

## **Military Resistance 12D9**

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**May 1857 By Frederick Douglass, Speech on the Dred Scott Decision [Excerpt]**

**[Dred Scott v. Sandford was a decision by the United States Supreme Court, 1857, written by Chief Justice Taney, ruling that people of African descent imported into the United States and held as slaves (or their descendants, whether or not they were slaves) were not protected by the Constitution, and that "The negro has no rights which the white man is bound to respect."]**

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While four millions of our fellow countrymen are in chains--while men, women, and children are bought and sold on the auction-block with horses, sheep, and swine--while the remorseless slave--whip draws the warm blood of our common humanity--it is meet that we assemble as we have done to-day, and lift up our hearts and voices in earnest denunciation of the vile and shocking abomination.

It is not for us to be governed by our hopes or our fears in this great work; yet it is natural on occasions like this, to survey the position of the great struggle which is going on between slavery and freedom, and to dwell upon such signs of encouragement as may have been lately developed, and the state of feeling these signs or events have occasioned in us and among the people generally.

It is a fitting time to take an observation to ascertain where we are, and what our prospects are.

To many, the prospects of the struggle against slavery seem far from cheering.

Eminent men, North and South, in Church and State, tell us that the omens are all against us.

Emancipation, they tell us, is a wild, delusive idea; the price of human flesh was never higher than now; slavery was never more closely entwined about the hearts and affections of the southern people than now; that whatever of conscientious scruple, religious conviction, or public policy, which opposed the system of slavery forty or fifty years ago, has subsided; and that slavery never reposed upon a firmer basis than now.

Completing this picture of the happy and prosperous condition of this system of wickedness, they tell us that this state of things is to be set to our account. Abolition agitation has done it all.

How deep is the misfortune of my poor, bleeding people, if this be so! How lost their condition, if even the efforts of their friends but sink them deeper in ruin!

Without assenting to this strong representation of the increasing strength and stability of slavery, without denouncing what of untruth pervades it, I own myself not insensible to the many difficulties and discouragement that beset us on every hand. They fling their broad and gloomy shadows across the pathway of every thoughtful colored man in this country.

For one, I see them clearly, and feel them sadly. With an earnest, aching heart, I have long looked for the realization of the hope of my people. Standing, as it were, barefoot, and treading upon the sharp and flinty rocks of the present, and looking out upon the boundless sea of the future, I have sought, in my humble way, to penetrate the intervening mists and clouds, and, perchance, to descry, in the dim and shadowy distance, the white flag of freedom, the precise speck of time at which the cruel bondage of my people should end, and the long entombed millions rise from the foul grave of slavery and death.

But of that time I can know nothing, and you can know nothing. All is uncertain at that point.

One thing, however, is certain; slaveholders are in earnest, and mean to cling to their slaves as long as they can, and to the bitter end.

They show no sign of a wish to quit their iron grasp upon the sable throats of their victims.

Their motto is, "a firmer hold and a tighter grip" for every new effort that is made to break their cruel power.

The case is one of life or death with them, and they will give up only when they must do that or do worse.

In one view the slaveholders have a decided advantage over all opposition.

It is well to notice this advantage--the advantage of complete organization.

They are organized; and yet were not at the pains of creating their organizations.

The State governments, where the system of slavery exists, are complete slavery organizations.

The church organizations in those States are equally at the service of slavery; while the Federal Government, with its army and navy, from the chief magistracy in Washington, to the Supreme Court, and thence to the chief marshalship at New York, is pledged to support, defend, and propagate the crying curse of human bondage.

**The pen, the purse, and the sword, are united against the simple truth, preached by humble men in obscure places.**

This is one view.

It is, thank God, only one view; there is another, and a brighter view.

David, you know, looked small and insignificant when going to meet Goliath, but looked larger when he had slain his foe.

The Malakoff [a fortress in Russia stormed by French soldiers] was, to the eye of the world, impregnable, till the hour it fell before the shot and shell of the allied army.

**Thus hath it ever been.**

**Oppression, organized as ours is, will appear invincible up to the very hour of its fall.**

Sir, let us look at the other side, and see if there are not some things to cheer our heart and nerve us up anew in the good work of emancipation.

