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AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Two Foreign Occupation "Servicemembers" Killed Somewhere Or Other In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

April 28, 2014 AP

Two foreign servicemembers died as a result of enemy forces' attacks in eastern Afghanistan today.

POLITICIANS REFUSE TO HALT THE BLOODSHED
THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WAR

"500 Militants" Attack Government Collaborator Forces: Insurgents Kill Security Men In Laghman, Paktia

Apr 29, 2014 By Obaidullah Baidar, Pajhwok

MEHTARLAM: At least five Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and three Afghan Local Police (ALP) members have been killed in separate security incidents in southeastern Paktia and eastern Laghman provinces, officials said on Tuesday.

Three ALP members were killed and a fourth wounded last night when militants stormed a security post in the Basram area of Alingar district, the governor's spokesman, Sarhadi Zwak, told Paihwok Afghan News.

Militants also suffered casualties in the clash, he said, without giving any figures.

Elsewhere, five ANA soldiers were killed during another firefight in Paktia province. Ministry of Defense spokesman Gen. Zahir Azimi said the incident took place in Dand-i-Patan district.

He added around 500 militants were involved in the clash but ANA forces repulsed the attack. Five soldiers were killed and a fifth has been missing.

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

Government Troops Kill Civilians As They Leave Mosque

April 28, 2014 Sabahionline.com/

At least five civilians were killed Friday (April 25th) after unidentified gunmen wearing military uniforms opened fire on worshipers as they left a mosque in Muuri village in Lower Shabelle, Somalia's Garowe Online reported.

Four people died immediately at the scene and a fifth died at the hospital.

Somalia's RBC Radio reported that the gunmen were new government soldiers recently deployed into the area, but the perpetrators' motivations remain unclear.

MILITARY NEWS

Iraq Resistance Weekly Battle Report:

"This Last Week On April 23rd
Marked The First Anniversary Of The
Hweyjah Massacre Committed By
Criminal Nouri Almaliki"
"This Massacre Was The Catalyst That
Ignited The Iraqi Revolution"

April 25 2014 Iraq Committee Info USA

This last week on April 23rd marked the first anniversary of the Hweyjah massacre committed by criminal Nouri AlMaliki when he attacked and massacred over two hundred defenseless protesters that were either killed or wounded.

This massacre was the catalyst that ignited the Iraqi revolution.

On the same day a car explosion targets criminal government army checkpoint north of AlHalah, Babel province and results in 10 criminal soldiers killed including two senior commanders as well as 20 injured.

On April 21 the resistance reported that 80% of AlAnbar province is in the hands of the resistance.

In AlHomeyrah area of city of Ramadi 140 government criminal soldiers were killed in an ambush by the heroic resistance. Criminal government soldier bodies filled the streets of AlAnbar province and many flee the battlefield where fierce fighting has taken place.

On April 23rd, in Bou Assaf area 30 government soldiers were reported killed by the heroic Iraqi Resistance. Likewise, AlHoria airforce base in AlTameem province was hit with missiles launched by the heroes of the Iraqi Resistance.

On the humanitarian front, criminal government troops continue heavy bombing of residential areas in AlAnbar province especially cities of Fallujah and Ramadi. Fallujah hospitals have now reported a total of 1149 injured and 253 martyred. Moreover, in the past few weeks criminal government acts have included flooding the cities with water in order to force their surrender.

Three explosions take place in crowded public areas in Baghdad showing collapse of the traitor government in providing security for its citizens. Meanwhile, government criminals in the city continue arrest raids of civilians who are beaten and insulted using sectarian insults. Government thugs are raiding homes and shops and stealing money and gold. Moreover, masked government criminals in Risalah area of Abu Ghrieb set up a check point, stopped a civilian vehicle, and proceeded to execute three young men.

In Babel province, government criminal troops cut off drinking water from the cities, kidnap citizens, and ask families to pay ransom money to release their children otherwise they will kill them and throw their bodies in trash dumps.

Forty bodies that have been tied and executed are found in Jarf AlSakher in Basateen area. These citizens were arrested the night before by criminal government SWAT teams.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



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

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

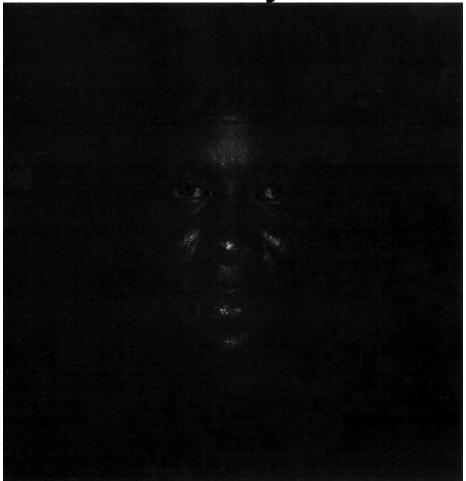
"We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake."

