewhere in the West Bank or confrontations with Israeli police at the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Youth typically throw rocks or the occasional Molotov cocktail—though few get close enough for their projectiles to clear the 9-meter (30-foot) wall.

On several occasions in Aida Camp and elsewhere, Israeli snipers have illegally opened fire with live ammunition at stone-throwers, sometimes as a first resort—before any other crowd-control means were employed.

Soldiers also frequently enter the camp for arrest raids, house searches or merely to assert their presence—often provoking further clashes.

Katamish is the first fatality from clashes in Aida Camp since January 2013, when Salih Amarin was shot in the head with live ammunition by an Israeli sniper atop the wall at Rachel's Tomb. Katamish was buried in a tomb next to Amarin.

A recent report by Arutz Sheva cited army sources as saying that since the wall isn't high enough to protect Rachel's Tomb, they were considering building a roof over the site. In the meantime, Israeli forces seem to be relying on the systematic abuse of potentially lethal crowd control weapons to pacify the camp, with an ongoing pattern of devastating results.

**Occupiers Destroy Palestinian
Agricultural Structures In Hebron,
As Usual:
“Bulldozers Also Destroyed Almond
And Grape Vine Fields”
“Israeli Troops Entered Private
Palestinian Fields”**

April 08, 2014 by Chris Carlson, International Middle East Media Center Editorial Group

Israeli bulldozers, early Tuesday, demolished agricultural structures and leveled fields in northwest Hebron, locals told Ma'an News Agency.

Witnesses said bulldozers, escorted by Israeli troops, entered private Palestinian fields in the Farsh al-Hawa neighborhood and tore down four buildings used for agricultural purposes.

The structures belonged to Bassam Dweik, Arif al-Jolani, and the al-Yazori family.

Bulldozers also destroyed almond and grape vine fields in the area, locals added.

Israel rarely grants Palestinians permits to build in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. It has demolished at least 27,000 Palestinian homes and structures since occupying the West Bank in 1967, according to the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions.

Israel destroyed more than 663 Palestinian properties in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in 2013, displacing 1,101 people, according to UNOCHA. Around 241 more people have been displaced just since the beginning of 2014.

The internationally recognized Palestinian territories, of which the West Bank and East Jerusalem form a part, have been occupied by the Israeli military since 1967.

Zionists Flood Palestinian Farm Land With Sewage: Also “Invaded The Al-Ehsan Medical Society In Bethlehem After Smashing Its Doors. They Confiscated Computers And Documents”

April 09, 2014 by Saed Bannoura, IMEMC & Agencies

A number of Israeli settlers from the Efrat settlement, south of the West Bank city of Bethlehem, flooded Palestinian farmlands in al-Khader town with sewage.

Coordinator of the Popular Committee against the Wall and Settlements in al-Khader, Ahmad Salah, stated that the settlers pumped sewage into eight dunams of Palestinian agricultural lands belonging to resident Mohammad Yacoub Da'doa', the Radio Bethlehem 2000 has reported.

The attacked lands are close to the Efrat settlement, built on illegally annexed Palestinian lands.

Salah added that this attack will prevent the family from plowing and planting their land, and will not be able to plant grape vines due to the significant degree of contamination. “Da’doa’ family was preparing for the grape season. They suffered very serious losses,” Salah added. “Those lands cannot be planted any more; this attack was not the first, as the settlers carried out numerous similar attacks against Palestinian lands and orchards in the area.”

Also on Tuesday, soldiers invaded the al-Karkafa area in Bethlehem, and kidnapped Khalil Mousa Zawahra after violently breaking into his home and searching it.

Soldiers also invaded the al-Ehsan Medical Society in Bethlehem after smashing its doors and searching it, causing excessive property damage. They also confiscated computers and documents.

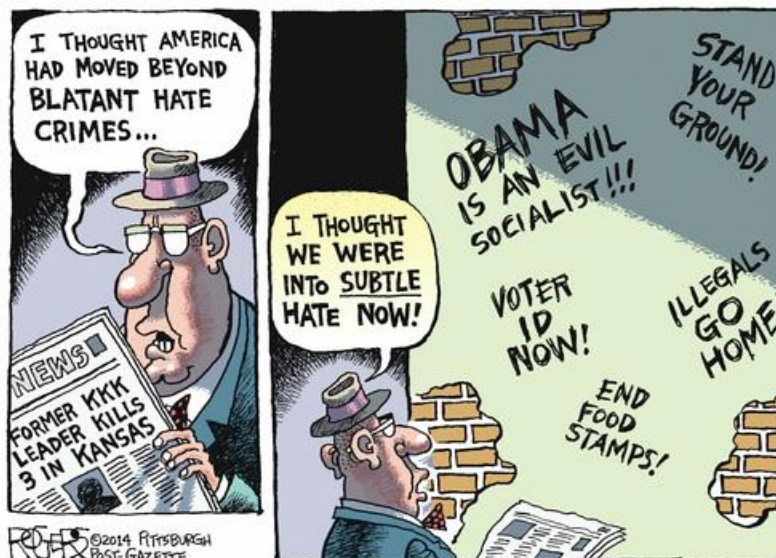
Fanatic settlers in different parts of the occupied Palestinian territories, including occupied Jerusalem are responsible for countless attacks against the Palestinians, their lands and property, in addition to numerous attacks against Islamic and Christian holy sites, and even graveyards.

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

<http://www.maannews.net/enq/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



Déjà Vu All Over Again: Insurgent Bombers Attack Government Buildings In Ramadi: “Dead Include Soldiers And Police”

APRIL 16, 2014 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

Officials in Iraq's conflict-torn Anbar Province say two bombers have blown up vehicles packed with explosives, killing at least five people.

The April 16 attacks targeted two checkpoints outside government facilities in the city of Ramadi.

Officials said the dead included soldiers and police.

Casualties have also been reported in shelling in the nearby city of Fallujah.

Security forces and allied tribes in Anbar have been trying to oust militants who seized Fallujah and parts of Ramadi around the new year, in a major challenge to the Iraqi government.



Military Resistance Looks Even Better Printed Out
Military Resistance/GI Special are archived at website
<http://www.militaryproject.org> .

The following have chosen to post issues; there may be others:
news@uruknet.info; <http://williambowles.info/military-resistance-archives/>.

Military Resistance distributes and posts to our website copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available in an effort to advance understanding of the invasion and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We believe this constitutes a "fair use" of any such copyrighted material as provided for in section 107 of the US Copyright Law since it is being distributed **without charge or profit** for educational purposes to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving the included information for educational purposes, in accordance with Title 17 U.S.C. Section 107. **Military Resistance has no affiliation whatsoever with the originator of these articles nor is Military Resistance endorsed or sponsored by the originators. This attributed work is provided a non-profit basis to facilitate understanding, research, education, and the advancement of human rights and social justice.** Go to: law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/107.shtml for more information. If you wish to use copyrighted material from this site for purposes of your own that go beyond 'fair use', you must obtain permission from the copyright owner.

If printed out, a copy of this newsletter is your personal property and cannot legally be confiscated from you. "Possession of unauthorized material may not be prohibited." DoD Directive 1325.6 Section 3.5.1.2.