**Take this fact--for it is a fact--the anti-slavery movement has, from first to last, suffered no abatement.**

**It has gone forth in all directions, and is now felt in the remotest extremities of the Republic.**

**It started small, and was without capital either in men or money. The odds were all against it.**

**It literally had nothing to lose, and everything to gain.**

There was ignorance to be enlightened, error to be combatted, conscience to be awakened, prejudice to be overcome, apathy to be aroused, the right of speech to be secured, mob violence to be subdued, and a deep, radical change to be wrought in the mind and heart of the whole nation.

This great work, under God, has gone on, and gone on gloriously.

Amid all changes, fluctuations, assaults, and adverses of every kind, it has remained firm in its purpose, steady in its aim, onward and upward, defying all opposition, and never losing a single battle.

Our strength is in the growth of anti-slavery conviction, and this has never halted.

There is a significant vitality about this abolition movement. It has taken a deeper, broader, and more lasting hold upon the national heart than ordinary reform movements. Other subjects of much interest come and go, expand and contract, blaze and vanish, but the huge question of American Slavery, comprehending, as it does, not merely the weal or the woe of four millions, and their countless posterity, but the weal or the woe of this entire nation, must increase in magnitude and in majesty with every hour of its history.

From a cloud not bigger than a man's hand, it has overspread the heavens.

It has risen from a grain not bigger than a mustard seed. Yet see the fowls of the air, how they crowd its branches.

Politicians who cursed it, now defend it; ministers, once dumb, now speak in its praise; and presses, which once flamed with hot denunciations against it, now surround the sacred cause as by a wall of living fire.

Politicians go with it as a pillar of cloud by day, and the press as a pillar of fire by night. With these ancient tokens of success, I, for one, will not despair of our cause.

Those who have undertaken to suppress and crush out this agitation for Liberty and humanity, have been most woefully disappointed.

Many who have engaged to put it down, have found themselves put down.

The agitation has pursued them in all their meanderings, broken in upon their seclusion, and, at the very moment of fancied security, it has settled down upon them like a mantle of unquenchable fire.

Clay, Calhoun, and Webster each tried his hand at suppressing the agitation; and they went to their graves disappointed and defeated.

Loud and exultingly have we been told that the slavery question is settled, and settled forever.

You remember it was settled thirty-seven years ago, when Missouri was admitted into the Union with a slaveholding constitution, and slavery prohibited in all territory north of thirty-six degrees of north latitude.

Just fifteen years afterwards, it was settled again by voting down the right of petition, and gagging down free discussion in Congress.

Ten years after this it was settled again by the annexation of Texas, and with it the war with Mexico.

In 1850 it was again settled. This was called a final settlement. By it slavery was virtually declared to be the equal of Liberty, and should come into the Union on the same terms. By it the right and the power to hunt down men, women, and children, in every part of this country, was conceded to our southern brethren, in order to keep them in the Union.

Four years after this settlement, the whole question was once more settled, and settled by a settlement which unsettled all the former settlements.

**The fact is, the more the question has been settled, the more it has needed settling.**

The space between the different settlements has been strikingly on the decrease.

The first stood longer than any of its successors.

This last settlement must be called the Taney settlement. We are now --the second, ten years--the third, five years--the fourth stood four years --and the fifth has stood the brief space of two years.

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We are now told, in tones of lofty exultation, that the day is lost all lost and that we might as well give up the struggle. The highest authority has spoken. The voice of the Supreme Court has gone out over the troubled waves of the National Conscience, saying peace, be still.

This infamous decision of the Slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court maintains that slaves are within the contemplation of the Constitution of the United States, property; that slaves are property in the same sense that horses, sheep, and swine are property; that the old doctrine that slavery is a creature of local law is false; that the right of the slaveholder to his slave does not depend upon the local law, but is secured wherever the Constitution of the United States extends; that Congress has no right to prohibit slavery anywhere; that slavery may go in safety anywhere under the star-spangled banner; that colored persons of African descent have no rights that white men are bound to respect; that colored men of African descent are not and cannot be citizens of the United States.

You will readily ask me how I am affected by this devilish decision--this judicial incarnation of wolfishness?