"The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose."

Frederick Douglass, 1852

The development of civilization and of industry in general has ever shown itself so active in the destruction of forests, that everything done by it for their preservation, compared to its destructive effect, appears infinitesimal.
-- Karl Marx; Capital: A Critique Of Political Economy; Volume II; The Process Of The Circulation Of Capital

Veterans In Solitary Confinement



Photograph by Mike Hastie: Taken of an American soldier in Vietnam.

From: Mike Hastie

To: Military Resistance Newsletter

Sent: April 28, 2014

Subject: Veterans In Solitary Confinement

Veterans In Solitary Confinement

The truth is always in the details. And year after year that truth is kept in solitary confinement. I have a close friend who is an R.N. who has worked in Intensive Care for almost thirty years. She knows I am a Vietnam veteran, and one day she told me a story about a World War II veteran who was very ill under her care. He was under sedation for his pain after a life threatening surgery. This was a situation she had seen many times over the course of her nursing career. Veterans, especially World War II and Vietnam veterans who were not only fighting for their lives physically, but they were reliving their war experiences while they were in the hospital. Many of her patients did not survive, and she often wondered how much of their pain and suffering had to do with their inability to reveal the truth of their war experiences. She often felt like her veteran patients were trying desperately to release something that had consumed them their entire lives.

My father was a World War II combat veteran.
He struggled his entire life with the demons that consumed him on a daily basis.
He became an alcoholic and a prescription drug addict for most of his adult life.
Insomnia and anger were his constant companions.
Living with him under the same roof was often a nightmare for most of my childhood.
My father had seen death and taken the lives of German soldiers during the 16 months he spent in North Africa as a newly commissioned 2nd Lt.

It was not until I returned from Vietnam, especially years later, that I began to understand the problems my father faced.

My father lived in another world, one that he seldom talked about, except in rare moments when he revealed things to me while he was feeling melancholy under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Some of the things I heard were awful, and the word "awful" is probably one of the best words I could use.
When I came back from Vietnam as an Army medic,
I had an awful truth to face.

Where me and my father took separate paths in our struggles, was that my father did not have disdain for the U.S. Government who sent him to war. The truth I faced eventually put me in two psychiatric hospitals with severe depression and suicidal behavior. The most painful experience I had in Vietnam was the unfathomable lie of the entire war in Vietnam. This truth dismantled my entire belief system.

One of the most honest insights I seldom talk about, is my heartfelt belief that I served on the wrong side. That revelation catapulted me into a world of hatred toward my government.

When I think about all of the profound suffering and sacrifice millions of Vietnamese had to endure to rid the French and the Americans from Their country, it is everything that I wish America stood for. It is a story the likes of which the American people have no conception of.

The United States Government, the most powerful military force the world had ever seen, was defeated in Vietnam with a stick.

A metaphorical stick that represented an underground network of massive resistance to save the Vietnamese people from a world empire.

When I went back to Vietnam in 1994, this truth was never so obvious.

When I went through the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi, I was convinced of something I truly belived in long before I ever made this trip back to Vietnam. The United States had never produced a citizen that had the world stature of a Ho Chi Minh. Never.

And that is an awareness that will follow me the rest of my life.

This truth has made me a global citizen.
This truth has made me continually aware that
the greatest threat to world peace is the
United States Government.

All one has to do is Google:

History of U.S. Military Interventions Around the World. And you will be choked with enough information that looks like the brutal British Empire.

Before I left Vietnam as an American soldier, I was confined to departure barracks for three days with 200 other soldiers while in Cam Ranh Bay, pending the results of a urinalysis to detect if any of us had traces of heroin in our bloodstream. If anyone was found guilty, they had to stay in Vietnam a couple of more weeks and be withdrawn from a highly addictive drug that had become so pervasive throughout South Vietnam. Heroin had become so easily accessible to soldiers in my unit, and on most military compounds and fire bases throughout the U.S. Occupation. It was something the CIA was very aware of, and they knew the Puppet South Vietnamese Government was indeed responsible for much for its production and distribution throughout the country.

A laboratory built at CIA headquarters in Northern Laos was also used to refine heroin.

I worked with a Vietnam veteran twenty years ago, who was on an Air America flight that carried heroin as part of its cargo. He saw the sacks of heroin in the cargo department.

The pilot offered him a lift to his base after he had returned from Australia on R and R. Air America was known for its distribution of heroin during the war.

This was really the tip of the iceberg, as far as how heroin was distributed and sold to U.S. soldiers. I saw many American soldiers destroy their lives with high grade heroin.

It is a history that has been buried in America, most often in the caskets of those who became addicted.

There are so many other areas of the war in Vietnam that would emotionally horrify most people who wanted to know the truth in all of its details.

The My Lai Massacre was not an aberration of the Vietnam War, it was a metaphor of the Vietnam War.

The entire war is now being camouflaged so new generations will not feel the national shame. Just like the genocide of the American Indians. The U.S. Government is on a 13 year campaign to rewrite the history of that awful war. There's that word "Awful" again. Other words could be used like:

Other words could be used Immoral

Immoral Barbaric Inhumanity Murder Atrocity
Evil
All these words fit the MO of the most violent country in the world...
The United States of Wall Street.
Who shot its own troops in the back for war profiteering.
Just like Oil War I, and Oil War II.
Betrayal beyond belief.

Mike Hastie Army Medic Vietnam April 27, 2014

When I marched off to war in 1917, I remember a Civil War veteran, over seventy years old, telling me, "Son, you are all heroes now. But someday they'll treat you like dogs." Benjamin B. Shepard World War I Veteran

Photo and caption from the portfolio of Mike Hastie, US Army Medic, Vietnam 1970-71. (For more of his outstanding work, contact at: (hastiemike@earthlink.net) T)

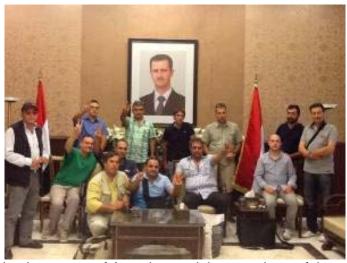
One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.

Mike Hastie U.S. Army Medic Vietnam 1970-71 December 13, 2004

The New Wave Of European Far-Right And The Reasons Behind Its Support For The Syrian Regime:

"News Of The Visits Of Fascist
And Far-Right Groups To Syria, To
Show Solidarity With The Regime,
Have Recently Started To Emerge"
"By The Start Of The Uprising In
Syria In March 2011, The Far-Right
Began To Support The Syrian Regime
In Various Ways"

"Far-Right Demonstrations Supporting The Regime Were Organised In Many European Cities, From Rome To Warsaw And Geneva"



European delegation in support of Assad, containing members of the extreme right, Zenit, Casa Pound, Stato e Potenza, Fascisti del III Milennio, Partito dei Comunisti Italiani. When Black and Red go to Bed together.

04/23/2014 BY HISAM ASHKAR, translated by Laila Attar and Ubiydah Mobarak, Wewritewhatwelike.com/

News of the visits of fascist and far-right groups to Syria, to show solidarity with the regime, have recently started to emerge, especially with the beginning of the revolutionary process in the Arab region.

It seems that the Syrian issue ranks highly on the agenda of the European far-right.

By the start of the uprising in Syria in March 2011, the far-right began to support the Syrian regime in various ways.

Frederic Chatillon was the first to support Assad. Since the early days of the revolution, Chatillon accused all those who took part in the demonstrations of the opposition of being partners to the Zionist lobby, which wants to destabilize Syria.



The extreme right Italian movement Casa Pound mixes Right, Left and Nationalism all in this poster, Fatherland, Socialism or Death. Honour to Hugo Chavez

Chatillon went even further to organise a demonstration in Paris to support Assad in October of the same year. Chatillon's company "Riwal" still perseveres to support the news website (InfoSyrie) which is campaigning for the Assad regime.

With time, far-right demonstrations supporting the regime were organised in many European cities, from Rome to Warsaw and Geneva.

At the same time, several visits to show support were organized, notably the "fact-finding mission" in June 2013.

Several European far-right personalities took part in this visit like Nick Griffin "MP in the House of Commons", Philip Dewinter "deputy in the Flemish parliament in Belgium".

"There Were Also Many Meetings Held By The Far-Right Which Aimed To Discuss The Syrian Situation And How To Support Assad's Regime"

This extent of the support reached the level of going to Syria to fight along side Assad forces in some cases, as the New-Nazi Greek organization "black tulip" (Mavros Krinos) declared.

There were also many meetings held by the far-right which aimed to discuss the Syrian situation and how to support Assad's regime.

The most notable was the Boreal Festival which was held in Kanto in Italy on the 12th of September 2013 in the presence of a large number of European fascists.

Paradoxically, the Mayor of Kanto, who was hosting that event, began his speech with words by Rosa Luxemburg!

In her thorough article, "Who are Assad's fascist supporters?" Leila Shrooms attributes this support to:

"Anti-imperialist/anti-globalism sentiment with a strong focus on national states (they believe the Assad regime protects the Syrian state against US imperialism), Islamophobia (they believe the Assad regime fights Islamic extremists), antisemitism (they believe Assad's regime acts as resistance to Israel)."

As for Serge Ayoub, leader of the far-right organization Third way, Troisieme Voie, banned since the summer of 2013, he organized on the 2nd of February 2013 a march in support of the Syrian Assad regime. The reason for his support becomes clear in his answer to the following question, "why are Syrian supporters of the Assad regime participating in this demonstration?"