My answer is, and no thanks to the slaveholding wing of the Supreme Court, my hopes were never brighter than now.

I have no fear that the National Conscience will be put to sleep by such an open, glaring, and scandalous tissue of lies as that decision is, and has been, over and over, shown to be.

The Supreme Court of the United States is not the only power in this world. It is very great, but the Supreme Court of the Almighty is greater.

Judge Taney can do many things, but he cannot perform impossibilities. He cannot bale out the ocean, annihilate the firm old earth, or pluck the silvery star of liberty from our Northern sky. He may decide, and decide again; but he cannot reverse the decision of the Most High. He cannot change the essential nature of things--making evil good, and good evil.

Happily for the whole human family, their rights have been defined, declared, and decided in a court higher than the Supreme Court. "There is a law," says Brougham, "above all the enactments of human codes, and by that law, unchangeable and eternal, man cannot hold property in man."

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**Man was born with it. It was his before he comprehended it. The deed conveying it to him is written in the center of his soul, and is recorded in Heaven.**

**The sun in the sky is not more palpable to the sight than man's right to liberty is to the moral vision.**

To decide against this right in the person of Dred Scott, or the humblest and most whip-scarred bondman in the land, is to decide against God. It is an open rebellion against God's government. It is an attempt to undo what God has done, to blot out the broad distinction instituted by the Allwise between men and things, and to change the image and superscription of the everliving God into a speechless piece of merchandise.

Such a decision cannot stand. God will be true though every man be a liar. We can appeal from this hell-black judgment of the Supreme Court, to the court of common sense and common humanity. We can appeal from man to God. If there is no justice on earth, there is yet justice in heaven. You may close your Supreme Court against the black man's cry for justice, but you cannot, thank God, close against him the ear of a sympathizing world, nor shut up the Court of Heaven.

All that is merciful and just, on earth and in Heaven, will execrate and despise this edict of Taney.

If it were at all likely that the people of these free States would tamely submit to this demoniacal judgment, I might feel gloomy and sad over it, and possibly it might be necessary for my people to look for a home in some other country.

But as the case stands, we have nothing to fear.

In one point of view, we, the abolitionists and colored people, should meet this decision, unlooked for and monstrous as it appears, in a cheerful spirit.

This very attempt to blot out forever the hopes of an enslaved people may be one necessary link in the chain of events preparatory to the downfall and complete overthrow of the whole slave system.

The whole history of the anti-slavery movement is studded with proof that all measures devised and executed with a view to ally and diminish the anti-slavery agitation, have only served to increase, intensify, and embolden that agitation.

This wisdom of the crafty has been confounded, and the counsels of the ungodly brought to nought.

It was so with the Fugitive Slave Bill. It was so with the Kansas-Nebraska Bill; and it will be so with this last and most shocking of all pro-slavery devices, this Taney decision.

When great transactions are involved, where the fate of millions is concerned, where a long enslaved and suffering people are to be delivered, I am superstitious enough to believe that the finger of the Almighty may be seen bringing good out of evil, and making the wrath of man redound to his honor, hastening the triumph of righteousness.

The American people have been called upon, in a most striking manner, to abolish and put away forever the system of slavery. The subject has been pressed upon their attention in all earnestness and sincerity.

The cries of the slave have gone forth to the world, and up to the throne of God.

This decision, in my view, is a means of keeping the nation awake on the subject. It is another proof that God does not mean that we shall go to sleep, and forget that we are a slaveholding nation.

Step by step we have seen the slave power advancing; poisoning, corrupting, and perverting the institutions of the country; growing more and more haughty, imperious, and exacting. The white man's liberty has been marked out for the same grave with the black man's.

The ballot box is desecrated, God's law set at nought, armed legislators stalk the halls of Congress, freedom of speech is beaten down in the Senate. The rivers and highways are infested by border ruffians, and white men are made to feel the iron heel of slavery.

This ought to arouse us to kill off the hateful thing. They are solemn warnings to which the white people, as well as the black people, should take heed.

If these shall fail, judgment, more fierce or terrible, may come.