Ayoub replies, "Why are the Syrians with us? Of course, it is our duty to support their cause! Syria is a nation, a homeland, a socialist country with national supremacy. They are fighting for secularism, and they are subject to an attack by imperialist America, globalization and its salafist servants and Qatari and Saudi mercenaries. The purpose is to destroy the state."

We find in Ayoub's narrative all the reasons presented by Leila Shrooms, except for Israeli resistance.

The far-right does not hide its aversion to Israel, as we have seen in Chatillon.

"The Fall Of Communism Did Not Just Cause A Crisis In The Left, Rather It Went Beyond It To Reach The Far-Right, Who Lost Over Night Its Main Enemy"

Paradoxically, Ayoub's supporters who describe themselves as French revolutionary nationalists, and who gained the support of many French and European Fascist organizations, brandished the photographs of five personalities in the demonstration: Bashar Al Assad's, next to it that of the Russian president Putin, the Belarusian president Lukashenko, the Venezuelan Ex-president Chavez and the national Serb Draga Mihailovič.

Many flags were also lifted, among them the Syrian, French, Russian, Venezuelan and Cuban flags.

The grounds for this support presented by all the far-right organizations on the one hand and the organizations who criticize them on the other, stir many questions such as, "Why didn't this right ally itself with Syria against Israel before the decade of the nineties?



"Why did this right stand against the Syrian revolution since its beginnings before the rise of the armed extremist Islamic movements? what is the truth of this anti-imperialist anti-globalization stance of the right?"

In this context, the fall of communism did not just cause a crisis in the left, rather it went beyond it to reach the far-right, who lost over night its main enemy and one of the basis of its politics.

The reconsideration done by some of the members of the right led to adopting ideas of ideological groups such as GRECE, which started since the sixties developing the theory of cultural difference, which opposes racial mixing because it represents a danger for the identity of nations.

"Hence The United States Became The Enemy - The New Symbol"

Hence the United States became the enemy – the new symbol, for various reasons:

- 1- Cultural and political American dominance represents a threat to national identities.
- 2- The American model reflects a presence and mix between various races and cultures, regardless of the racism and inequality that are rooted in this model.

Redefining the enemy has forced these right wing forces to reconsider many of their political and economic stances to fit with their new ideological position.

Hence this Right raised the bar of its animosity towards the USA and the new political order, such as economic neo-liberalism and globalization, and establishing relations with those they consider as enemies of this political order.

For example, Jean Marie le Pen is the ally of the Lebanese far-right Phalange party since the mid-seventies, and on his visit to Beirut in 2002, he tried to no avail to meet with Ayatullah Fadlallah, who has close relations with Hezbollah. This redefinition of the enemy is what explains the rapprochement between Hizbollah and the Syrian regime, which started in a shy way in the nineties to become more solid and entrenched in the last ten years.

"This Right Does Not Stop At Adopting Leftist Slogans And Headings, It Also Partially Takes From Its Ideology To Add It To Its Heritage"

The transformation undergone by the Right because of the redefinition of the enemy on one hand and reprioritization on the other, has led to adopting and overtaking some of the leftist ideas in order to empower this new intellectual orientation.

For example, we see that the campaign of Marine le Pen in the French presidential elections of 2012 was based on social and economic issues, to the extent that it almost failed to mention some of the favourite topics of the far-right such as banning migrants.

The far-right's adoption of some of the leftist and Marxist rhetoric is not new; this was clear since the birth of fascism as Mussolini used to address the proletariat and fascists alike with his radical, nationalistic, anti-capitalist speeches.

Of course, this was to a great extent a selective and manipulative manoeuvre, because the enemy was foreign capitalism and not the national one, and some of the aims of these speeches were the conciliation between the work force and the nationalistic business owners.

In this context, the reliance of the new right on leftist ideas is nothing but that populist national communism, in other words, a return to the classical Fascist speech like in the twenties, and in one of the most important European capitalist crisis at the time.

This return is apparent in the National Front's adoption of the slogan "No Right and no Left" in a clear reiteration of the saying of the founder of the fascist Spanish Phalange Party (Falange Española de las JONS), Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera), that his movement was neither of the right nor the left.

However the current rhetoric and orientation of this Right differs from its 80 year old predecessor in many details.

This right does not stop at adopting leftist slogans and headings, it also partially takes from its ideology to add it to its heritage. We see Marine le Pen in her book "For France to live" (Pour que vive la France), relying on sayings by many thinkers, politicians, writers and others from the Left, from George Aurel, to Bertlot Brecht and even Karl Marx himself, praising the beginnings of this Left that she considers to have later on betrayed its principles, insisting that it is now the National Front that carries these objectives.

Some far-right thinkers such as Alain Soral have even gone a step further, rather than repudiating the left and the right, they try to bring them together.

Soral, the ex member of the French communist party and then the National Front looks at the union of the ethical right with the economic social left against the unethical left that compliments the economic right. In form, on his online political group Egalite et Reconciliation.

Soral puts together the photos of Che Guevara, Gaddafi, Mahmood Ahmadi Najad, Vladimir Putin and the far-right French icon Jeanne d'Arc.

Alain Soral attacks the global political system represented by the USA and Israel and talks about social justice, and the exploitation of the social classes. He denounces imperialism and demands a real left.

Soral might seem like an entertainer mixing economy theology and the conspiracy theory, but his page attracts many visitors and followers, especially youth.

The ideas people like Soral promote are translated in the streets, such as members from the Third Way brandishing pictures of personalities and flags as mentioned above.

That could sometimes be understood as a communication and coalition between the right and some extreme nationalist left movements, such as the Polish fascist organization (Falanga) which is establishing connections with the Mauis and nationalist Bolsheviks.

This ideological change, even if directed solely at the national internal interest of these parties, carries in its folds the support of this right for the Syrian regime.

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Theorists such as Soral, consider Bashar Al-Assad to be one of the characters standing in the face of the global system.

Moreover, the Syrian regime is the example, even if not ideal, for their slogan, "left wing in terms of work, Right wing in terms of values".

Emphasising that this system is not applicable in Europe rather suitable for "the political idiosyncrasies of the Middle East, where it is important to have a strong leader to control the ethnic sectarian cohesion with a firm hand, and that is usually acceptable by all clans... As was the case in the past (in Europe)"

In addition to the excuse of the "pressing foreign danger", the far-right parties also need and internal enemy that can be a factor in the demise of the mass, and that prevents the achievement of a more comprehensive and stronger society.

Among the internal enemies of this Right is the "foreigner", and in Europe the two main "foreigners" in the eyes of the far-right are the Jews and recently the Muslims.

However the anti-Semitism of this Right does not always translate into animosity towards Israel.

In the era of the cold war, most of the far-right considered Israel as the fortress of the west in the face of the Soviet Union.

However this rapprochement was always hindered by the position of the far-right with regards to the holocaust.

With the end of the cold war, and the redefining of the enemy, Israel moved from the impervious fortress in the face of the communist danger to the strongest ally of the new American enemy. This development was accompanied by a change in the perception of some of this right and their rapprochement to some of the European groups, in a step some researchers attribute to the appearance of a new danger for this Right in Europe, namely the Muslims.

This comparison remains somehow simplistic, for Islamophobia can represent an incentive for this rapprochement, however it does not explain the radical change in the perception of the far-right towards the foreigner.

A few decade ago, we find that some of the prominent faces of the far-right were either Jewish or of Jewish origins, one of the most eminent examples is the vice-president of the National Front and life partner of Marine Le Pen, Louis Aliot, who has Jewish Algerian roots.

Moreover, in the French parliamentary elections of 2012, the national front nominated the Jewish Michel Toris for one of the seats in Paris.

"The National Front Was A Constant Supporter Of The Zionist Movement And A Constant Defender Of Israel's Right To Exist"

Also, Far-right Jewish organizations such as the Jewish Defence League, were always close to the far-right, first to the (Bloc identitaire) then to the National Front.

If we go back in time to the early nineteen twenties, we find that Mussolini's fascist party included many Jews. Hence we see that the far-right antagonizes the "foreigner" who tries to hold on to his idiosyncrasies and characteristics, while accepting the "foreigner" who adopts the values and principles of this Right – or in other words, who fuses nationally, according to the fascist expressions – then this foreigner becomes a part of that right, in that case he can assume leading positions such as Serge Ayoub who is from Lebanese origins.

Therefore it will be no surprise to find Muslims among the electoral list of some of the far-right parties in Europe, and that's in the near future.

This is with regards of the internal foreigner so what about the external one?

From the unstable relationship between the Far-right and the Jews and Israel, and despite the recent antagonism with Israel, some of this right such as the National Front is trying to restore what was severed for internal electoral reasons.

In this context, Marine Le Pen has declared to the Israeli newspaper Haaretz in 2011 that "The National Front was a constant supporter of the Zionist movement and a constant defender of Israel's right to exist."

However, we would be mistaken to think of this speech just as an electoral campaign, it has to be considered carefully and seriously.

"One Can Also See Clearly The Pivotal Role Of The Far-Right Parties That Are Assad's Regime's Allies"

Defending Israel's right to exist does not necessarily mean supporting it, the support is for the Zionist movement, i.e. for another far-right nationalist ideology, that decided to create an entity outside the European Nationalistic movements.

The far-right parties while denying foreigners the right to be within its national and geographical borders, do not deny it the right to exist within its own geographical borders, as long as it does not clash with its own sphere.

This explains the cooperation and communication between the far-right parties internationally.

This clarifies the original seeming paradox.

There is no contradiction in the support of the Far-right for the Syrian regime, and their animosity towards the Syrian refugees in their countries even if they were pro-regime.

Moreover, animosity towards Islam becomes a secondary reason to back Assad.