**The lightning, whirlwind, and earthquake may come.**

**Jefferson said that he trembled for his country when he reflected that God is just, and his justice cannot sleep forever.**

**The time may come when even the crushed worm may turn under the tyrant's feet. Goaded by cruelty, stung by a burning sense of wrong, in an awful moment of depression and desperation, the bondman and bondwoman at the south may rush to one wild and deadly struggle for freedom.**

**Already slaveholders go to bed with bowie knives, and apprehend death at their dinners.**

**Those who enslave, rob, and torment their cooks, may well expect to find death in their dinner-pots.**

The world is full of violence and fraud, and it would be strange if the slave, the constant victim of both fraud and violence, should escape the contagion.

He, too, may learn to fight the devil with fire, and for one, I am in no frame of mind to pray that this may be long deferred.

Two remarkable occurrences have followed the presidential election; one was the unaccountable sickness traced to the National Hotel at Washington, and the other was the discovery of a plan among the slaves, in different localities, to slay their oppressors.

Twenty or thirty of the suspected were put to death. Some were shot, some hanged, some burned, and some died under the lash.



One brave man owned himself well acquainted with the conspiracy, but said he would rather die than disclose the facts. He received seven hundred and fifty lashes, and his noble spirit went away to the God who gave it.

The name of this hero has been by the meanness of tyrants suppressed. Such a man redeems his race. He is worthy to be mentioned with the Hoffers and Tells, the noblest heroes of history.

**These insurrectionary movements have been put down, but they may break out at any time, under the guidance of higher intelligence, and with a more invincible spirit.**

**The fire thus kindled, may be revived again; the flames are extinguished, but the embers remain; one terrible blast may produce an ignition, which shall wrap the whole South in wild conflagration.**

**The pathway of tyrants lies over volcanoes; the very air they breathe is heavy with sorrows; agonizing heart-throbs convulse them while sleeping, and the wind whispers death as over them sweeping.**

**By all the laws of nature, civilization, and of progress, slavery is a doomed system.**

**Not all the skill of politicians, North and South, not all the sophistries of Judges, not all the fulminations of a corrupt press, not all the hypocritical prayers, or the hypocritical refusals to pray of a hollow-hearted priesthood, not all the devices of sin and Satan, can save the vile thing from extermination.**

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HEBRON -- Israeli settlers on Wednesday assaulted Palestinian school children in the southern West Bank, a school official said.

A school principal told Ma'an that a group of extremist Israeli settlers hurled stones at school girls in the village of al-Tuwani, leaving them bruised.

Israeli soldiers stood by and watched without taking action as the settlers threw rocks, the principal said.

The girls who sustained injuries were identified as Kifah Omar Abu Jundiyya and Dalal Awad Zein, both seventh graders.

In al-Tuwani and other areas in the southern Hebron district, school children on a daily basis wait at checkpoints for Israeli soldiers to let them through locked gates.

Regardless of Israeli military presence, settler attacks on children en route to and from school remain commonplace, the principal said.

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.

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## Zionist Occupation Forces Demolish Bedouin Homes Across Negev



Maan Images

4/10/2014

BEERSHEBA -- Israeli bulldozers on Wednesday demolished several Palestinian Bedouin houses in the Negev desert, locals said.

Police vehicles escorted bulldozers across the Negev as they demolished a number of structures in villages not recognized by Israeli authorities.

In the village of al-Zaarura, bulldozers demolished two houses belonging to the Abu Judah family, witnesses said.

Locals in the village of Kseifa said that bulldozers demolished houses and tore down trees.

**Demolitions across the Negev are still ongoing, residents told Ma'an Wednesday afternoon.**

**Israel refuses to recognize more than 35 Bedouin villages in the Negev, which collectively house nearly 90,000 people.**

**Many were founded before 1966, when Bedouins were concentrated on reserves by the state and ruled under martial law, as were all Palestinian citizens of Israel.**

**The Israeli state denies them access to basic services and infrastructure, such as electricity and running water, and refuses to place them under municipal jurisdiction.**

Some communities are subject to frequent demolitions by authorities.

The proposed Praver Plan -- which would have forcibly removed nearly 40,000 of these Bedouins from their homes in order to make room for Jewish towns in the region -- was taken off the agenda late last year after widespread protest by Palestinians.

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## **Under Guard By Israeli Troops Hundreds Of Settlers Hurl Stones, Chant "Death To Arabs" Near Jenin**

04/01/2014 Ma'an

JENIN -- Hundreds of Israeli settlers gathered on a main road in the northern West Bank on Monday and hurled stones at Palestinian vehicles, witnesses said.

Locals told Ma'an that settlers arrived in buses to an intersection near the town of Yaabad near Jenin. Under guard by Israeli troops, the settlers climbed a hill and began to hurl stones at Palestinian vehicles.

While throwing the rocks, the settlers chanted "Death to Arabs," witnesses said.

**The stones smashed through the windshields of several Palestinian vehicles as soldiers stood by, locals told Ma'an.**

An Israeli army spokeswoman did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Settler violence against Palestinians and their property in the occupied West Bank is largely ignored by Israeli authorities, who rarely intervene in the violent attacks or prosecute the perpetrators.

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

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.

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## **Israel Will Confiscate Vast Area Of Bethlehem Palestinian Village Land, As Usual: “Civil Administration Officers Along With A Group Of Settlers Toured Private Palestinian Fields” “They Left Yellow Posters Reading ‘State Properties! No Entry’” [The Yellow Crescents For Wearing On Palestinian Clothes Comes Next]**



4/12/2014 Ma'an

**BETHLEHEM** – Israeli authorities on Thursday morning announced a decision to confiscate about 1,000 dunams (250 acres) of private Palestinian land in the town of al-Khader south of Bethlehem.

Deputy mayor of al-Khader Ismail Issa told Ma'an that high-level Israeli military commanders and Civil Administration officers along with a group of settlers toured private Palestinian fields in areas known locally as Khallat al-Fahm, al-Zaytouna and al-Absiyya.

They left yellow posters reading "State properties! No entry," he said.

Issa added that the Israeli officers dropped copies of a statement which explained that 984 dunams of private land was slated for confiscation. Palestinian farmers who wish to contest the decision can object within 45 days, according to the statement.

The Palestinian liaison department has been notified of the Israeli decision, added Issa.

**Separately, Israeli forces escorted a large bulldozer which leveled private Palestinian lands in the al-Nahla Hill area south of Bethlehem.**

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## **Zionist Settlers From Havat Ma'on Attack Palestinian Shepherds: "The Settlers Were Armed With A Gun And Slingshots"**

22nd March 2014 International Solidarity Movement, Nablus Team

Bruqin, Occupied Palestine

On March 20, four settlers from Havat Ma'on illegal outpost attacked, in two different places at the same time, two internationals and seven Palestinian shepherds while grazing flocks on their own land.

The settlers were armed with a gun and slingshots.

**At 9.58 am a settler with a gun chased two Palestinian shepherds away, while grazing between the Palestinian village of Tuba and Havat Ma'on Israeli illegal outpost.**

**He first shouted at the shepherds and then ran after them for more than two kilometers.**

The harassment lasted for about one hour, when the shepherds finally arrived to Tuba.

In the meanwhile, at 10.03 am three settler teens fired a petard from the outpost in order to scare the Palestinians who were in Meshaha valley.

About 15 minutes later the Israeli Police arrived to the place and spoke to the settlers and the Palestinian shepherds. The police allowed the latter to graze in Meshaha valley, south side of the outpost.

At 10.40 am a masked settler and two children went to the same valley and attacked five Palestinian shepherds, three men and two women.

**By using slingshots, the attackers threw stones against the shepherds and the internationals, for about five minutes.**

**During the assault the settlers entered Palestinian private land. At a later stage the Israeli police arrived to the place and the attackers ran away.**

**The policeman saw them going back to the outpost but did not try to stop them.**

One of the Palestinians attacked told the police the event adding that a settler with a gun was still chasing away a Palestinian shepherd from Tuba, on the other side of the outpost. The Israeli police moved to the village of Tuba together with the Palestinian and an international volunteer, while the rest of the Palestinian shepherds successfully grazed their flocks in Meshaha valley until around 12.20 am.