We mustn't forget that this Right supports, even boasts about fighting side to side with an Islamic party, Hizbollah, as declared by the organization "Black Tulip".

One can also see clearly the pivotal role of the far-right parties that are Assad's regime's allies, in forming and strengthening this relationship and what that entails.

This explains the regular visits of this European right to Beirut to meet parties such as the Syrian National Social party.

The role of this party in particular and its network with the European Far-right deserves deeper consideration, to achieve a more comprehensive understanding of the topic.

This article has attempted to look at the Far-right in general, while in reality this right has various ideologies.

This difference takes many forms according to the type and volume of these groups, from the bigger more pragmatic parties to the intellectual circles and the more radical paramilitary groups.

Nonetheless, the general principles are the same, even if the difference in form seems radical, this remains particular and not essential.

As we have seen in this article, any reading or analysis of the Right's position has to take into consideration that the ideology that this right portrays is moving and constantly changing.

One of the important tools for analysis and rapprochement is the basis that Paxton deduced such as to feel the crushing burden of a crisis that cannot be solved in a traditional way, priority of the group over the individual, considering the mass as victim and fearing for its demise. There is a need for a closer-knitted purer society, etc...

As for why does the far-right support the Syrian regime?

The main reason is that the ideological crossing between the right and what it represents and what the Syrian regime represents has happened at this historical moment.

For this Right, this represents one of the aspects of its advertising campaign with the enemy – the new symbol.

Although this Right knows that it is not possible to exploit this support internally, because of the bad reputation and violence of the Syrian regime, the development of events in Syria allows it to exploit European public opinion through sympathizing with the situation of the Christians in the east for example, or through the topic of European Jihadists in Syria. This matter requires further investigation to reveal the extent and ramification of these relations.

Most importantly, one of the main incentives behind these reasons is the inherent opportunism of the Far-right's ideology that will not hesitate in taking whatever stance or doing whatever it takes to get even a little closer to power.

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After 100 Years Of Colonial Occupation, A Nation Wins Its' Fight For Independence



Last helicopter out of Saigon 4/30/75



U.S. Soldiers Pin: Vietnam Days

Carl Bunin Peace History April 26 - May 2

The U.S. presence ended in Vietnam as U.S. Marines and Air Force helicopters, flying from carriers off-shore, begin a massive airlift, Operation Frequent Wind.

In all, 682 flights went out-- 360 at night. 5,000 people were evacuated by helicopter from the military compound near Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport; about 2500 from the U.S. Embassy (1000 Americans total, the rest Vietnamese).

That morning, two U.S. Marines, Darwin Judge and Charles McMahon Jr., Marine security guards, were killed in a rocket attack at the airport.

They were the last Americans to die in the Vietnam War. At dawn, the last Marines of the force guarding the U.S. embassy lifted off.

The war in Vietnam ended as the government in Saigon announced its unconditional surrender to the North Vietnamese. Vietnam was reunited after 21 years of U.S. domination and 100 years of French colonial rule.

May 1, 1886: Noble Anniversary: American Workers Create May Day



It's time to give class warfare a chance.

Carl Bunin Peace History April 30-May 6

May Day was called Emancipation Day in 1886 when 340,000 went on strike (though it was Saturday it was a regular workday) in Chicago for the 8-hour day.

May 1, 1890: May Day labor demonstrations spread to thirteen other countries; 30,000 marched in Chicago as the newly prominent American Federation of Labor threw its weight behind the 8-hour day campaign.

International Workers' Day (a name used interchangeably with May Day) is a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement. May Day commonly sees organized street demonstrations and street marches by millions of working people and their labour unions throughout most of the countries of the world

May Day has become an international celebration of the social and economic achievements of the labour movement.

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CLASS WAR REPORTS



Wall painting at a street in Manila, Philippines, April 30, 2014. Thousands of Filipinos are expected to protest in demand for better labor programs for low-income workers to mark International Labor Day on May 1. Labour Day, also known as International Workers' Day or May Day, is marked worldwide on May 1. (EPA/RITCHIE B. TONGO)

Bosnia's Protest Movement Isn't Dying:

"Citizens Sent A Message That Broke Down All The Political Manipulation Of The Ethnic Tension Among Them" "The Ideal Continuation Of This Process - Still Ongoing In Bosnia In

Some Form - Is That Citizens Take Over And Start Dictating The Course" "For Bosnia Today, Ruled By Corruption, Incompetence And Lack Of Accountability, Pushed Into National Divisions And Poverty, With People Striped Of Their Dignity And Voices, This Is Important"

29 Apr 14 by Nidzara Ahmetasevic, BIRN

The plenums may be quieter than they were – but a deep-seated change to this country's culture is underway.

Almost four months since the protests and plenums started in Bosnia, opening the doors to many changes in a country that has been stagnating for a decade at least, they are far quieter that they were. To some, it may look as if they are fading.