At 11.30 am the police car arrived to Tuba and after five minutes the policeman reached the settler who chased the Palestinian shepherds away. The settler was still close to the Palestinian village. The policeman inquired one of the Palestinians, Ahmed Jundiya, and the settler. After that both of them got in the police car and were driven to Kiryat Arba police station. The two filed a complaint against each other: the settler maintained that the shepherds were on Israeli land and Jundiya proved, thanks to his camera provided by B'tselem organization for human rights, that he was chased away while grazing his flock on Palestinian land.

The Israeli police decided to investigate more in order to define within three months whom that land belongs to. Jundiya could come back home at about 4.30 pm.

Palestinians from the South Hebron Hills face the Israeli occupation with the popular nonviolent resistance.

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

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**“I Went With My Family To Our Olive Groves In Order To Pick Olives”  
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# **Forced Us To Give Them What We Picked”**

## **“When My Father Objected, They Threatened Him”**

April 7, 2014 By Mya Guarnieri, +972 Magazine

I teach writing at a Palestinian university in the West Bank. Several of my students have been gracious enough to share their experiences with +972, albeit anonymously. This is the second of four short essays.

Read part one here.

“I went with my family to our olive groves in order to pick olives. We went there full of happiness. When we arrived each one of us took his pail and started to pick olives. We raced to see who could pick the most olives as quickly as possible.

“When we finished in the afternoon, the Israeli soldiers came and forced us to give them what we picked.

“When my father objected, they threatened him”

And so my student and her family turned over the pails of olives, the fruit that they’d joyfully picked together.

No, the Nakba wasn’t enough for Israel.

**It’s not enough that the Palestinians have been dispossessed, that Israel continues to eat away at what little land the Palestinians have left, that many Palestinian farmers can’t even reach their property.**

**It’s not enough that Israel restricts freedom of movement, hijacks water resources, and stunts the Palestinian economy.**

**No, none of that is enough.**

**When Palestinians do have access to their land and their olive trees, and when a family has a nice day harvesting their hard fought crop, Israel can’t stand that either.**

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## **“After Just Three Weeks In Their New Home, The Slemiah**



# **Family From The Village Of Idhna Have Received A Demolition Order From The Israeli Army”**

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**“There’s An Occupation Here, What Can We Do?”**



Photo by ISM

8th April 2014 International Solidarity Movement, Khalil Team

Idhna, Occupied Palestine

After just three weeks in their new home, the Slemiah family from the village of Idhna have received a demolition order from the Israeli army.

The newly built house is on land which has been owned by the family for centuries, and the family has now been forced to pay large sums of money to organise many legal documents for the upcoming court hearing.

Wesam Slemiah (28), Ansar (22) and the children Line (2) and Laith (4) live in the outskirts of the city of Idhna, west of Hebron in the West Bank.

**Wesam borrowed money from his cousin to be able to build the house, and the land he was building on has been owned by his family for many years.**

**Shortly after moving in, they received a demolition order from the Israeli army saying that the land did not belong to them.**

**This is something that also has happened to many of their neighbors in the past six years.**

In order to prove ownership of the land, the family has had to pay large sums of money to different authorities.

Altogether, the costs exceed one month of income for the family. They now have all the papers necessary to prove their ownership, and on 24th April their documents will be taken to a court for further decisions.

**During the last six years, two houses in the area have been demolished.**

**The families usually have to pay the charges for the bulldozer to destroy their homes.**

**If they do not have the money, Israeli forces confiscate their ID's to force them to pay.**

**This has happened to a neighboring family to the Slemiah family, their house has been demolished twice.**

Partly with money from the UN, that family managed to rebuild their house, a project which ISM took part of, and today their third house is still standing.

**As well as demolitions orders that are extremely costly when the case goes to court, many structures used to house sheep and other animals have also been demolished by the Israeli military.**

**Residents in the area also speak of night raids from the Israeli army, and reoccurring harassments that are making everyday life extremely difficult.**

The house raids have been occurring in the village since the start of the First Intifada (1987)

Wesam has been forced to stay home from his job since the demolition order arrived. T

he Slemiah family is worried about what will happen to their new home, and are frightened that the Israeli army could arrive at any moment.

When an ISM activist asked Wesam and Ansar what they think of their future, they answered: “There’s an occupation here, what can we do?”.

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## **Israeli Forces Tear Down Tents Housing Displaced Families Near Nablus: The Tents Were Housing Families Whose Houses Were Demolished By Israeli Forces A Few Days Before: “A Number Of Agricultural Tractors Were Confiscated”**



4/12/2014 Ma'an

**NABLUS -- Israeli forces on Thursday tore down and confiscated several tents that the Palestinian Red Crescent had erected east of Nablus in order to house families whose houses were demolished by Israeli forces a few days before, a Palestinian official said.**

Ghassan Daghlis, a Palestinian Authority official who monitors settlement-related activities in the northern West Bank, told Ma'an that several Israeli military vehicles

raided the al-Jawana area between the villages of Tana and Beit Furik Thursday morning and pulled down four tents.

**He explained that the tents were donated by the Palestinian Red Crescent Association and had served as temporary dwellings for Palestinian families.**

**The families used to live in structures made of metal bars and tin sheets in the area, but Israeli forces had demolished those structures last week.**

Daghlas added that Israeli soldiers delivered demolition orders to other residents on behalf of the Israeli Civil Administration. In addition, a number of agricultural tractors were confiscated.

A spokesperson for the civil administration could not be reached for comment.

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.

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**66 Years Ago Today 42  
Members Of My Family Were  
Slaughtered By The Zionists At  
Deir Yassin  
“Again, In 1967, My Family Had To  
Uproot Their Lives, As Jericho  
Was Seized By The Zionist  
Forces”**

**“I Eternally Yearn For The Sweet Nectar Of Justice, Like That Of A Jaffa Orange”**  
**“Until Then My Adversaries Will Only Meet The Bitter Taste Of The Yassini Almond”**



Tareq Radi and his great-grandfather's home. 2013, Deir Yassin (photo: Dina Elmuti)

April 9, 2014 by Tareq Radi, Mondoweiss

On April 9, 1948, well before dawn, the peaceful village of Deir Yassin awoke to the sound of gunfire as the genocidal Zionist organizations known as the Stern Gang and Irgun invaded.

All too quickly the Zionist forces had entered our home.

My great-great-grandmother and her grandchildren were forced to witness as a female commando riddled my great-uncle's body with bullets.

Our home had forever become his tomb and happy memories vanished as quickly as his last breath.

One by one the men of the village were executed and the women captured.

Hours later, my six-year-old great-aunt, Naziha, was finally reunited with her mother, burdened with the task of delivering the ominous fate of her grandmother and younger brother.

Like any mother, my great-grandmother refused to accept their fates without confirmation, she screamed and begged the soldiers to take her to her child. Eventually, the soldier vaingloriously conceded.

She arrived to her familiar street only to discover her mother's bloodstained body and her two-year old son motionless beside her. His young fragile body unsoiled.

As my great-grandmother reached for his tiny hand, the Zionist soldier pointed his gun at her ordering her to leave her son or she would be shot.

Until this day we do not know whether my uncle Omar had already been murdered or was left to die.

By that afternoon our village had been destroyed, our women humiliated, and we had lost forty-two members of our family.

On April 9, 1948, sixty-six years ago today, the Stern Gang and Irgun did not ask anyone in my family to have a dialogue as they massacred our village.

Again, in 1967, my family had to uproot their lives, as Jericho was seized by the Zionist forces.

The settlers who had taken my mother's home did not ask for a dialogue with the people whose pictures were on the wall.

Today, I am met with hostile criticism, for I refuse to normalize with those who insist on benefiting from the dispossession of my people and the most tragic event in my family's history.

My father is from a village named Kufr'Ana near the city of Jaffa.

My mother is from the village of Deir Yassin, a municipality of Jerusalem.

And I was born in East Brunswick, New Jersey...

Despite my displacement, I eternally yearn for the sweet nectar of justice, like that of a Jaffa orange, until then my adversaries will only meet the bitter taste of the Yassini almond.