Some people question if anything was achieved during this short period of time, and they are right to ask. However, I believe it is too early to answer, since the entire movement, with over 21 plenums in just one part of the country, and the idea behind them, is still very much alive and taking root.

One huge, important change achieved in the process - which did not start this February but years ago, slowly and quietly, with different civic initiatives becoming stronger every next time - is that people now feel they can have power over their lives, and have a voice.

They have also sent a message to those in power that their voice has to be heard. And they did hear.

With that voice, citizens sent a message that broke down all the political manipulation of the ethnic tension among them.

They should have been louder, and stronger in their actions.

But it does not mean they will not be so in future.

The second big change is that after this wave of public dissatisfaction erupted, people all over the country began connecting and sharing concerns, agreements and disagreements.

People from the diaspora became involved, too, which is the first time that has happened since the war. This co-operation is very vital and could bring about even bigger changes.

A very important achievement also is that, out of nowhere, new people have appeared.

Well-educated, outspoken, thoughtful, smart and brave, they do not belong to any existing political or interest groups, and are not afraid to say what they think and confront others with strong arguments.

For decades we have been - over and over again - brainwashed by the people who are part of, or connected in some way to, the ruling oligarchs.

They have been dictating our politics, our culture and our academic life. We began to believe that all the good, smart people had left the country.

Now, we know they are many in number, and are still here. These new people, some of them possible future leaders, have articulated ideas out of the concerns heard at the protests on the streets and have helped send them out through the plenums.

This all may sound too little.

But, for a country like Bosnia today, ruled by corruption, incompetence and lack of accountability, pushed into national divisions and poverty, with people striped of their dignity and voices, this is important.

One can notice this change in attitude almost daily.

One example is Sarajevo, where the politicians and their media are busy persuading the public that plenums are fading away.

At the same time, a large group of people, according to some sources around 2,500, gathered in part of the city to protest over the cantonal prosecution decision to release from custody a man who fatally ran down a young woman in his car.

Many different people attended this plenum - conservative Muslims, bike club members, pensioners, young people, couples with their kids.

All were protesting and articulating their concerns, through five demands with a deadline for their fulfillment, to the local authorities.

The change goes even deeper in society. Citizens in one neighbourhood gathered to protest against the decision of the municipal authorities to destroy a local park and build a gas station.

Parents at one local school, dissatisfied with the directors imposed by the local authorities, decided to demand internal school elections instead.

The candidates, all teachers, had to show the parents their programs, showing how they would change the situation.

There are different attempts to hush these voices.

They come from local politicians but also from the international community, preoccupied with keeping Bosnia stable at any price, even if that means silencing the voices of citizens.

And this might happen if it all turns into a discussion about constitutional change, which is necessary, but the process happening now will lead to it.

There is no need to push it. Citizens of this country are clearly sending messages to all those who want to listen that they have other priorities.

One anthropologist, speaking to the media in Bosnia said - to paraphrase - that the ideal future for the plenums could be if they started operating at all the levels of the society, acting as correctors of power.

This will permit change to come from the bottom and go up.

Democratization is a long process. In many countries in the world it is led by outside forces, which is what has been happening in the Balkans for over 20 years.

Either that or it is hijacked by the ruling elites and twisted into something far from democracy. Many are critical of the achievements of these outside-led processes, pointing to the number of mistakes.

The ideal continuation of this process - still ongoing in Bosnia in some form - is that citizens take over and start dictating the course, learning from both the mistakes and good examples of the past.

The process, like every other, needs time and patience. And it needs to attract more supporters, to direct different concerns and to articulate new demands.

But everything needs time. All positive and constructive observations are welcome.

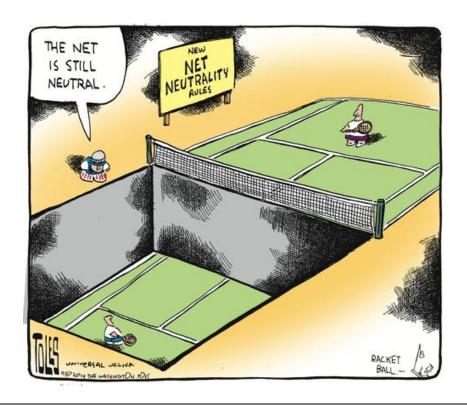
In the meantime, we can try to look at it from the other side, and say that this process is not failing. On the contrary, it is slowly rising.

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Zionist Forces Destroy West Bank Mosque As Peace Talks Deadline Passes:

"Then They Tore It Down. They Want This Area So They Can Build Settlements In It"

"Palestinians Saw A Link Between The Demolitions And The Passing, Without A Peace Deal, Of The April 29 Deadline"



A Palestinian man holds damaged loudspeakers belonging to a mosque after it was demolished by Israeli bulldozers in Khirbet Al-Taweel village near the West Bank City of Nablus April 29, 2014.