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# **“A Jew to Zionist Fighters, 1988” Do You Really Want To Be The New Wehrmacht? The New SA And SS?**

**Erich Fried was born in Vienna in 1921 and escaped to England, with his mother, after his father was tortured to death by the Gestapo, in 1938.**

**Because of his experiences with racism and Fascism he became involved in the Palestinian cause.**

**He was a leader in the fight against both Fascism and Zionism.**

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**A Jew to Zionist Fighters, 1988**

**What do you actually want?  
Do you really want to outdo  
those who trod you down  
a generation ago**

into your own blood  
and into your own excrement  
Do you want to pass on the old torture  
to others now  
in all its bloody and dirty detail  
with all the brutal delight of torturers  
as suffered by your fathers?  
Do you really want to be the new Gestapo  
the new Wehrmacht  
the new SA and SS  
and turn the Palestinians  
into the new Jews?  
Well then I too want,  
having fifty years ago  
myself been tormented for being a Jewboy  
by your tormentors,  
to be a new Jew with these new Jews  
you are making of the Palestinians  
And I want to help lead them as a free people  
into their own land of Palestine  
from whence you have driven them or in which you plague them  
you apprentices of the Swastika  
you fools and changelings of history  
whose Star of David on your flags  
turns ever quicker  
into that damned symbol with its four feet  
that you just do not want to see  
but whose path you are following today





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# **AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS**

## **Resistance Action**

Apr 12 2014 By Ghanizada, Khaama Press

At least two policemen were killed and five others were injured in separate blasts in eastern Khost province of Afghanistan on Saturday.

A local security official said, both the explosions took place in eastern Khost city.

The official further added that two policemen were killed and another one was injured in the first explosion, while four others were injured in the second blast.

He said the first blast targeted a police vehicle in the outskirts of Khost city and the second blast took place in western part of Khost city.

He also added that the health condition of the police officer who was injured in the first explosion is critical.

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April 12, 2014 Associated Press

KABUL: A bomber blew himself up in a market on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, killing a pro-government tribal elder and wounding three civilians, authorities said.

The bombing struck the tribal elder Gul Babri at about 2pm in the market of the Jani Khil district of Pakiya province, provincial government spokesman Mokhlis Afghan said.

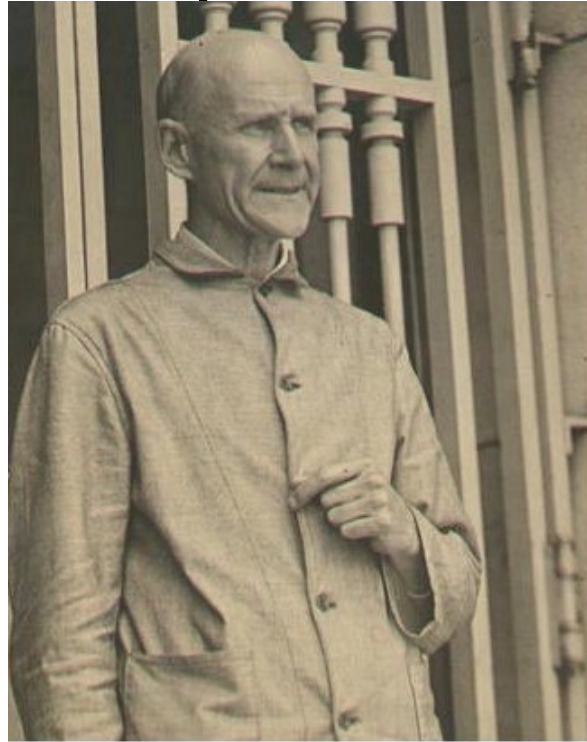
No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, which comes after last week's presidential election.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

### **April 13, 1919: A Hero Imprisoned For Opposing Imperial War**



Eugene V. Debs when he was a prisoner at the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, sentenced for opposing U.S. entry into World War I.

U.S. Department of Labor, "Labor Hall of Fame Honoree"  
<<http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/laborhall/evd.htm>>



Carl Bunin Peace History April 13-19

Socialist and labor leader Eugene V. Debs was imprisoned for opposing U.S. entry into World War I.

While in prison, he received nearly one million votes for President in the 1920 election (as he had in 1912).

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***April 14, 1988:***  
***Very Happy Anniversary***  
**Next To Last Government To Invade  
Afghanistan Withdraws In Defeat**



**Happy Russian soldiers going home.**

Carl Bunin Peace History April 9-15

April 14, 1988: The Soviet Union signed an agreement to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan after ten years of humiliating defeats at the hands of Afghan resistance forces.

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