Palestinians walk past a structure after it was demolished by Israeli bulldozers in Khirbet Al-Taweel village near the West Bank City of Nablus April 29, 2014.

Credit: REUTERS/Mohamad Torokman

Apr 29, 2014 By Ali Sawafta, Reuters

Israeli forces demolished several structures, including a mosque, in a Palestinian village on Tuesday, the day a deadline for a deal in now-frozen peace talks expired.

A Reuters correspondent saw several hundred soldiers deployed in Khirbet al-Taweel, in the occupied West Bank, around daybreak. They guarded six bulldozers that reduced to rubble buildings that were constructed without Israeli permits. Palestinians say such documents are nearly impossible to obtain.

Palestinians saw a link between the demolitions and the passing, without a peace deal, of the April 29 deadline set when the talks began in July. Israel has also drawn Palestinian anger by continuing to expand settlements on land they seek for a state.

Villagers said the stone mosque was built in 2008, and that soldiers removed prayer rugs and holy scriptures before tearing it down.

Other razed buildings included three one-storey family houses, animal shelters and a communal well. Locals said around 30 people were made homeless.

"I went to make my dawn prayers at the mosque and found the army surrounding it," said resident Abdel Fattah Maarouf, 63. "Then they tore it down. They want this area so they can build settlements in it."

Prisoners Begin Hunger Strike: The Occupation Dictatorship Can Lock Up Palestinians Forever With No Charges And No Trials; "183 Palestinians Being Held Without Charge Or Trial Under Administrative Detention, Including 9 Palestinian Legislative Council Members"

24 April 2014 Addameer vai Uruknet

Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association can confirm the launch of a mass open-ended hunger strike involving over 100 Palestinian political detainees.

All those involved are being held under administrative detention, which is a procedure whereby detainees are held without charge or trial.

Today's hunger strike can be traced back to May 2012 when an agreement was reached between the Israeli Prison Service and representatives of the prisoners, which brought an end to a mass hunger strike involving approximately 2,000 political prisoners.

As part of this agreement Israel agreed to limit its use of administrative detention to only exceptional circumstances. However, since then Israel has reneged on the agreement and has continued to use administrative detention on a systematic basis leaving the detainees with little choice but to launch a fresh strike.

The strike is currently taking place in Ofer, Megiddo and the Naqab Prisons and there are plans to escalate the strike should the striking detainee's demands not be met. The general demand of the hunger strikers is an end to the use of administrative detention. The hunger strikers are also specifically demanding that extensions to administrative detention orders are limited to one extension only.

As of 1 March 2014 there were 183 Palestinians being held without charge or trial under administrative detention, including 9 Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) members.

This number has been steadily increasing over the last year. In 2014 alone, Israel has used administrative detention against 142 detainees, including renewing existing orders and issuing new orders.

Addameer lawyer Samer Sama'an today visited a number of administrative detainees, including PLC member Yasser Mansour, at the Naqab Prison.

It was confirmed that 55 administrative detainees being held in the Naqab Prison have launched a hunger-strike. All striking detainees were immediately isolated by the Israeli Prison Service from the rest of the prison population and are currently being held in tents.



Zionists "Attacked With Stones Four Palestinian Children And The Mother Of Three Of Them"



24th April 2014 Operation Dove, via Uruknet

At-Tuwani, Occupied Palestine

On Thursday April 24 at around 12 pm, two Israeli settlers coming with a quad-bike from the illegal outpost of Havat Ma'on attacked with stones four Palestinian children and the mother of three of them, as they were returning from school to their homes in the villages of Tuba and Maghayir Al Abeed.

A seven year old girl child was hit by a stone and fell while attempting to run away, badly injuring her head.

Her father, who witnessed the attack as he was harvesting his land situated on top of the Old Havat Ma'on hill, immediately brought her to the nearby village of At Tuwani, where an ambulance came to rescue her and bring her to the hospital.

The girl required five stitches and is now resting at home with her family.

The five Palestinians were coming from the village of At Tuwani, where the children attend school, through the only path they can use without the military escort that everyday accompanies the children from Tuba and Maghayir Al Abeed on their way to and from school since 2004.

On this path Palestinians cross the hill where the outpost of Havat Ma'on was situated before it was dismantled in 2000 and moved to Hill 833. Through this hill passes a paved road used by Israeli settlers as a hiking trail. The five Palestinians were attacked by two Israeli settlers who were riding with their quad-bike on this trail.

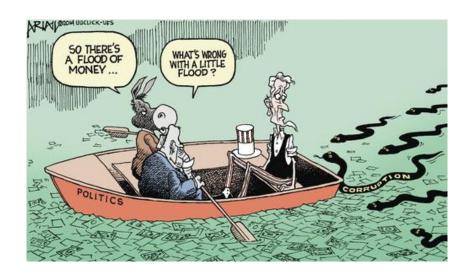
Operation Dove has maintained an international presence in At Tuwani and the South Hebron Hills since 2004.

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."

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